



HOME GUIDE



LESSON 2.3

NAME _____

DATE _____

DRAW IT!

Create a picture of Esau hugging his brother Jacob. Above it write, "God's plan for me is good!"

JOURNAL IT!

Write a letter telling God about something unfair that has happened to you. Tell Him that you trust it's all a part of His wonderful plan for your life.

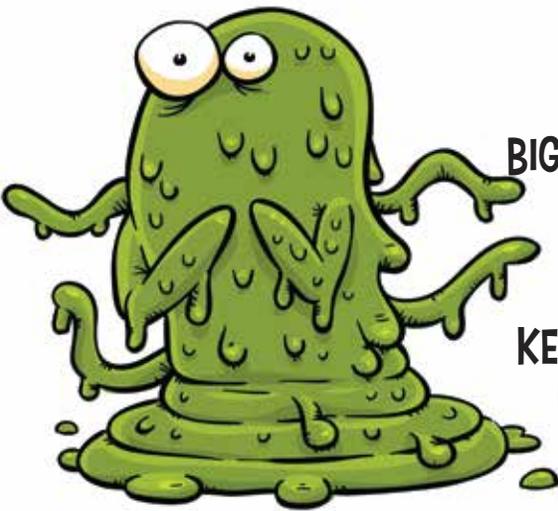
THIS WEEK WE LEARNED

JACOB AND ESAU

BIG IDEA: GOD HAS A PLAN FOR MY LIFE, SO I CAN TRUST HIM EVEN WHEN SOMETHING UNFAIR HAPPENS.

BIBLE BASIS: GENESIS 25:19-34; 27:1-35

KEY VERSE: "I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU, ANNOUNCES THE LORD. I WANT YOU TO ENJOY SUCCESS. I DO NOT PLAN TO HARM YOU. I WILL GIVE YOU HOPE FOR THE YEARS TO COME." JEREMIAH 29:11 (NIRV)





READ IT!

Genesis 27:18-45. Tell or write to God what was your favorite part of the story. Tell Him why you liked it.

Write a prayer to God telling Him you trust His plan for your life.
Ask Him to help you follow Him even when something unfair or bad happens.

PRAY IT!

NEXT WEEK'S LESSON

JOSEPH AND HIS BROTHERS

BIG IDEA: GOD IS FORGIVING, SO WE CAN FORGIVE OTHERS.

BIBLE BASIS: GENESIS 37-47

KEY VERSE: "BE KIND AND TENDER TO ONE ANOTHER. FORGIVE EACH OTHER, JUST AS GOD FORGAVE YOU BECAUSE OF WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE." EPHESIANS 4:32 (NIRV)



GO!
Join the Story!

GROUP ACTIVITY

This activity can be used in a small group at church or even with your kids at home!

Marshmallow Blaster

Say: We all have things happen to us that seem unfair. A lot of times we just end up getting mad about it, but there's another way we can respond. Today we learned that we can trust God's plan for our lives even when unfair things happen. Right now we're going to talk about different ways we could respond to some unfair situations.

Directions: Each group needs a marshmallow blaster made out of a plastic cup and a balloon. (See directions below.) If you do not have a marshmallow blaster, take turns turning backwards and throw the marshmallow behind you at the group.

How to create a Marshmallow Blaster:

Step 1: Use a pair of scissors to cut off the bottom third of the plastic cup. Set it aside.

Step 2: Without inflating, tie a knot at the end of your balloon. Cut about ½" off of the top of the balloon.

Step 3: Stretch the open (cut) end of the balloon over the mouth of the cup.

Step 4: Place the mini-marshmallow in the cup on the knotted center, pull back, and blast away!

Take a mini marshmallow and place it in the marshmallow blaster. Shoot it at one of the kids in your group. It may take you a few tries to aim the marshmallow. The person who is struck by the marshmallow gets to answer the following question:

Question: When is the last time you wanted to yell, "That's not fair!?" Tell the group what happened and why you thought it was so unfair.

After someone shares about their situation, ask the rest of the group how God might want them to respond in that situation. For example, if a story is shared about how they got blamed for something they didn't do, God might want them to forgive the person who actually did it. When the group is finished discussing that situation, let that person use the marshmallow blaster to shoot a marshmallow at someone different. Then have them share a situation from his or her life. Repeat the process until everyone in your group has had a turn to share. Then ask your group these questions:

Question: What do you think it means that God has a plan for your life?

Question: What are some of the wonderful things you think God might have planned for you?



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