

NSCC CE Teacher's Overview

Month August Sundays 2021	Theme: The Patriarchs Continued
Worship Review & Rev Up	Sanctuary Ask questions about last week's lesson & verse Prepare "What's in the bag?" OR give a hint about the subject of today's lesson
Lessons August 1 August 8 August 15 August 22 August 29	Readings A Wife for Isaac Genesis 24 Isaac's Twin Boys Genesis 25:19-34 & 27 Jacob Gets a Wife Genesis 29 Jacob's Favorite Son Genesis 37 Joseph Genesis 39-45
Discipleship Page Use this page as a vehicle to further the discussion of the reading.	See Attached
Focus Verse	Located on the Discipleship Page
Review	*Retell the story (verbally or use props) *Play Pictionary with important words from the lesson * Review previous verses & lessons

Genesis 24 A Wife for Isaac

Five Things:

1. Who are Isaac's parents?
2. Do you remember why his name is Isaac?
3. Where did Isaac's father send his servant to find a bride?
4. What happened right when the servant got there?
5. What did God prove to the servant and everyone else?



Focus Verse:

Genesis 24:27

The Lord has shown unfailing love and faithfulness to my master, for he has _____ me straight to my master's relatives.

Facts:

1. God is always faithful to those who T_____ him.
2. When we T_____ in God, He always gives us exactly what we need.
3. God shows his love for those who T_____ him by taking care of all their needs so they do not ever need to worry.

Conclusion:

Do you or someone you know have experience with God providing exactly what they needed without them having to make it happen all by themselves?

How do the following verses apply to our discussion?

Proverbs 3:5

Psalms 37:5

Philippians 4:6-7

Romans 8:28



Genesis 25:19-34 & 27 Isaac's Twin Boys

Five Things:

1. Who is Isaac?
2. Who are Isaac's parents?
3. What are Isaac's son's names?
4. How does Isaac get tricked?
5. How does this story end?

Genesis 27:4 Isaac said to Esau,

Prepare my favorite dish, and bring it here for me to eat. Then I will pronounce the _____ that belongs to you, my firstborn son, before I die.

Discuss:

The boy's parents did things wrong:

1. Isaac participated in favoritism in his own family. He liked that Esau was a hunter but couldn't tell the difference between game Esau would've caught and the food that Jacob brought him. Why is this a problem?
2. He knew Esau was not the son God chose, for he despised his inheritance and married many foreign women. So Isaac plans to bless him secretly, but his mother hears about it and intervenes. Why is this a problem?
3. Isaac's scheming matched his wife's scheming. She also had a favorite son and also made a secret plan to get her way. It seems both of these parents neither trusted one another nor did they trust God to act. Why is this a problem?
4. But God's plans always prevail, and in this case in spite of selfish parenting. How is this helpful and useful information for YOU?
5. What you should do when you engage in favoritism, plot to get your own way, or make plans that disregard what God teaches us in the Bible.

Corresponding Verses: How do these verses help us with our planning?

Proverbs 16:3

Proverbs 19:21

Jeremiah 29:11

Proverbs 3:6

Philippians 1:6

James 4:13-15

Genesis 29 Jacob Gets a Wife

1. Who was Jacob's parents?
2. Who is Laban?
3. Why did Laban trick Jacob?
4. Did Jacob ever trick anyone?
5. With 2 wives, Jacob will have ____ sons.



Genesis 29:20

So Jacob worked seven years to pay for Rachel. But his _____ for her was so strong that it seemed to him but a few days.

Discussion:

Jacob wanted to make sure his offer to marry Rachel did not get rejected, so he offered an unusually expensive dowry for Laban's daughter's hand in marriage. Unfortunately, when Laban sees how badly Jacob wants to marry Rachel, he takes advantage of Jacob and tricks him. Maybe this reminds Jacob of how he tricked Esau and how he and his mother tricked Isaac. We don't know how Jacob would have received Isaac's blessing as God intended because Jacob and Rebekah schemed to make it happen through trickery.

God doesn't use trickery, so he allows Jacob to have a taste of his own medicine. The lesson for us is the same. We do not need to trick people to make what we want to happen, happen. We should trust God's plans and not take matters into our own hands.

1. What are some ways people scheme & trick to get their own way?
2. Why do people resort to taking matters into their own hands?
3. How do the following scriptures apply to this discussion?

Proverbs 16:1-3

Ephesians 4:11-16

1 John 4:1-6



Genesis 37 Trouble for Jacob's Son

1. Why were Joseph's brothers jealous of him?
2. Reread verses v.3-4 & 6-8
What things make them dislike Joseph even more?
3. What did the brothers plan to do & what did they actually do to Joseph?
4. What was Reuben's secret plan?
5. What happened to Joseph?

FAST FORWARD! We will read more about Joseph next week, but let's see how this ends. Read Genesis 50:14-21 & see Joseph speak with his brothers after their father's death.

Focus Verse: Genesis 50:20

*You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for _____.
He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people.*

Facts & Application:

1. God doesn't plan for bad things to happen to those who love him, but people use their free will to harm others all the time.
How does Jeremiah 29:11 apply?
2. God didn't need to take away the free will of the brothers because God never stopped looking out for Joseph and putting him in a place to succeed.
How does Psalm 121:3-6 apply?
3. Joseph succeeded because he never gave up trusting in God.
How does Proverbs 3:5-6 apply?
4. God works out bad things that happen to those who trust him for their good just like he did for Joseph. How does Romans 8:28 apply?
5. Important to notice:
Joseph never had to avenge himself. (Hebrews 10:30)
Joseph forgave those who harmed him. (Matthew 6:14-15)
Joseph trusted God more than people. (Psalm 118:6)

Reflect: Think of a time when you or someone you know had something bad happen, but God let that bad thing be used for good.

Joseph’s Story – Genesis 39-45

- 1. What do we already know about Joseph’s life?
- 2. What happened to Joseph after his brothers sold him?
- 3. Read about Joseph & Potiphar – Genesis 39:1-6
- 4. But Potiphar’s wife was horrible to Joseph – Genesis 39:16-18
- 5. What does Potiphar do? – Genesis 39:19-23

What happens next?

Joseph eventually meets people in jail who know the king and when one of those men gets out of jail they tell the king about Joseph and Joseph is released from prison to help the king.

The king is so impressed with Joseph that he puts him in charge of everything – including all the food when a famine comes!

That famine will bring Joseph’s brothers to Egypt to find food. Does Joseph try and get even with them for their cruelty?
What does Colossians 3:13 say about forgiveness?

Note: Joseph’s brother, Judah, is willing to sacrifice himself for another brother, Benjamin. This is very different than the brothers who were willing to sacrifice Joseph! It is at this point that Joseph reveals his identity to them and forgives them! What does John 15:12-13 say about this?

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Read: Genesis 44:18-34 & 45:1-8

Discuss:

- 1. How does Joseph’s brother, Judah, remind you of Jesus?
- 2. How does Romans 8:28 apply to what Joseph says to his brothers in Genesis 45:5-8?

Focus Verse: Romans 8:28 *And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.*

Facts:

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