

City LG—September 18th, 2022

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

Today's Bottom Line: You can trust that God has a plan.

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

REMINDER: Kids will need to be grouped into Small Groups to begin Service

WORSHIP: "Won't Let Go" and "Higher than the Sky"

"Hello, friends! Today, we're continuing our journey through God's Big Story in the Bible. (*Hold up Bible.*) So far, we've followed the story from the very beginning of the Bible: the book of Genesis.

"In Genesis, we can read how God created the world, including the first people, Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and sin entered the world. But God had a plan to make things right again. God chose a man named Abraham and promised to bless the whole world through his family. Abraham and his wife, Sarah, waited a long time, but eventually they had a baby boy named Isaac. God and Abraham had plans for Isaac. Just like God has plans for your life. That brings us to our question today..."

SLIDE: "What do you want to be when you grow up?"

"3 minutes on the clock! It can be anything! Maybe you want to be a Veterinarian, a Pilot, an Athlete, etc. Talk it out with your Group. GO!"

CG: Question Video (Runtime: 3:00)

"Great job everyone! Let's continue with our story..."

"ISAAC grew up, he and his wife Rebekah had twin sons named Jacob and Esau.

"Things got kind of interesting between Jacob and Esau. Their father Isaac was very old, and he wanted to pass on a special blessing to his oldest son, Esau.

"So Isaac sent Esau to hunt and prepare a tasty meal. But Isaac's wife, Rebekah, overheard this plan . . . and she decided to get involved. Rebekah told Jacob to pretend to be Esau and take the blessing for himself!

"I know what you're thinking. How could THAT possibly work? Well, Isaac's eyesight was so bad that Rebekah figured he wouldn't know the difference between his two sons. Jacob brought up another good point, though. He said that his dad would be able to tell it was him instead of Esau because his skin wasn't hairy like Esau's skin.

"So Rebekah gave Jacob some of Esau's clothes to wear . . . and she covered Jacob's hands and neck with goat skins.

“Jacob did what Rebekah told him, and the plan worked! Isaac gave his blessing to Jacob instead of Esau. That’s what our Story today is all about. Let’s take a look!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 11:00)

There are a lot of twists and turns in the story of Jacob and Esau. But it’s important to remember that none of it took God by surprise. Everything that happened was part of God’s plan to bless the whole world through Abraham’s family. And in the end, JACOB’S family was part of that plan, too. Many, many years later, Jesus was born into Jacob’s family line.

“God had a plan all along. That’s important for us to remember, too, when things happen in our lives that we don’t expect. God has a plan for OUR lives, too. And God’s plan is the very best plan.

“Let’s learn our Bottom Line for today. . .”

CG: Bottom Line Video (Runtime: 1:00)

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “You can trust that God has a plan.

“Let’s pray and ask God to help us remember that.”

PRAY: “Dear God, thank You for helping us learn and understand that **we can trust You no matter what**. You had a good plan to bless the world through Abraham’s family—and that included Isaac and Jacob, too. You’ve always been in control. You’ve always known how You would send Jesus to be our Savior. When we go through tough times or things we don’t understand, help us remember that You always have a plan, and that Your plan is always good. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

“It’s pretty wild to think about what Jacob did to his brother, Esau. He basically stole the things that were Esau’s right to have—the rights of the oldest son and his father’s blessing. But none of that changed God’s plan to bless the world. It turned out that God’s plan just went through Jacob instead of Esau.

“When Jacob had that incredible dream, about the stairway to heaven, God reminded Jacob that the promise to Abraham would also come through HIS family line.

“One day, *Jesus* would come from Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob’s family. God’s plan was to bless the whole world through Jesus. Because when we put our trust in Jesus as our Savior, ANYONE can have a relationship with God that will last forever. That includes you and me!

“It’s so good to remember that God has a plan. God has ALWAYS had a plan. So when things happen in life that take us by surprise, we can still choose to trust God. We can trust that God has a plan. That’s what we need to remember.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “You can trust that God has a plan.

“Maybe you’ve had a disagreement with a friend or someone in your family, and you’re not sure how to make it better. Maybe you got some bad news about someone you love. Those are tough things for anyone to go through. But even when things in life are really difficult or confusing, remember that God is with you. God always has a plan for you. You can trust that God has a plan to make everything right in the end.”

OFFERING TIME:

Who?:

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Vida Nueva Ministries in Piedras Negras, Mexico

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Unfortunately, many families in Mexico don’t have enough money for food or school, but with our help, our mission partners have built an entire set of schools! Kids just like you can come and learn- and they receive meals and hear about Jesus, too. It’s great to be partners with people all the way in Mexico to help the families in need there.