



Junior Church

LESSON PLANS: 05-07-20

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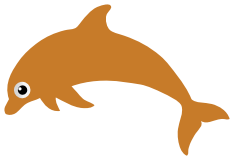
Family prayer

Activity time: 10 minutes

Aim: to thank God that he always cares

You will need: n/a

1. God cared about Jacob and Esau and their family. God cares for our family too. Encourage the children to suggest times when God cares for them and their families – good times and less-good occasions.
2. Weave their comments into a prayer. Start by asking, 'Who cares when...?' and add one of the examples the children have mentioned. All join in with the response: 'Thank you, God, you care for my family.'
3. Your prayer could go something like this:
Who cares when we have a birthday party?
Thank you, God, you care for my family.
Who cares when I don't like doing what Daddy asks?
Thank you, God, you care for my family.
Who cares when my baby brother makes a lot of noise?
Thank you, God, you care for my family.
4. Finish the prayer and then ask, 'Who cares for our families?'



Dolphins

(Age 3, F1 & F2)

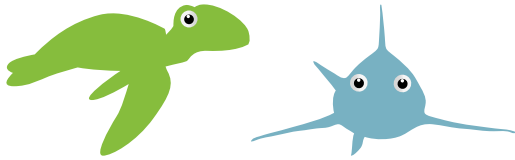
Dressing up

Activity time: no time limit

Aim: to see how Jacob pretended to be Esau and got things wrong

You will need: dressing-up clothes and props for the story (such as bowls, cups, fur fabric)

1. Put out the equipment and let the children have fun dressing up and playing different characters. (Improvise dressing-up clothes: put a belt around a large T-shirt to make a tunic; use a scarf or shawl as a headdress; turn a curtain into a cloak.)
2. As the children play, say that in the Bible story this time, someone dresses up and pretends to be his brother. Jacob and Esau were the twins we heard about last time. Jacob wanted all the things that belonged to Esau, so he dressed up and pretended to be Esau.
3. Look through your dressing-up equipment and see if you could have dressed Jacob to look and feel like Esau. Jacob wore Esau's best clothes, made his hands feel hairy, and carried a bowl of food.



Turtles Sharks

(Year 1 & 2)

(Year 3 & 4)

Splash! puzzles

Activity time: 10 minutes

Aim: to be confident that God is faithful

You will need: Splash! sheets 65 and 66 (attached)

1. Do the puzzle activities together from the Splash! sheets. Invite the children to recall all the times so far this series when they have seen God's faithfulness. As they complete each of the puzzles, ask them how God showed his faithfulness in the specific situation. Remind them of the different stories by reading them from the verses listed on the sheet.
2. After they have done the puzzles, ask the children to say how each one has shown that they can be confident of God's faithfulness. Give them time to respond.

Splash!



First fold the *Splash!* sheet along the dotted lines to make your puzzle book.

Complete puzzles 1 to 5 and find out how God shows his faithfulness.

p	s	j	a	p	r	f	a	p	p	h	j	h	p	a	s
f	a	j	j	b	f	j	a	p	b	f	f	p	y	j	

Cross out the letters p, j, and f to find out how God is faithful to Abraham.

Puzzle 2



Follow the line from Abraham, to find out what God provided for the sacrifice. How was God faithful in this situation?

Read all about it in Genesis 22:1–13



Can you find the picture of Abraham amongst all of the stars? Circle him when you find him.



Puzzle 3

Read about the promise God gave to Abraham in Genesis 22:17.



Read all about it in Genesis 18:1–15; 21:1–8

Puzzle 1

Genesis 25:19-34; 27:1-45

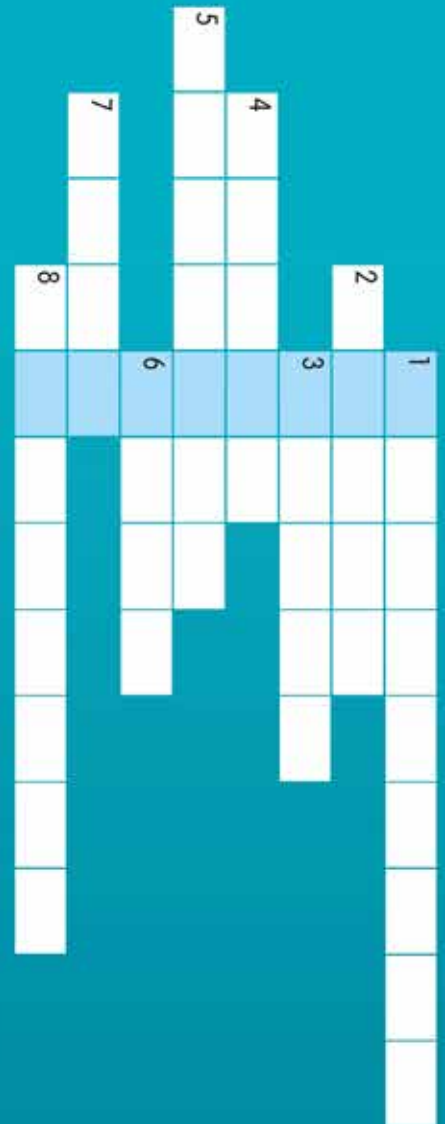


- 1 Which son was Esau?
Genesis 25:31
- 2 What was Esau's twin brother called?
Genesis 25:24-26
- 3 What was the name of Jacob and Esau's father?
Genesis 25:26
- 4 What did Rebekah tell Jacob to go and kill?
Genesis 27:9
- 5 What of Esau's did Jacob wear?
Genesis 27:15
- 6 What did Isaac want Esau to make?
Genesis 27:4
- 7 Who was the hairy son of Isaac?
Genesis 25:25
- 8 What did Isaac give to Jacob instead of Esau?
Genesis 27:30

Puzzle 5

Answer the clues and write the answers in the correct spaces. When you have completed the crossword it will reveal a word to describe God.

To find the answers to the clues, you could ask an adult to help you look up the Bible verses.



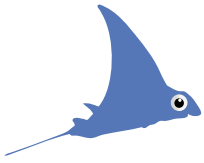
Puzzle 4

How does this show God's faithfulness?
Write the first letter of each picture in the box.



Read all about it in Genesis 25:19-26.

Answers: 1 Isaac, 2 Jacob, 3 Isaac, 4 goat, 5 clothes, 6 food, 7 Esau, 8 blessing



Un-making a mess

Activity time: 10–15 minutes

Aim: to understand that God can make something good out of messy situations

You will need: Xstream sheet 68 (attached)

1. In advance, copy and cut out the tangram pieces from page 68 for each child.
2. Briefly show everyone a completed tangram, then give each child a set of the shapes to make into a square.
3. Explain that these pieces can make various things besides a square. Challenge them to make a house, a car and a rabbit.
4. Explain that sometimes, when things get messed up in our lives, we expect God to put them back just the way they were, like forming the tangram pieces back into a square. But sometimes God uses the pieces to make something new and different (and better!).
5. Encourage them to take the tangram pieces home and try making other things with them.

