



Family Worship Guide

The Hallows Church Kids Ministry

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A Note To Parents: The following content is a continuation of the material taught on Sundays during our Kids Ministry gathering. Below you will see three elements: *singing* the gospel, *speaking* the gospel, and *seeing* the gospel. This threefold movement is the normal dynamic we adhere to in our classrooms. Its purpose is to provide a well-rounded lesson of learning that speaks to many different learning styles and ages.

For the first section, there are links to songs to sing together. The second is a fun activity your family can do together that naturally moves into the Bible story. We want each and every passage to explicitly teach us deeper truths of the gospel. For that reason, I have written in a “gospel connection.” This is for you to read aloud after the Bible story so your kids can end on the gospel. The memory verse and catechism are normally slightly separate in content in the Bible story. This is because we have incorporated catechisms and continued memory verses into our services to serve the kids in teaching doctrine and scripture memorization. Therefore, this material is operating on its own sequence. For consistency sake, we would appreciate trying out this order.

However, many families already have a routine for family worship and if that is you, then by all means, continue in your normal routine! I am praying you will enjoy this time with your family as you worship Jesus together!

SING the Gospel

- ▶ *God is so Good* - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_mCwxqgLkog
- ▶ *Cornerstone*- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a3HH__-1Zbs

SPEAK the Gospel

▶ **Fun Family Game:** Two Truths and a Lie

- **Instructions:** Guide kids and family members to think of two statements that are true about them and one statement that is not true. Explain that each child will tell his three statements, while other kids will try to guess which statement is not true of the three.
- **Make the Connection:** In today's story, Jacob didn't always tell the truth. Jacob and Esau were twins, but, even before they were born, the two fought. Jacob lied to Isaac, his father, and stole a special blessing that was meant for Esau. This didn't surprise God. God was still working His perfect plan, even when it seemed really messy.

▶ **Bible Story** (Read aloud to kids or read from Genesis 25:21-28):

Jacob and Esau were brothers. Esau was a hunter while Jacob worked at home. Their father Isaac favored Esau. Their mother Rebekah favored Jacob. One day, Jacob was cooking lentil stew when his brother came home from the field. "I am exhausted!" Esau said, "Let me eat some of that red stuff." Jacob answered, "First, sell me your birthright." The birthright usually belonged to the oldest child. Whoever had the birthright got more of his family's belongings when his parents died. "I am so hungry, I'm about to die, so what good is a birthright to me?" Esau replied. So he agreed to Jacob his birthright for stew and bread.

Now their father Isaac was getting old and losing his eyesight. Isaac called for Esau. "I want to bless you before I die," Isaac said. Rebekah heard Isaac and Esau talking, and she came up with her own plan. First, Rebekah made her husband's favorite meal. Then Rebekah put Esau's clothes on Jacob and covered his hands and neck with goat hair so that Isaac would think Jacob was Esau. Then Jacob took the meal to his father. "Who are you, my son?" Isaac asked. "I am Esau, your firstborn. I have done as you told me. Please sit up and eat some of my game so that you may bless me," Jacob said.

After the meal, Isaac offered him the blessing. About this time, Esau came home from his hunt and cooked a meal for his father. When he offered the food to Isaac, his father told him that he had been tricked, and Jacob had been given the blessing. Esau cried and begged his father to bless him, too. But Isaac had nothing left to offer his son Esau. Esau was angry at his

brother Jacob, and he made a plan to kill him. But Rebekah sent Jacob away so he would be safe until Esau calmed down.

Gospel Connection: Even when Jacob sinned and stole Esau's blessing, God's perfect plan continued. Jacob reminds us why we need a Savior. Jacob lied and tricked Isaac so that he could get Esau's blessing that he didn't deserve. God has given us a blessing through Jesus that we don't deserve, but we don't have to trick anyone to get it. God gives us this blessing through grace. It is something we do not deserve, but is a free gift from God. God sent Jesus to pay for sin by dying on the cross and rising again three days later. Jesus came from Abraham's family, and God did bless all the world through Jesus. All who trust Jesus as Savior receive God's blessing of salvation and eternal life.

▶ **Scripture Memory Verse**

"God raised him up, ending the pains of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it." - Acts 2:24

▶ **Catechism Question 23:**

Q: Why must the Redeemer be truly God?

A: That because of his divine nature his obedience and suffering would be perfect and effective.

SEE the Gospel

▶ **Discussion Questions**

1. What book of the Bible is this story from? Why did God give it to us?
2. Who in this story needs the gospel?
3. (For OT) What is God doing for his people in this story? How does God do the same for us- only better- in Jesus?
4. (For NT) What does this story teach us about who Jesus is or what he has done? How does it show us that he is better than anything else?
5. How does believing this good news change the way we live?