

Unit 3, Session 1: The Stolen Blessing

Tweets

(Christ Connection - 139 Characters)

We do not have to lie or trick God to get a blessing. Jesus paid for our sins on the cross and gives us eternal life. #thegospelprojectkids

(Content - 138 Characters)

Jacob tricked his father to steal Esau's blessing of land, riches, and power. Esau was angry! Jacob had to run away. #thegospelprojectkids

Status Update

Jacob's story reminds us why we need a Savior. Jacob lied, and he tricked Isaac to get the blessing that wasn't his. Jesus shares His blessing with us. We do not have to lie or trick God to get it. Jesus paid for our sins on the cross and gives us eternal life.

Email

Unit 3, Session 1: The Stolen Blessing

Dear Parents,

Thank you for continuing this journey of The Gospel Project® for Kids. Last week, kids learned that God told Rebekah before her sons were born that the older would serve the younger. That wasn't how families typically worked in Bible times. The birthright was an important part of the patriarchal culture. Typically, upon the death of his father, the older brother would receive twice as much property and goods as the younger. But Esau gave it to Jacob for a hot bowl of stew. Later, Jacob wore his brother's clothes and lied to his father to receive a special blessing Isaac meant to bestow on Esau—another privilege afforded to an oldest son. With his blessing, Isaac made his son master over his brother. Just as God said, the older would serve the younger.

Teach your kids that nothing can stop God's perfect plan. Jesus is the firstborn over all creation (Col. 1:15), and He deserves all the privileges afforded to Him. But when Jesus hung on the cross, He gave up His blessing for us. Jesus took the punishment we deserve so that the Father would give us the blessing Jesus deserves.

Family starting points

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• God's plan is perfect.• God planned to bless Jacob.• God planned to send Jesus through Jacob's family. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What can stop God's plan? Nothing can stop God's plan.• Jacob took what belonged to his brother. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What can stop God's plan? Nothing can stop God's perfect plan..• Jacob stole Esau's blessing. |

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Unit 3, Session 2: Jacob's New Name

Tweets

(Christ Connection - 138 Characters)

God changed Jacob's life and gave him a new name. When we are adopted into God's family, we are called His children. #thegospelprojectkids

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A man (God) wrestled with Jacob all night. Jacob wasn't letting go without a blessing! God gave him the name Israel. #thegospelprojectkids

Status Update

God changed Jacob's life and gave him a new name, Israel. Because Jesus died and was raised from the dead, He made the way for us to be adopted into God's family. When we are adopted into God's family, we get a new name, too—children of God. (John 1:12)

Email

Unit 3, Session 2: Jacob's New Name

Dear Parents,

This week in The Gospel Project® for Kids, our journey takes place 20 years after Jacob ran away from Esau. Jacob had lived with his uncle Laban for many years, and God had kept His promise to bless Jacob with a large family and riches. Now God said it was time for Jacob to return home. But uncertainty awaited Jacob in his homeland. His brother Esau was there. The last time Jacob saw Esau, Esau wanted to kill him.

Jacob tried to prepare for his meeting with Esau. He strategically divided his family into separate groups. He sent gifts ahead of them to appease Esau. That night, Jacob anxiously awaited word from Esau, and that is when he encountered the Lord. Jacob wrestled with the Lord all night.

Explain to your kids that Jacob did not win by strength but by confessing his dependence on God's blessing. Jacob had nowhere else to turn. He could not succeed by his own strength. Jacob held onto God and would not let go. God poured out His grace on Jacob. He blessed Jacob and gave him a new name, Israel. From Jacob's descendants—from the nation of Israel—God would bring into the world His Son, Jesus.

Family starting points

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God's plan is perfect. • God changed Jacob's name to Israel. • God's chosen people are called Israel. • God sent Jesus through Israel's family. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What can stop God's plan? Nothing can stop God's plan. • God changed Jacob's name to Israel. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What can stop God's plan? Nothing can stop God's perfect plan. • God changed Jacob's name to Israel, the name of God's covenant people. |
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Unit 3, Session 3: Joseph Sent to Egypt

Tweets

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God sent Joseph to Egypt and put him in a position of power. Jesus gave up His position of power to save the world. #thegospelprojectkids

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God was with Joseph in the pit, in Potiphar's house, and in jail. God sent Joseph to Egypt to help many people. #thegospelprojectkids

Status Update

God sent Joseph to Egypt and blessed him so that he rose to a position of great power. God used Joseph to help Joseph's family and many others. Jesus gave up His position of great power to be the Savior of the world.

Email

Unit 3, Session 3: Joseph Sent to Egypt

Dear Parents,

Thank you for continuing this journey of The Gospel Project® for Kids. Today's Bible story is about Joseph and his brothers. Jacob had 12 sons. They would become the leaders of the tribes of Israel. But Jacob's favorite son was Joseph. Joseph was the son of Rachel, Jacob's favorite wife, and Jacob didn't hide his favoritism. Needless to say, Joseph's brothers were jealous of Joseph. When Joseph told his brothers about the dream he had that they would one day bow down to him, the Bible says they could no longer speak peaceably with him. In short, they hated him.

Joseph's brothers threw him into a pit with the intent to kill him. Then they figured they'd make a profit by selling him to people taking slaves to Egypt. Joseph was about seventeen years old when he was sold into Potiphar's house. But God was with him--even when Potiphar's wife had Joseph thrown into prison for something he didn't do. God had a wonderful plan for Joseph. He raised up Joseph into a position of power in Egypt. Remind your kids that nothing can stop God's perfect plan to send Jesus through the family of Israel.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God's plan for us is good. • God took care of Joseph in Egypt. • We can trust God even when we do not understand His plan. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What can stop God's plan? Nothing can stop God's plan. • God sent Joseph to Egypt. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What can stop God's plan? Nothing can stop God's perfect plan. • God used Joseph's suffering for good. |
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Unit 3, Session 4: Joseph's Dreams Came True

Tweets

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God allowed Joseph to suffer to rescue a nation. Jesus suffered so people from all nations would be saved. #thegospelprojectkids

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Status Update

God had a plan for Joseph's life. He allowed Joseph to suffer in order to rescue a whole nation. God planned for Jesus to suffer so that many—people from all nations—would be saved.

Email

Unit 3, Session 4: Joseph's Dreams Came True

Dear Parents,

Thank you for continuing this journey of The Gospel Project® for Kids. Today's Bible story takes place nine years after Joseph's rise to power as second-in-command of Egypt. The seven years of plenty were over, and the people were two years into the years of famine. Even in the land of Canaan, Jacob's family needed food if they were to survive.

Ten of Jacob's sons went to Egypt to buy grain. They went to Joseph, who was in charge of distributing the food. Joseph recognized his brothers immediately, but they did not recognize him. Joseph put his brothers through a series of tests. He accused them of being spies and required them to return with their youngest brother, Benjamin. Finally, he revealed that he was their brother! His brothers were terrified. Joseph was in position to exact revenge, but instead Joseph showed them grace.

Joseph explained why God allowed him to be taken to Egypt. Even though his brothers intended harm, God intended his good. Joseph told his family to come to Egypt where they could thrive. Thrive they did! In Egypt, they grew into a multitude. God kept His promise, and through the nation of Israel, He worked out His plan of redemption through His Son, Jesus Christ.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God's plan is perfect. • God sent Joseph to Egypt. • God took care of Joseph's family. • God kept His promise to bless Israel. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What can stop God's plan? Nothing can stop God's perfect plan. • God sent Joseph to Egypt to save his family. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What can stop God's plan? Nothing can stop God's perfect plan. • God sent Joseph to Egypt to establish a remnant. |
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