



**October 13**

**I Am Forgiven**

**1 year olds - 4 year olds**

**Bible Passage:** Jacob and Esau- Genesis 27-33

**Bottom Line:** I Can Be Forgiven

**Leader Context:** Jacob made choices that deeply hurt Esau, and Jacob in return ends up running away because he's afraid of his brother. Years later, God told Jacob to return home. When God called Jacob to return home, he was met with forgiveness rather than judgment. We get to teach kids that we can be forgiven no matter what. There is no sin too big for God to forgive, so we never need to be ashamed or afraid.

**THE WIN FOR SUNDAY GROUPS:** Give kids a first look at The Bible, Jesus, and our need for a Savior by embracing their physical needs or engaging their interests. Use The Code when necessary to help redirect kids and build relationships.

**Games and Music (10 minutes)**

**What You Need:** Social Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instructions, Bucket (1 per group), dry erase erasers (several per group)

**What You Do:**

- Play worship songs and other songs available on Roku during the Social Game or while kids are playing.
- Using the supplies and game instruction page, choose one game to play with the kids today.
- As you are playing, use this as a time to call each kid by name and learn their names well.

**Say:** That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's sit and listen to our story today."

**Bible Story Video (10 minutes)**

**Bible Story Recap- Say This!**

That was awesome! Thanks, Super Crew!

In our Bible story today, Jacob asked his brother, Esau, to forgive him. And Esau forgave Jacob. God forgives us too. I can be forgiven. Can you say that after me? I can be forgiven. (*I can be forgiven.*) Great job!

An eraser can help us start a new drawing, just like we all need a new friendship with God. We can be forgiven by choosing to follow God's Son, Jesus. That reminds me of our Big Deal, "1-2-3! God Forgives Me!"

Let's talk and listen to God by praying to Him right now. We can thank Him for His forgiveness. *God, thank You for loving us even when we make wrong choices. Thank You for forgiving us when we ask. You are good, and we love You. Amen.*

Can you say the Big Deal with me?

1-2-3! (*Make 1, 2, 3 with your fingers.*)

God Forgives Me! (*Point up with both fingers and then two thumbs to chest.*)

Leader Notes

Social

Videos

## **Jacob and Esau(20 minutes)**

*Preschoolers will color and connect pictures of Jacob and Esau.*

**Big Goal:** Learn more about forgiveness.

**Leader Prep:** Print and cut apart “Jacob And Esau” printables, one per child.

### **Craft Instructions:**

1. Before the session, print and cut apart “Jacob And Esau” printables, one per child.
2. Give each preschooler a set of “Jacob And Esau,” crayons, a sheet of paper, and a glue stick.
3. Demonstrate how to glue each of the “Jacob And Esau” cutouts with their hands together. Invite preschoolers to glue their cutouts on paper.
4. Give each child a heart sticker to put on the hands of the cutouts where their hands meet.
5. Encourage preschoolers to color their papers.

**Supplies:** “Jacob And Esau” printable (1 per child), Paper (1 per child), Scissors (1 per group; adult-use only), Crayons (several), Heart stickers (1 per child), Glue sticks (1 per child)

**What To Do:** In today’s Bible story, we talked about two real brothers. Do you remember their names? *(Allow responses.)* You are right! The brothers were Jacob and Esau. I am going to give everyone a set of two puppets. These represent Jacob and Esau. First, let’s glue Jacob and Esau next to each other on our sheet of paper where their hands are touching. When you are finished, raise your hand, and I will give you a heart sticker to put in the brothers’ hands to connect them to each other. The heart sticker will be like tape connecting their hands together. After you put your heart sticker on Jacob and Esau’s hands, you can color them.

**Leader Tip:** Stickers may be tricky for younger preschoolers. Encourage leaders to help as needed with placing stickers on hands and connecting Jacob and Esau with the heart sticker.

**Loud And Clear:** Jacob and Esau were upset with each other for a long time. When Esau found out that his brother had taken something important to him, he was very angry. Esau was so angry that Jacob had to leave so he would be safe. Many years later, God told Jacob to go back home. God promised He would be with him. Esau forgave Jacob, and they were connected again, sort of like the hearts that are joining the hands on your paper. Esau forgave Jacob. We have all made wrong choices and need God to forgive us too. God is always ready to forgive us when we ask.

## Say:

- Who remembers what our Super Clue is today? (*an eraser*)
- What does an eraser help us remember? (*Just like an eraser can help us start a new drawing, God sent His Son, Jesus, so we can be forgiven and have a new friendship with God.*)
- What was your favorite part of the Bible story?
- **I can be forgiven.** Who can be forgiven by God? (*Everyone! We all need to be forgiven, and God forgives us when we ask because He loves us.*)
- What did you learn about God today?

Our Big Deal is, 1-2-3! God Forgives Me!

Big Deal Motions:

1-2-3! (*Make 1, 2, 3 with your fingers.*)

God Forgives Me! (*Point up with both fingers and then two thumbs to chest.*)

We all make wrong choices. Just like our eraser can help us start a *new* drawing on our drawing board, we all need a *new* friendship with God because of the wrong choices we have made. God sent His Son, Jesus, so that we can be forgiven for choosing to disobey Him.

## Going Home

### Prepare kids to talk with their family about what they learned today.

- **Pass out coloring pages for kids to take home.**
- As family members arrive to pick up their kid, greet them and tell them one thing you noticed about their kid that day or something you talked to each kid about remembering this week.
- If there is time to chat with the family, ask how you can pray for them this week.
- Say bye to the kids and call them by name.