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STUDENT DEVOTIONAL UNIT 3

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UNIT 3: GOD IS IN CONTROL

Session 1: Jacob and Esau Genesis 25, 27



Sunday, October 27

Who is in control
of everything?

God is in control of everything
in heaven and on earth.
Nothing is outside of God's
good plan.

Memory Verse: Genesis 50:20

"You planned evil against me; God planned it for good to bring about the present result—the survival of many people."

Monday,
October 28

SESSION 1



Before you read...

- ▶ Last week, we read that Abraham sent his servant to find a wife for Isaac from Abraham's own people. The servant found Rebekah, the granddaughter of Abraham's brother and she married Isaac.
- ▶ This week, we will learn how God continued to be faithful to His promise to Abraham, even after he died. Isaac and Rebekah had been married for a while and did not have any children, yet.



Read Genesis 25:21-26

- ▶ What did Isaac pray and ask the Lord for?

- ▶ Rebekah felt the babies struggling in her womb... almost like they were fighting with each other. What did God tell Rebekah was happening with the babies?

- ▶ Which twin was born first?



Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we are reading that God continued to be faithful to Abraham's family, even after he died. We are reading about Isaac, Rebekah and their twin sons Esau and Jacob.
- ▶ Yesterday, we learned that God told Rebekah that the two babies in her womb were fighting like two nations. He said that one nation would be stronger than the other and that the older brother would serve the younger one. We are going to skip ahead to chapter 27. Esau and Jacob grew into adults. Esau was a skillful hunter and Jacob was a quiet man who stayed among the tents.



Read Genesis 27:1-10

- ▶ What did Isaac ask Esau for?

- ▶ What did Rebekah tell Jacob to do?

- ▶ Why do you think Rebekah wanted Jacob to have the blessing instead of Esau?

Wednesday,
October 30

SESSION 1



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Isaac was old and about to die and he wanted to give his firstborn son, Esau, a blessing. But Rebekah wanted to trick Isaac into giving his blessing to Jacob instead. Rebekah loved Jacob more than Esau.
- ▶ Remember, God is always in control. Nothing is outside of His plan, even when people like Rebekah and Jacob try to control a situation.



Read Genesis 27:14-20

- ▶ What did Rebekah put on Jacob to make him more like Esau?

- ▶ Who did Jacob tell his father, Isaac, that he was?

- ▶ Who is sinning in this passage?



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Rebekah dressed Jacob up in Esau's clothes and Jacob told his father that he was Esau. Rebekah and Jacob were both lying and sinning against God.
- ▶ Remember, back in chapter 25, God told Rebekah that her older son would serve her younger son. Rebekah was trying to make this happen. Rather than trusting God to keep His promise, they tried to control the situation.



Read Genesis 27:21-29

- ▶ Which son did Isaac think he was speaking to at first?

- ▶ When did Isaac change his mind and think he was talking to Esau?

- ▶ What did Isaac say would happen to Jacob in the blessing that he gave him in verses 28-29?

Friday,
November 1

SESSION 1



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Isaac did not believe it was Esau at first, but once he smelled the clothes that Jacob was wearing, Isaac gave him a blessing. The blessing said that many nations would serve Jacob and bow down to him.
- ▶ Today, we will see how Esau felt when he learned of Rebekah and Jacob's trick.



Read Genesis 27:30-35

- ▶ What did Esau do when he learned Isaac gave his blessing to Jacob?

- ▶ What did Isaac do when he learned of Jacob's trick?

- ▶ How do you think the brothers will treat each other after this?

Word Search for Jacob Deceived Isaac



Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.



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N	O	N	I	E	E	S	A	U	A	O
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BLESSING
BROTHERS

DECEIVED
ESAU

FATHER
FOOD

ISAAC
JACOB

REBEKAH
SONS

UNIT 3: GOD IS IN CONTROL

Session 2: Jacob Fled from Canaan Genesis 28, 32



Sunday, November 3

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Memory Verse: Genesis 50:20

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**Before you read...**

- ▶ Last week, we read that Jacob deceived his father, Isaac, and stole his brother, Esau's blessing. Esau was very angry and Jacob had to leave to get away from Esau. Isaac sent Jacob away to find a wife from Abraham's people.
- ▶ This week, we will learn that even though Jacob lied and deceived to get the blessing, God promised to be with Jacob, which is the same promise God gave to Abraham, Jacob's grandfather.

**Read Genesis 28:10-12**

- ▶ Describe what Jacob saw in his dream.

- ▶ Draw a picture of what you think his dream looked like.

Tuesday,
November 5

SESSION 2



Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we will learn that even though Jacob lied and deceived to get the blessing, God promised to be with Jacob, which is the same promise God gave to Abraham, Jacob's grandfather.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Jacob set out to travel to Haran. On his way, Jacob had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth and reaching to heaven with the angels of God going up and down on it.



Read Genesis 28:13-15

- ▶ Who stood above the stairway?

- ▶ What did God promise Jacob?

- ▶ Who else did God give a promise like this to?



Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we will learn that even though Jacob lied and deceived to get the blessing, God promised to be with Jacob, which is the same promise God gave to Abraham, Jacob's grandfather.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that God promised to give Jacob and his descendants the land Jacob was lying on. God also promised He would not leave Jacob. God gave a very similar promise to Jacob's grandfather, Abraham. God always keeps His promises!



Read Genesis 28:16-19

- ▶ What did Jacob think when he woke up from his dream?

- ▶ What did Jacob do after he woke up?

- ▶ This seems like an interesting thing to do. Why do you think Jacob did that?

Thursday,
November 7

SESSION 2



Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we will learn that even though Jacob lied and deceived to get the blessing, God promised to be with Jacob, which is the same promise God gave to Abraham, Jacob's grandfather.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Jacob woke up from his dream and knew that the Lord was in that place. He also set up the stone as a pillar and poured oil over it. Today we will read what that meant to Jacob.



Read Genesis 28:20-22

- ▶ What did Jacob ask God to do for him on his journey?

- ▶ What did Jacob say the stone pillar represented?

- ▶ What will Jacob give to God?



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Jacob made a vow to declare that the Lord will be his God if God watched over him on his journey. He also promised to give a tenth of all that he had to the Lord. God already promised Jacob in the dream that He would watch over him. Jacob had never chosen to follow God like his father Isaac and his grandfather Abraham. This is the first time he declared the Lord would be his God. Just as God promised to be with Jacob, when we trust in Jesus, God promises to always be with us.
- ▶ Today, we are going to skip ahead and read a short passage where God changed Jacob's name because Jacob had finally chosen to follow God.



Read Genesis 32:22-30

- ▶ What was Jacob doing with "the man" in this passage?

- ▶ What did "the man" say Jacob's name would be changed to?

- ▶ What do you know about Jacob's new name?

Stairway to Heaven

"I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Genesis 28:13b (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



P	R	U	E	H	T	B	N	M	L	X	F	K	O	Q	Y	D	Z	C	V	W	J	S	A	I	G
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- 23-6-14-8-4 _____
- 5-4-24-17 _____
- 23-10-4-4-1 _____
- 17-2-4-24-9 _____
- 23-6-24-25-2-21-24-16 _____
- 5-4-24-20-4-8 _____
- 24-8-26-4-10-23 _____
- 1-2-14-9-25-23-4 _____

DREAM	SLEEP	STAIRWAY	STONE
PROMISE	HEAVEN	ANGELS	HEAD

UNIT 3: GOD IS IN CONTROL

Session 3: Joseph Taken to Egypt Genesis 37, 39-46, 50



Sunday, November 10

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Memory Verse: Genesis 50:20

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Monday,
November 11

SESSION 3



Before you read...

- ▶ Last week, we read that in a dream, God came down to Jacob and promised to be with him and give him the land He promised his grandfather, Abraham. God always keeps His promises.
- ▶ Now, the family of Abraham was growing larger as Jacob married and had twelve sons. This week, we will read about Jacob's son Joseph and how God was always with him.
- ▶ Joseph's story in the Bible is 14 chapters long! We are not going to read all of it. There are many confusing and scary things that happen to Joseph. We will read a few details of the most important parts of Joseph's story.



Read Genesis 37:3-8

- ▶ How much did Jacob love Joseph?

- ▶ What did Joseph see in a dream?

- ▶ What did Joseph's brothers think of him?



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- ▶ Today, we begin reading when Joseph has gone out to search for his brothers who were tending their sheep.



Read Genesis 37:19-28

- ▶ What did Joseph's brothers want to do to him?

- ▶ What did Joseph's brothers do to Joseph instead? (verse 24)

- ▶ What did Judah suggest they do with Joseph?
Where did Joseph end up?

Wednesday,
November 13

SESSION 3



Before you read...

- ▶ The family of Abraham was growing larger as Jacob married and had twelve sons. This week, we will read about Jacob's son Joseph and how God was always with him. Joseph's story in the Bible is 14 chapters long! We are not going to read all of it. There are many confusing and scary things that happen to Joseph. We will read a few details of the most important parts of Joseph's story.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Joseph's brothers wanted to kill him, but threw him in a cistern instead and eventually sold him into slavery to a group of people who took him to Egypt. Today, we will skip ahead to when Joseph is in prison in Egypt in the house of Pharaoh.



Read Genesis 41:15-30

- ▶ What did Pharaoh ask Joseph to do?

- ▶ What did Pharaoh dream about?

- ▶ What did God tell Joseph that the dreams meant?



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Pharaoh asked Joseph to interpret his dreams about 7 fat cows being eaten by 7 skinny cows. God revealed to Joseph that after 7 years of great abundance in the land there would be 7 years of great famine. This means that there would be no food.
- ▶ Today, we will skip ahead again. After Joseph told Pharaoh what his dreams meant, Pharaoh put Joseph in charge of Egypt. Joseph worked hard to preserve as much grain as possible to help them when the 7 years of famine came.



Read Genesis 42:1-9

- ▶ What did Jacob send his sons to do in Egypt?

- ▶ What does verse 6 say Joseph's job was?

- ▶ Did Joseph and his brothers recognize each other?

Friday,
November 15

SESSION 3



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Joseph's brothers came to Egypt to buy grain during the famine. Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him. Joseph accused them of being spies.
- ▶ Joseph's story of his brothers in Egypt is fascinating. You can read it all from chapters 42-50. Joseph was probably angry at his brothers for selling him into slavery. But God was always with Joseph and had a great plan for Joseph to save the land during the famine. We are going to skip ahead at the end to read one of the final conversations Joseph had with his brothers.



Read Genesis 50:15-21

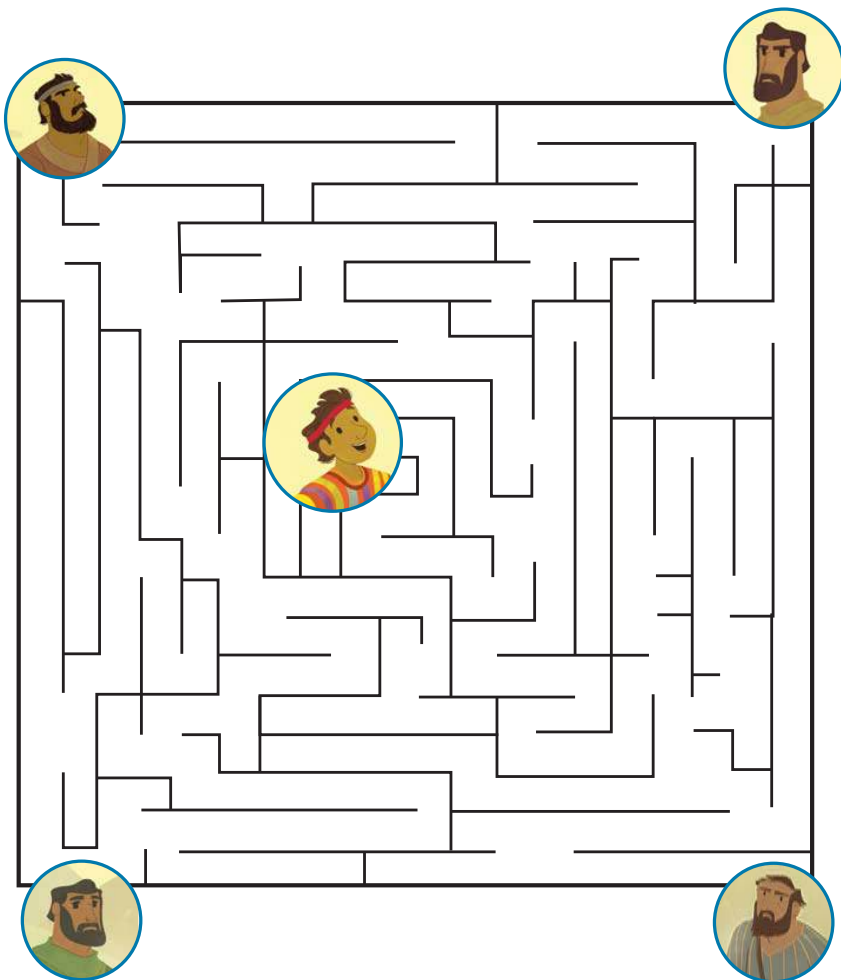
- ▶ What did Joseph's brothers want Joseph to do?

- ▶ Read verses 19 and 20 again. What did God intend to do with Joseph's life?

- ▶ Even though many bad things happened in Joseph's life, God used it for good because Joseph saved many lives during the famine. God used someone else who suffered to the point of death to save the lives of others...who is it?

Connect Joseph to His Brothers

Find the path from Joseph in the center to each brother in the corner.



UNIT 3: GOD IS IN CONTROL

Session 4: The Suffering of Job Job



Sunday, November 17

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Memory Verse: Genesis 50:20

"You planned evil against me; God planned it for good to bring about the present result—the survival of many people."



Before you read...

- ▶ Last week, we finished reading the first book of the Bible, Genesis. We learned about Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. Throughout all of their lives, God was in control, even when they tried to control the circumstances. Nothing is outside of God's plan.
- ▶ This week, we are going to read from the book of Job. We will see that Job suffers greatly, but God is good even in Job's suffering, just like He was for Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph.



Read Job 1:6-12

- ▶ Who was the Lord talking to in these verses?

- ▶ What does God say about Job in verse 8?

- ▶ What does Satan say will cause Job to curse God?

Tuesday,
November 19

SESSION 4



Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we are reading from the book of Job. We will see that Job suffers greatly, but God is good even in Job's suffering, just like He was for Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that God was talking to Satan about Job. God said that Job was blameless and upright. Satan said that if God took away all of Job's blessings that Job would curse God.



Read Job 1:13-22

- ▶ Make a list of all of the things that Job lost in these verses.

- ▶ What did Job do when he heard the news of all of these things that died?

- ▶ What did Job say after he learned of all that was lost?

**Before you read...**

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Job lost all of his oxen, donkeys, sheep, camels, servants, sons, and daughters. After he learned of all of these great losses, Job still said, "May the name of the Lord be praised."
- ▶ Satan talks to God again and says that Job will curse God if God allows for Job's flesh and bones to be hurt. God allows this suffering. We will read how Job responds.

**Read Job 2:6-10**

- ▶ What painful things did Job suffer?

- ▶ What did Job's wife tell him to do?

- ▶ How did Job reply to his wife?

Thursday,
November 21

SESSION 4



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Satan caused Job to have painful sores from his feet all the way to the top of his head. Even Job's wife told him to curse God. But Job would not. Job did not sin in what he said.

For the next several chapters, three of Job's friends told him that if he stopped sinning, his suffering would end. Job was a sinner,

- ▶ but his sin did not cause his suffering. Still, Job didn't understand why God allowed him to suffer. Finally, near the end of the book, God speaks to Job from a whirlwind. (Chapters 38-41 are 3 of Julie's favorite chapters in the whole Bible!)



Read Job 38:1-11

Challenge: Read ALL of Job 38-41

- ▶ What question does God ask Job in verse 4?

- ▶ God asks, "Who marked off the earth's dimensions" and "Who shut up the sea behind doors?" Who did those things?

- ▶ What is something that only God can do that amazes you?



Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we are reading from the book of Job. We will see that Job suffers greatly, but God is good even in Job's suffering. Yesterday, we read that God spoke to Job and told him that He is the Creator of all things and that He is all powerful and wise. Only God knows all the secrets of the earth!
- ▶ Did you read all of chapters 38, 39, 40, and 41? Maybe you could listen to those verses through the YouVersion app on a phone or computer.
- ▶ Today, we will read Job's response to God in chapter 42.



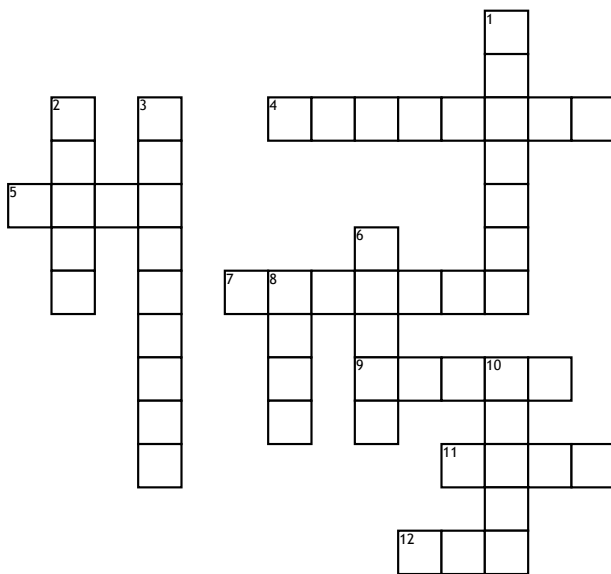
Read Job 42:1-6, 10

- ▶ What does Job say to God in verse 2?

- ▶ After Job admitted that God is in control of everything, what did God do for him? (verse 10)

- ▶ Job suffered a lot and he learned that God is still good even when he was suffering. Can you think of a time when you or someone in your family was suffering and God provided something good?

The Story of Job



Across

4. A great wind blew against the house and it fell down and killed all of Job's _____.

5. Job's _____ told him to curse God and die.

7. Job was blameless and _____ before God.

9. After Job's trial was over, God gave him _____ as much as he had before.

11. After his trial, Job's friends came to comfort him and gave him a piece of silver and a _____ ring.

12. Before Job's troubles began he had _____ children.

Down

1. God said to Satan, "Have you considered my _____ Job? There is no one like him on the earth?"

2. Satan made Job's body covered in _____.

3. God asked Job many _____ to help him understand that God can do all things.

6. Satan felt that Job loved God only because he had received so many _____ from God.

8. God told Job to _____ for his friends who had not spoken what was right.

10. God has promised a _____ of life to all who endure testing! James 1:12

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