

City LG - August 31- September 1, 2019

Bible Story: Dream On (Jacob's Dream) • *Genesis 28:10-22 (Supporting: Genesis 25:19-34; 27)*

Bottom Line: You can trust God no matter what.

Memory Verse: *Trust in the LORD with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding.* Proverbs 3:5
(NirV)

CG: Countdown Video

WORSHIP: "No Pressure" and "Look to You"

(Worship Leader prays)

"Hi, everyone! Our story today is from the book of Genesis. *(Hold up Bible.)* Genesis is the very first book in the Old Testament of the Bible.

"Last week we talked about a promise God had made to a man named Abraham. God promised to grow Abraham's family into a great nation. He told Abraham that all people would be blessed through him. Even though Abraham and his wife Sarah were very old, and they had to wait many years, God eventually gave them a son. That son was named Isaac.

"When Isaac grew up, God gave him and his wife, Rebekah, twin boys. Their names were Jacob and Esau. Esau was the oldest of the two boys. He was a wild man. He was covered with hair. He was tall and big and strong, and definitely not the kind of guy you want to mess with. You know what I mean?"

"Jacob, on the other hand, was pretty smart . . . and even a little sneaky. He used his brain to outsmart people rather than using his muscles. One day, Jacob made a trade with his brother Esau. Esau came running in from the open country. He was SO hungry! He asked Jacob for some stew. Jacob let Esau eat some of his stew . . . in exchange for Esau's rights as the firstborn son. This meant Jacob would one day lead the family and get the most money and land."

"Now, do you remember the name of Jacob and Esau's mom? *(Pause for response.)* Rebekah. Rebekah had chosen Jacob as her favorite son. As their dad Isaac grew older, his eyesight began to fail and he couldn't see very well. Isaac asked Esau to bring him a tasty meal. He promised to give Esau a special blessing afterward.

"Rebekah overheard them and went to find Jacob. She told him to bring two young goats. She told him she would cook the goats for Isaac, so he would give his blessing to Jacob instead of Esau. As you know, Esau was a hairy guy. But Jacob had very smooth skin with not a lot of hair. So Rebekah came up with a sneaky plan. She prepared the meal, and then she tied pieces of rough, hairy goatskin over Jacob's hands. Jacob pretended to be Esau and took the meal to his father. It worked. Jacob fooled Isaac. Isaac gave his special blessing to Jacob."

"Later Esau arrived with a meal for his father, but it was too late. Isaac had already given his blessing to Jacob. Now, let me just ask you: If you were Esau, how would you feel? *(Pause for responses.)* Yep. I'm pretty sure he wasn't very happy. Let's take a look at our Bible Story video today to see what happens next!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 7:00)

"Early in the morning, Jacob took the stone he used as a pillow and placed it where he had seen the stairway in his dream. He wanted to keep the stone there to remind him of how God was with him. He even changed the name of the place from Luz to Bethel, which means 'House of God.'

“Then Jacob made a promise. He said this:

Open the Bible to Genesis 28:20-21 (NirV) and read.

“May God be with me. May he watch over me on this journey I’m taking. May he give me food to eat and clothes to wear. May he do as he has promised so that I can return safely to my father’s home. Then you, Lord, will be my God.

“Jacob set off again for Harran. Though he had failed before and would fail again, he knew that he could trust God to be faithful. He saw how God’s big promise to Abraham had now been passed along to him. He knew that he could trust God no matter what.

“That’s true for you and me, too. We can believe that God has a good plan for our lives—even though we can’t always see it for ourselves.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “You can trust God no matter what. Say that with me.

KIDS: [Bottom Line] “You can trust God no matter what.”

“Let’s pray and thank God for being so good to us.”

Pray: “God, thank You for always being with us. Thank You for loving us. Even though sometimes we make mistakes like Jacob did, You promise to love us anyway. We really can trust You no matter what! Help us to put our confidence in You and remember that You have a good plan for our lives. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

“Jacob was the son of Isaac and the grandson of Abraham. Through the amazing dream he had that night, Jacob learned that He could always trust God. After all, God had already promised to make his grandfather Abraham into a great nation. Now, God had promised Jacob that he’d have more children than he would ever be able to count.

“We know God kept His promise, because after God changed Jacob’s name to Israel, his family became a great nation: the Israelites!

“God also promised Jacob that the whole world would be blessed because of his family. Hundreds of years later, one of Jacob’s relatives gave His life to pay for the sins of the whole world. It was Jesus, God’s Son!

“It’s so good to know that **we can trust God no matter what**. We can trust Him when we feel confused or afraid. We can trust Him when something happens that we didn’t expect. We can trust Him and believe that He has a good plan for our lives.

“Remember this:

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “You can trust God no matter what.

“Our memory verse for this month is Proverbs 3:5. Do you think you can learn it? *(Pause for response.)* Let’s take a look.

CG: Memory Verse Slide

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding, Proverbs 3:5 (NirV).

“Wow—that’s so great for us to remember! We can trust God instead of worrying. Even when we don’t understand something that happens in life, we can believe that God is in control.

“It’s time for you to head to Small Group now and talk some more about what it means to trust God. Before we head there, let’s worship God with our offering!”

Offering Time:

“Offering time is a chance for us to bring our money to God, so he can use it to make somebody else’s life better. For us, here in the City, we give our offering to an organization called ‘Missions of Hope’ to help kids in Kenya have food, clothes, and learn about God’s love for them.”

Here at (your Campus name), we bring our offering to help support:

Homer Glen: Victor

New Lenox: Daniel

Orland Park: Michael and Valerie

CG: Picture of Child

“(Your Campus Child) lives in Nairobi, Kenya and is part of a really great place called Mission of Hope International! Here’s a picture of Missions of Hope!”

CG: Missions of Hope JPEG

If you brought your offering today, you can bring it up now and place it here in our offering container while our Offering Video plays! (*show offering container*).

CG: Offering Video (Runtime: 3:00)

Dismiss kids to their small groups.