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Letter to the Parents

Dear Parents,

The lessons in this class will allow your children to learn about Jesus and help them to develop a foundation in Christ so that they can grow in their knowledge of God's holy Word.

Unit I, "God Chooses Abram's Family," has four lessons from the book of Genesis. Lesson 1 examines the call of Abraham (Abram). Lesson 2 reveals how God chose Jacob (younger) over Esau (older). Lesson 3 shows how Jacob received the name *Israel*. Lesson 4 details when Judah, Jacob's fourth son, was called to head the family from which the Messiah would one day be born.

Unit II, "Moving to a New Place," has five lessons from the books of Exodus, Deuteronomy, Judges, and 1 Samuel. We read about the following: the birth and preservation of Moses; part of the salvation story of the Israelites; Israel's time of being governed by judges (particularly Gideon); Israel's transition from the governance of judges to the selection of Saul as Israel's first king; and the anointing of David as king.

Unit III, "We Are God's Artwork," is a four-lesson study of the book of Ephesians. Lesson 10 explores how believers are adopted into God's family through the redemption of Christ. Lesson 11 describes the active love for which Paul praises the Ephesians. In lesson 12, Paul reminds the Ephesians that they are made alive through the saving power of Christ for the purpose of good works. Lesson 13 is about believers' God-given spiritual resources (the armor of truth) to stand against the evil forces of the world.

Your Child's Teacher



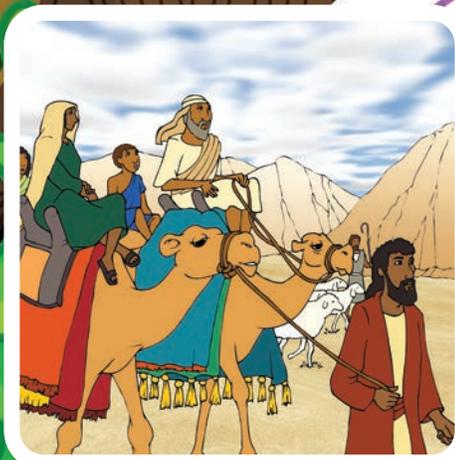
Unbroken Promises

Genesis 12:1-7; 15:1-7



Key Verse

The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you." (Genesis 12:1)



Unbroken Promises

(Genesis 12:1-7; 15:1-7)

God said to Abram, "Leave your country, and all your relatives. I am sending you to a new place and there I will bless you!"

Abram obeyed God. He traveled to Canaan with his wife, Sarai. He also took his nephew Lot and all their servants. When he arrived, Abram explored the new land. Then Abram honored God by building an altar in the land of his new home.

God appeared to Abram and said, "Look at the sky. There are so many stars that you cannot count them. This is how large your family will be. I will give this land to you, your children, and your children's children!"

For the Parents

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In this lesson, your child learned that Abram followed God's instructions. He was told to leave his homeland and move to a new place. Abram listened and obeyed God. Because he was obedient, God blessed him with a wonderful promise! As you review this lesson with your child, tell him or her how you listen and obey God. Also point out all the blessings you have.

Your Child's Teacher



Faith Block

**I will listen to
and obey God!**



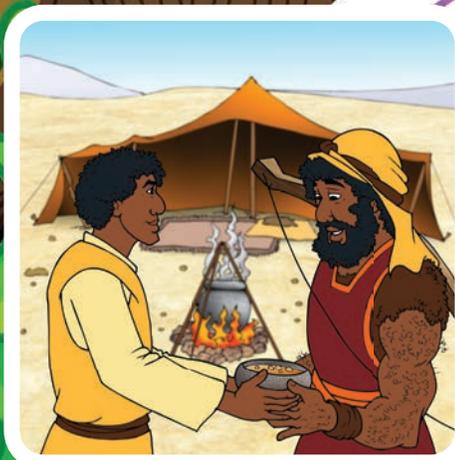
Jacob Took Advantage of Esau

Genesis 25:21, 24-34



Key Verse

The LORD said to [Rebekah], "Two nations are in your womb, . . . and the older will serve the younger." (Genesis 25:23)



Jacob Took Advantage of Esau

(Genesis 25:21, 24-34)

Isaac and Rebekah had twin sons. Esau, the first-born, was a hunter who loved to be outdoors. Jacob, the second-born, liked to stay at home. Isaac loved Esau and enjoyed the food that Esau hunted. Rebekah loved Jacob.

One day, Jacob was making soup. Esau came in from hunting and said, "Give me some soup! I am hungry!" Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright as the firstborn son!"

So, Jacob tricked his brother out of his birthright for soup! This means that Esau gave his part of their father's money and wealth to Jacob.

Esau lost his birthright for soup!

For the Parents

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Today, the children heard about twin brothers Jacob and Esau. In ancient times, being the first one born came with privileges called a birthright. In this lesson, Jacob tricked his brother, Esau, who was the first one born, out of his birthright. Although sad, this was God's plan. As you review this lesson with your child, talk about what it means to be tricked. Discuss whether it can be a good thing or a bad thing. Relate that to today's lesson.

Your Child's Teacher



Faith Block

**I will do
what is right!**



Keep a-Pluggin' Away

Genesis 32:22-31



Key Verse

The man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome."
(Genesis 32:28)





Keep a-Pluggin' Away

(Genesis 32:22-31)

Jacob had moved far away from his brother, Esau. God told Jacob to go home after many years.

The night before Jacob returned home, a man came and wrestled with him until the sun came up. Jacob would not give up the fight! The man pulled Jacob's hip out of place, saying, "Let me go!"

Jacob knew that this man was God! Jacob said, "I will let you go if you bless me!" The man blessed him, saying, "Your name will now be Israel! You have wrestled with God and men and have won!"

"I have seen God and lived!" Jacob exclaimed.

For the Parents

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Today, the children heard about Jacob, a man who was blessed by God. Years before the events of this story took place, Jacob suffered many hardships—but he was faithful to God. In return, God always provided for Jacob and his family. As you review this lesson with your child, pause and point out the blessings that surround you. Explain to your child that all these blessings come from God.

Faith Block

**All blessings
come from God!**

Your Child's Teacher

