

Jacob - A Spiritual Concept for a Semester



A spiritual program for a semester featuring 7 devotionals on the life of Jacob.

Jacob (Genesis 25-33) — Two Very Different Twins

Mom and Dad's Favorite Genesis 25:19-34

- The Birth and Childhood of Jacob and Esau
- The Sale of the Birthright

Main Message

- God answers prayer.
- God has had a plan from the very beginning.

Possible Activities

- Build a nomad tent
- Count lentils
- Memory game
- Hunter's Ball

Two groups (calm & wild):

- Cooking a lentil dish (Jacob)
- Archery (Esau)

A Hairy Affair Genesis 27

- Outwitting the Father, Deception for the Blessing

MainMessage

God's blessing makes a big difference (What is a blessing?)

Possible Activities

- Cooking (Esau/Rebekah)
- Hunting
- Story Theater
- Being Blind (Obstacle Course, Identifying Objects and People by Touch)

Flight Genesis 28

Jacob's Flight

MainMessage

- God is always with you and protects you

Possible Activities

Mister X Game:

- Groups of 2-3,
- 1 group is Mister X wearing a black coat,
- Announce your position every 5 minutes

Build a stone monument

What's that all about?! Genesis 29

Jacob at Laban's -> Weddings (Laban's deception)

Main message of Proverbs

- God sees your sorrow
- Keep your promises; don't be like Laban

Possible Activities

- Water-Drawing Game (Well)
- Let the children try it: promise something and then don't keep your promise

Jealousy and Envy Genesis 30 + 31

- The children of Leah and Rachel
- Jacob flees from Laban

Main Message of Proverbs

- Jealousy robs you of joy.
- Don't let jealousy take root in your heart, and don't compare yourself to others.
- God blesses you!
- God blesses honesty. (Jacob/animals)
- When something succeeds, it is a gift from God.
- ("Everything depends on God's blessing.")

Possible Activities

- Felting (sheep's wool)
- Carving sticks (Jacob)
- Design a poster: "What Does God Give?"—Giving Thanks Instead of Jealousy
- Drawing a family tree
- Israel - Phone Numbers (with names)

Home Soon? Genesis 32

Preparing for the Encounter with Esau and the Struggle with God

Main Message

- God will not forsake you and wants to bless you.
- Remember God's promises, verses 10 and 13

Possible Activities

- Wrestling

- Trade Game
- Game where animals need to be cared for
- Take animals to the opponent's depot (have as few animals as possible)

Reunion or parting ways? Genesis 33:1-20

The Reconciliation of Jacob and Esau

Main Message

- Forgive your fellow human beings, just as Esau forgave Jacob. (Luke 17:4)
- Jesus forgives your sins. (1 John 1:7)

Possible Activities

- Make gifts (Jacob for Esau / Christmas)
- Celebrate a reconciliation festival
- Game suggestion: Form two families
- Conclusion of the story

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