

Lesson 30 Jacob Marries Leah and Rachel
Genesis 29:15-30

Youtube Link: <https://youtu.be/gDOtMBWeq74>

Worship Theme: God works in all situations.

Memory Verse: “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose” (Romans 8:28)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. Our God Is So Strong <https://youtu.be/VvrF94VKKHA>
2. Our God Is Awesome <https://youtu.be/TU6HfxJXLvQ>
3. Lord, I Worship You <https://youtu.be/1C4guXZFdAw>

Prayer:

Song: Sing the songs from the youtube links above

Icebreaker: “Good from Bad” (Materials needed: a tray, rock, sand, water)



1. The tray represents life and rock represents trusting in Jesus. The sand represents not trusting in Jesus. The water represents hard things that can happen to us.
2. What are some bad things that can happen to us? (Sample answers: parents fight; friends tease you; you fall down and

get hurt)

3. Place the rock on one side of the tray and sand on the other side.
4. Where would you like to stand on when bad things happen to you?
5. Pour water on the pile of sand, and then pour water on the rock.
6. What happened to the sand and rock when water (bad things in life) was poured on them?
 - a. Sand went all over the place, but rock didn't move at all!
7. When we are with Jesus, we can be strong like the rock even when bad things happen in life. Jesus can make good things happen from bad problems.

Introduction:

Today we will learn about God who works in all situations. If you are happy today and everything is going great for you, that's awesome! If you're having a hard day and you don't feel too happy, trust that God is powerful, and he can make something good out of your bad situation!

Bible Story:

Jacob ran away from his father Isaac's house after he stole the rights of the firstborn from his twin brother Esau. He went to his mother's hometown and lived with his uncle, Laban. Laban had two daughters, and Jacob fell in love with the younger daughter, Rachel. Uncle Laban told Jacob that he can marry Rachel after he worked for Laban for 7 years. Because Jacob loved Rachel so much, he agreed.

But after seven years, instead of keeping his promise, Uncle Laban tricked Jacob into marrying his older daughter, Leah. When Jacob realized he'd married the wrong person, he was very disappointed. Uncle Laban said that Jacob could marry Rachel, but he'd have to work another seven years for her!

How would you like to have to work for 14 years to get what you want? Have you ever been promised something and then got something else? How did you feel?

Maybe you were disappointed or mad like Jacob. He must have worried about Uncle Laban cheating him again after 14 years of working for him. But Jacob accepted this bad thing that happened to him and worked for Uncle Laban for another 7 years.

What Jacob thought was a bad thing and a disappointment, God changed into a blessing! God blessed Jacob, and he had many children—12 sons in all. Those children grew up and had more children. God used all of these children to build a huge nation—Israel. In fact, Jacob’s children became what we call the 12 tribes of Israel! His children became the nation of Israel! Jacob had to wait a long time, but he learned that God works in all situations.

Questions to discuss:

1. Instead of thinking that God isn’t real or that he doesn’t love you when something bad happens to you, what could you think about God? (I could think about everything he’s already done for me; I could ask him to help me get through it.)
2. What can we learn from Jacob’s situation that can help us? (God makes things work out; we have to be patient.)

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Craft:

Coloring Page : Jacob and His 12 Sons

Prayer

Devotion for Teachers:

Are you facing a trial or difficulty right now? How you react to the difficult times can change an outcome and strengthen your faith! If you’re in the midst of hard times, tell your story to someone you trust, and allow that person to encourage you. Everyone encounters hardship. Be comforted to know that God uses our difficulties to help us grow and make us more like Jesus.

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Memory Verse: _____

