



Family Worship Guide

The Hallows Church Kids Ministry

Week of March 22, 2020

A Note To Parents: The following content is a continuation of the material taught on Sunday's 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 clearly seeing how the gospel connects.

Note that 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 gatherings 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!

Sincerely,
Pastor Mark

Bible Passage: Gen. 32-33

Gospel Project Lesson: Unit 3, Session 2

New City Catechism Question: 24

Main Point: God changed Jacob's name to Israel, the name of God's covenant people. From Israel, God would bring his own Son, Jesus into the world. Jesus' death and resurrection provide sinful people the way to be adopted into God's family.

SING the Gospel

- ▶ *Cornerstone* - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a3HH__-1Zbs
- ▶ *Lion and the Lamb*- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ywDx2JgNVHc>

SPEAK the Gospel

- ▶ **Fun Family Game:** Thumb War Competition
 - **Instructions:** Guide kids and family members to find a partner. Explain that each pair will play thumb war. Guide the winner in each pair to find a new partner. The partner who did not win can play another who lost their round or sit down. Continue to play until one kid is the champion!
 - **Make the Connection:** That was fun! Our story today has quite a challenge, but it wasn't a thumb war challenge. It was more like a wrestling challenge. When God changed Jacob's name to Israel, God had been wrestling with Jacob all night. Let's listen to our story to hear what happened.

- ▶ **Bible Story** (Read aloud to kids):

God had made a covenant with Jacob's grandfather, Abraham. Then God told His promise to Jacob's father, Isaac. God had a plan for Jacob too. Even though Jacob was the younger brother, God wanted Jacob to receive the blessing for his family. Years before, Jacob tricked his father and his brother; he stole the blessing from Esau. Then Jacob ran away to escape Esau's anger. God met with Jacob and promised to be with him. After 20 years, God told Jacob that it was time to go home.

Jacob was afraid that Esau would still be angry with him for stealing his blessing. Jacob was very afraid! God had promised that his family would be as numerous as the stars, but how could that happen if Esau was going to kill them all? Jacob made a plan. He divided his family into two groups. If Esau attacked one group, maybe the other group could escape. Then Jacob asked God to keep His promise. Jacob sent a large gift of animals—goats, sheep, camels, cows, bulls, and donkeys—to try to make Esau happy. Maybe then Esau would forgive him.

That night, A man appeared. (The man was actually God Himself!) The man wrestled with Jacob all night. Jacob refused to give up, so the man injured Jacob's hip. "Let Me go. The sun is coming up," the man said. But Jacob would not let Him go. "I will not let You go unless You bless me," Jacob said. "Your name will no longer be Jacob," said the man. "Your name will be Israel because you wrestled with God and men, and you have won." The man blessed Jacob. The sun came up, and Jacob limped because of his hip.

Now Jacob looked and saw Esau and his 400 men coming to meet him. Jacob went to meet Esau. He bowed down seven times to show respect to his brother. Esau ran to Jacob and hugged him. He was not angry anymore. The two brothers cried together. "Why did you send so many animals ahead of you?" Esau asked. "I wanted to make you happy," Jacob said. "I have enough," said Esau. "You keep them." "Please take my present," said Jacob. "God has given me more than I deserve." Esau agreed to take the gifts, and he returned to his home. Jacob and his family traveled on to Shechem (SHEK uhm), and Jacob bought land for them to live on. He was finally home in the land God had promised him.

Gospel Connection: God changed Jacob's life and gave him a new name, Israel. Jesus came so that we might have a changed life, forgiven of sin. (2 Cor. 5:17) Jesus' death and resurrection provided sinful people with the way to be adopted into God's family. When we are adopted into the family of God we also receive a new name- children of God (John 1:12).

▶ **Scripture Memory Verse**

"God raised him up, ending the pains of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says of him: I saw the Lord ever before me; because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken." - Acts 2:24-25

▶ **Catechism Question 23:**

Q: Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die?

A: Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God.

SEE the Gospel

▶ **Discussion Questions**

1. What book is this story from? Why do think God gave 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. How does believing this good news change the way we live?