



JACOB'S DREAM

BIBLE PASSAGE: Genesis 27–28

FOCUS VERSES: Malachi 3:6a, Romans 8:38–39,
Lamentations 3:22–23

Summary: God made the same promise to Abraham's son Isaac that he made to Abraham. Isaac and Rebekah had twin sons, Esau and Jacob. Isaac intended to bless Esau, but Jacob deceived him and received the blessing instead. Esau was angry, so Jacob fled. On his journey, Jacob dreamed of a ladder reaching heaven and heard God reaffirm the covenant. Despite Jacob's deceit, God revealed His plan and faithfulness through His promises.



MONTHLY *Memory Verse*

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

(HEBREWS 13:8)



God never changes.

We will go deeper in God's truth by answering these questions:



DOES GOD CHANGE OVER TIME?

God is always the same. We can trust that He is always good, loving and in control.



DO OUR MISTAKES CHANGE GOD'S LOVE FOR US?

No! God's love for us doesn't change. He loves us no matter what.



HOW IS GOD INVITING ME TO RESPOND?

Kids will be given the opportunity to reflect on the truth they learned about God and respond accordingly.



BE MY TWIN

SUPPLIES:

Timer

PREP:

None

LEADER TIP: Encourage kids to pair up with someone they don't get to see very often.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. *Welcome each kid by name and welcome any new kids to the group.*
2. **Discuss:** What was the best and worst part of your week?
3. **Discuss:** This month we are learning that God is unchanging, which means that God always stays the same. How have you seen this week that God is unchanging?
4. **Discuss:** Does anyone know any twins?
5. **Discuss:** Have you ever participated in twin days? What did you do? What made you "twins?"
6. *Divide kids into pairs.*
7. *Pairs will stand facing each other. Choose one person from each pair to be the Leader. The other person will be the Twin. The Leader will slowly move their body and the Twin will need to mirror their movements exactly. Set a 30 second timer for the Leader to move around. Then have kids switch roles and repeat.*
8. *Have kids find new partners and repeat as time allows.*
9. **Say:** Great job moving together!
10. **Discuss:** Was it easier to be the Leader or the Twin?
11. **Discuss:** Was the Twin able to copy the movements exactly?



ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:

Today we are learning about a set of twins. No matter how much changed in their lives, God always stayed the same.



Discipleship DISCUSSION

HOW CAN I KNOW THIS IS TRUE?

Discuss: Why do you think the birthright and Isaac's blessing were such a big deal to Jacob and Esau? Was this a normal thing for families to do?

Say: In the days of Jacob and Esau, being the firstborn came with privileges such as being head of the family and inheriting a double portion of land and money. Ancient laws required that a father couldn't just give away his wealth to his favorite child. Instead, the oldest son received the birthright. Archaeologists have discovered ancient texts such as the Mari Tablets and the Nuzi Tablets, which record cultural rules that Isaac would have known and followed. Rules for birthrights and deathbed blessings appear in these ancient texts, showing us that this story from the Bible matches what was happening in Isaac's culture at the time. However, God showed this family that hope comes from Him, not from tradition or an inheritance.

Read Jeremiah 29:11 directly from the Bible: *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.*

BUT WHAT ABOUT ... LONELINESS?

Discuss: Can you share about a time when you felt lonely?

Discuss: Do you think kids are lonelier these days? What might be some reasons for that?

Discuss: What does God have to say about that?

Say: A lot of people feel lonely these days. If you've felt that, you are not alone. Sometimes it might feel challenging to make friends or hang out with others. We spend a lot of time on screens, but this isn't the same as having real friendships with people. God wants us to connect with other people. Maybe this week you can make a point to talk to someone new, especially someone else who might be lonely too. Even when we're alone, we can trust God is always with us. The Bible teaches us that when we feel lonely, we can talk to God. Psalm 25:16 says: *Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.*



GOD NEVER CHANGES

SUPPLIES:

Ball

PREP:

None

ACTIVITY INTRO:

Welcome everyone! My name is _____. *Greet each kid by name as you welcome any new kids to the group.*

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. *Gather kids to sit in a circle.*
2. **Say:** Today we will learn about how God never changes. He always keeps His promises! We will roll this ball around our circle slowly. Then we'll do it faster and faster!
3. *Help kids roll the ball back and forth to each other slowly and then continue to pick up speed.*
4. *Make sure everyone has a chance to participate.*
5. **Ask:** Did you like it when the ball went slow or fast?

**ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:**

Many things in life change, like how fast the ball rolled in our game. But God never changes! Let's learn more about how God never changes in today's Bible story.



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TAKE-HOME ACTIVITIES

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FINISH THE ILLUSTRATION

WORD SEARCH

F H C P S C H T S H C C H P H C
O T R T U N C H A N G I N G H T
R T L T L T S T H F D L P L K B
G K P K A A K T L K R E K T T L
I R R F D V R B R R E S A U R Y
V F O F D V N R B F A R F R F H
E S D S E N S T V S M A B L S N
N N I N R T N L T N P T N T N V
E L G L Y J L T R L V T L L L N
S U A V L R N I R N T N N T R L
S U L J A C O B B T H N C L N J

**Find these: Jacob, Esau, Dream,
Ladder, Unchanging**

SOS

- Instructions: With a partner, use different colors to take turns writing either an S or an O in a square.
- If you write "SOS" in order in any direction, draw a line through it with your color.
- The ends when the grid is completely filled.
- Whoever has the most SOS's in their color, WINS!

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? BIG QUESTION

Does God ever change? No!

BRITE Idea

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SCAN ME!
FOR AT-HOME
DISCIPLESHIP DISCUSSION

