



GOD'S AMAZING STORY

KIDS LEADER GUIDE
SESSIONS 1-18 + 2 BONUS SESSIONS



LEADER DEVOTION

OPEN YOUR BIBLE

Read Genesis 32:22-32 and 33:1-11 from your Bible or Bible app.

STUDY

God is in control of everything. His good plan involved making a covenant promise with Abraham. God promised that Abraham's offspring would be a blessing to the nations. In today's Bible story, we pick up two generations later with Abraham's grandchildren, Esau and Jacob. Jacob tricked his father, Isaac, and received his father's blessing. The blessing was originally intended for Esau, which created strife between the brothers. Jacob wrestled with God and emerged with a new name—Israel. Jacob's new name represented a change in his life. Jacob began calling on God as his God and began to truly live his life for the Lord.

In today's session of TeamKID, help kids understand that God made a promise to Jacob to give him the same land promised to Abraham and to bless his family. God's promises continued through the generations. God changed Jacob's life and gave him a new name. In the same way, God sent Jesus so we might have a changed life and receive a new name. Through His death and resurrection, Jesus changes lives. When we trust in Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we are called children of God.

CONSIDER

- How do you reconcile Jacob's deception with God's ultimate plan for Jacob?
- How did the change in Jacob's life affect his relationship with Esau?
- How has God changed your life?

THE GOSPEL

GOD'S PLAN FOR ME

gos·pel [noun.] good news; the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation



GOD RULES.

The Bible tells us God created everything, including you and me, and He is in charge of everything. Genesis 1:1; Revelation 4:11; Colossians 1:16-17



WE SINNED.

We all choose to disobey God. The Bible calls this sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. Romans 3:23; 6:23



GOD PROVIDED.

God sent Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9



JESUS GIVES.

He lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18; Ephesians 2:8-9



WE RESPOND.

Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus. John 14:6; Romans 10:9-10,13

CLASSROOM RULES

1

Chair Check
Sit in your seat when asked

2

Hands Up
Raise your hand

3

Safe Hands
Keep your hands to yourself

4

Clean Crew
Clean up after yourself

5

Feet Flat
Keep your feet flat on the floor

6

Listen to Leaders
Listen to what the leaders are saying

7

Bear your Badge
Keep your student badge on at all times

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BIBLE CLUB SCHEDULE

2:50pm - 3:12pm

Check - In & Snacks

3:12pm - 3:27pm

Recreation

3:27pm - 3:42pm

Worship & Large Group Bible Lesson

3:42pm - 3:57pm

Bible Activity

3:57pm - 4:20pm

Small Groups

4:20pm - 4:24pm

Missions

4:24pm - 4:30pm

Clean - Up / Check Out

4:30pm

Pick-Up

BIBLE CLUB LEADERS

STARKEY

Pastor Alex

Betty Jackson

Linda Wallace

Mary Wahl

Maureen Peltier

Rebecca Mitten

WALSINGHAM

Pastor Alex

Shelby Bode

Mattie Effertz

Jeremiah Anderson

Renee Lindquist

BARDMOOR

Pastor Alex

Shelby Bode

Barb Hart

Anne Blum

Renee Lindquist

CHECK-IN & SNACK

2:50pm – 3:12pm

1. Car riding students arrive / Have each check in for attendance
2. Students' energy levels are all different. Allow the ones that need to move around and get the "wiggles" out. Others be there for conversation and encouragement. Either way get to know the students more!
3. Leave to go get RClub/YMCA students. Make sure you bring the attendance sheet and only bring students preregistered back. Discuss with staff if you have questions.
4. Give everyone a snack and have them take a seat.
5. Go over Club rules and introduce leaders

ReCREATION

3:12pm – 3:27pm

OPENING ACTIVITY: DRAWING BY INSTRUCTION (5–10 MINUTES)

Provide: Small pieces of paper, pen, bucket, markers, construction paper (1 for every 2 kids)

To Do: Write various items to draw on the small pieces of paper. Fold the small papers, and place them in the bucket. Items could include: a boat, a tree, a flower, a house, a fish, and so forth. Set aside enough to use new drawing prompts during Closing.

Pair up TeamKIDs as they arrive. Have leaders available to pair up in case you have an odd number of kids. Explain that one player will retrieve a piece of paper from the bucket with an item written on the paper. He should not show the paper to the other player. He will then come up with a plan for how to instruct the other player to draw the item on the construction paper without saying the actual word. For example, if the word is "sun," one might say, "Draw a circle. Draw triangles all around the circle." When time is up, we will see how close the drawing is to the original word. If time allows, turn the paper over and repeat the activity, switching roles.

- **Say:** It might have been hard to instruct someone else how to draw without coming up with a plan first. Sometimes our plans work out like we think they will, and sometimes they do not. In today's Bible story, we are going to learn about a man named Jacob. God had a plan for Jacob, and God's plans never fail. God's plan for Jacob is part of God's amazing story.

WORSHIP

3:27pm – 3:42pm

Have the students stand up and play the video that leads the worship and motions to go with it. If this time is not effective with students then do not force it. If they do not respect or understand the purpose of the worship time explain it, but if it continues then skip the worship time and get start into the lesson.

GOD'S BETTER PLAN

TODAY'S POINT: GOD SENT JESUS SO THAT WE MIGHT HAVE A

BASED ON GENESIS 25:19-26; 27-28; 32-33

Esau returned to his home. Jacob and his family traveled on, and Jacob bought land for them to live on. Jacob was finally home in the land God had promised him.

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CONNECT

- **Say:** Today's Bible story reminds us that God changes us. When we follow God, He changes how we think, how we act, and how we love others. Jacob is a great example of that. God changed Jacob's life and gave him a new name, Israel. **God sent Jesus so that we might have a changed life and receive a new name—children of God.**

DISCUSS

Read and discuss the questions below. Encourage TeamKIDs to use their Bibles to support their answers.

Younger Kids

- Where did God tell Jacob to go? (God told Jacob to go back to his family's land and his family, Genesis 32:9.)
- When Esau saw Jacob, what did he do? (Esau ran to meet Jacob and hugged him, Genesis 33:4.)
- How do you think Jacob felt when Esau hugged him? (Answers will vary but may include: He must have felt relieved and happy that Esau had forgiven him.)

PRAY

Lead TeamKIDs in prayer. Ask God to help TeamKIDs develop a love for His Word and to study His Word. Thank God that when we profess our faith in Jesus, we are called children of God.

BIBLE ACTIVITY

3:42pm – 3:57pm

REMEMBER THE OBJECTS

Provide: Bandanna, 10–15 small objects (pencil, small toys, crayons, etc.), timer or stopwatch

To Do: Place all objects on the floor, and cover them with a bandanna.

- Explain that there are a variety of objects under the bandanna. When the bandanna is removed, the kids will have one minute to look at everything and remember what is in the pile. After a minute, the children will be instructed to close their eyes as you remove one to two objects from the pile. Direct kids to open their eyes and guess which object(s) were removed. Repeat the process to play again.
- Remind TeamKIDs of today's Bible story and how God remembered His promise to Abraham to give him the land and a big family. God gave the same promise to Isaac and Isaac's son, Jacob. We might have forgotten some of the objects under the bandanna, but God never forgets His promises.

OPTION:
Show the objects for one minute, cover the objects with the bandanna, and then ask detailed questions about the items, such as: "What color were the two crayons in the pile?"

Start by giving everyone a snack. Students are to divide by grade with a leader. 5th graders have the opportunity to do a leadership class to serve.

Kindergarten

1. Welcome

- a. Have you ever gotten upset with a friend, brother, or sister? What made you upset? What can we do when we hurt someone's feelings?

2. Look: Two Brothers Together

- a. Show the children a picture of Jacob and Esau hugging when they reunited.
 - i. What do you see the two brothers doing? Do they look happy or angry? How do you think Jacob felt when Esau hugged him?

3. Touch: Broken Hearts Can Heal

- a. One large paper heart cut into 3-4 puzzle pieces. Give each child a piece of the heart. Show the children the separated pieces of the heart. Explain that our wrong choices can hurt other people. Have the children work together to put the heart back together. Once completed, talk about ways we can help repair a friendship.

4. Main Point

- a. God Helps Me Change!

5. Pray

1st – 4th Grade

- 1. **Jacob made some bad choices when he tricked his father and brother. Have you ever made a choice you wished you could take back? What did you do afterward?** Help students understand that everyone makes mistakes, but we can admit when we're wrong and choose to do better.
- 2. **Jacob was afraid to see his brother Esau again. Have you ever been nervous to talk to someone after an argument? Why?**
- 3. **When Esau saw Jacob, he ran to hug him instead of staying angry. Why is it sometimes hard to forgive someone who has hurt us?**
- 4. **God gave Jacob a new name, Israel. What does this story teach us about God's willingness to work in the lives of people who have made mistakes?** God doesn't give up on people. He can change us and help us grow.
- 5. **Is there someone at school, home, or Bible Club you need to forgive or make things right with? What is one step you could take this week?** Examples: Apologizing, telling the truth, showing kindness, or asking for forgiveness.

Pray

5th Grade Leadership

Leadership Principle: Leaders Make Things Right

- **Bible Connection:** Jacob tricked his father and stole his brother Esau's blessing. Years later, Jacob was afraid to face his brother because of what he had done. But when they met again, Esau welcomed Jacob with a hug. Their relationship began to heal. Jacob's story reminds us that our choices affect others and that making things right is an important part of leadership.
- **Big idea:** Leaders take responsibility for their actions and work to make things right when they've hurt someone.
- **Questions**
 - Why do you think Jacob was afraid to face Esau after what he had done?
 - Why is it sometimes difficult to admit when we've hurt someone or done something wrong?
 - If you hurt someone's feelings at Bible Club, what could you do to make things right instead of ignoring the problem?
 - How can a leader help two younger students who are arguing or having trouble getting along?

Pray

PRAYER REQUESTS

MISSIONS

4:20pm – 4:24pm

MISSIONS (10–15 MINUTES)

Provide: “World Map” (item GH.8), “Uzbeks in Arkansas Script” (item 1.10; 2 copies), painter’s tape, yarn

Ask TeamKIDs if anyone has heard of Uzbekistan. Invite kids to repeat after you, “OOZ-BEH-KIH-STAN.”

- **Say:** You are not unlike most members of Immanuel Baptist Church in Magnolia, Arkansas.
- Members of Immanuel Baptist Church were not too familiar with Uzbekistan until a student from Uzbekistan began attending the student group at the church. They soon found out that many people from this country had moved to Arkansas, and most Uzbeks had not yet heard the gospel. Let’s hear what Immanuel Baptist Church decided to do to reach the Uzbeks living in their city and beyond.

Choose two volunteers to read the “Uzbeks in Arkansas Script.” One volunteer can be “Pastor Ben” and one volunteer can be “Alex.” Tape one end of the piece of yarn to the middle of Uzbekistan on the world map. Then, tape the other end of the yarn in the general area of Arkansas. Remind kids that the good news of the gospel connects people from different cultures.

CLEAN - UP / CHECK OUT

4:24pm – 4:30pm

As you get ready to leave please make sure that the room is as you found it. We want to continue to have a great relationship with the school and that is dependent on keeping spaces clean and organized as we found it.

PICK-UP

4:30pm

- **RClub/YMCA** students will need to be walked back to their location.
- **Car riders** are walked to the front of the school to be picked up by an approved driver.