



Slime Time

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: “The Lord is faithful and will keep all of his promises. He is loving toward everything he has made.” Psalm 145:13b (NirV)

★ STORY CONNECT

SLIME TIME STORY PICTURE

We’re going to be hearing some stories from the ooey and gooey side of the Bible. The best part is that we’re going to help tell the stories by creating some slime pictures.

Directions: Divide slime (playdoh) among family members and assign an object or picture for each person to create.

- Twin babies
- Bowl and spoon
- Bow and arrow
- Hands

While you are working on slime (playdoh) objects/pictures, talk about the following question. Keep these pictures handy for the story time.

Question: Have you ever had something stolen from you? What was it and how did you feel about losing that thing?

★ STORY TIME

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Watch the “Journey Today Show” on JAM Family Church together.

Have your Bible ready to look up the story!

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2.3 JAM FAMILY CHURCH OUTLINE



★ APPLICATION ACTIVITY

MARSHMALLOW BLASTERS

We all have things happen in our lives that seem to be 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, but we're going to do something fun to decide who gets to talk.



Directions: Make a Balloon Blaster with a plastic cup and balloon as illustrated. Take one mini marshmallow at a time and place it in the marshmallow blaster. Shoot it at someone in your family. 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 your family what happened and why you thought it was so unfair.

After the first person tells about his situation, ask the rest of rest of your family how God might want them to respond in that situation. For example, if someone tells a story 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 the kid who shared it use the "Marshmallow Blaster" to shoot a marshmallow at a different person. The next person will then get to share a situation from his or her life. Repeat the process until everyone in your family has had a turn to share. If further conversation seems appropriate, you may want to continue with more 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?

★ MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

PICTURE THIS BIBLE VERSE

Directions: Place the "Picture This" Bible verse cards in the center of everyone (attachment under the Family Church video). Each card will contain a part of the verse. Have the kids arrange the cards in the correct order. For younger kids who are still learning to read, you may have to assist them with this. This month's Bible verse is:

"The Lord is faithful and will keep all of his promises. He is loving toward everything he has made." Psalm 145:13b (NirV)

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Tell the kids that they're going to replace each part of the verse with a picture. Begin by reading the words on the first card and ask if anyone can think of a picture that represents those words. Choose a family member to flip the card over and draw that picture on the back. Continue this for each of the cards.

When finished, once again place all of the cards in order the words facing up. Begin by reading the verse together. Now flip one of the cards over so that the picture is facing up. Recite the verse again. Continue flipping over cards and reciting the verse until all of the words have been replaced with pictures. When you are able to recite the verse using only the pictures, begin removing one card at a time. Each time you remove a card, recite the verse. Continue doing this until all of the cards are removed and the kids can recite the entire verse from memory.

Question: Now that you have that verse memorized, can you tell me what it means to you?

PRAYER ACTIVITY

HANG TEN PRAYERS

Begin by practicing the "Hang Ten" hand sign made popular by the surf culture. Extend your thumb and pinky fingers outward while curling your middle three fingers inward. Turn your hand so that your thumb is pointing toward yourself while your pinky is pointed toward others. Tell your family that you can use this as a reminder to pray not only for yourself, but for others too.



Go around the circle having each person practice the "Hang Ten" sign. While they're practicing the sign, have them share one prayer request for themselves and one prayer request for someone else. When all have had a chance to share their requests, pray together. Allow anyone who would like to pray an opportunity to do so. When it seems like everyone who wants a turn has prayed, close prayer time in a final prayer.

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