

LESSON 4 | God Keeps His Promises

Bible Basis: Genesis 27–29

Bible Verse: Genesis 26:3: “I will be with you and give you my blessing... And I will keep the promise I made with an oath to your father Abraham.”

Bible Point: God kept his promise to Jacob. God will keep his promises to me.

Resource: *The Beginner's Bible*

- “Isaac’s Blessing” (pages 58–62)
- “Jacob’s Dream” (pages 63–65)
- “Jacob and Esau Meet Again” (pages 66–70)

How to use This Page

This week, you can read the stories listed above in *The Beginner's Bible* several times to help your child remember them. Use the Table Talk questions below to start a discussion around the dinner table, while driving in the car, or just about anywhere. The Living Faith activity is a drama designed to help your child remember the Bible lesson. The Extra Mile provides interactive ways for your child to connect with the story.

TABLE TALK

1. Have you ever made a promise to someone? Has anyone ever made a promise to you?
2. Why was it so important to keep a promise?
3. What was God’s promise to Jacob? (*God said he would watch over Jacob and that someday all the land on which he was lying would belong to him and his family.*)
4. Jacob played a trick on his father and his brother, Esau. How would you feel if someone tricked you? Would you be able to forgive like Esau did?

LIVING FAITH

Have your child select one of this week’s Bible stories and act it out for you as you read the story aloud from *The Beginner's Bible*. Make Isaac’s tent out of blankets and straight-backed chairs. Use dark sunglasses or a blindfold for the person who plays the part of Isaac. Esau’s character can wear fuzzy clothing, such as fleece, and carry a bow and

arrows made from sticks and string. Jacob’s character will need rags or carpet scraps tied on with yarn. Bathrobes, towels, or fabric pieces make great Bible-time clothing for Isaac, Jacob, Esau, and Rebekah. The tasty food for Isaac’s dinner can be plastic toys or cutouts from a magazine.

When you come to the place(s) in the story where a Bible character speaks, instruct your child what to say. If possible, have your child perform the Bible drama for other family members in person, via Skype, or using a video camera.

EXTRA MILE

- Help your child remember the names of Jacob’s 12 sons by practicing the song “Jacob’s Sons” that they learned in class. It is sung to the tune of “Jesus Loves Me”:

*Reuben, Simeon, and Levi
Judah, Dan, and Naphtali
Gad, Asher, Isaachar, Zebulun (the first
three names are sung quickly)
Last were Joseph and Benjamin.*

- Use a book of Bible promises or an online search to find and share some of God’s promises with your family. Remind your child that God always keeps his promises.
- Jacob and Esau both brought their father a tasty meal. Make a promise to someone in your church, neighborhood, or family to deliver a tasty meal. Keep your promise by preparing and delivering the meal with your child’s help. Talk about the blessing you will receive from keeping your promise.