

Lesson 6: Jacob is Chosen

Objective(s):

- Meditate on what God's plan for "Me" is
- Generate a list of things we need to do to prepare for the plan
- Know the story of Jacob and God's plan for him and the people

Pre-broadcast Questions:

- What does it feel like to be chosen? (Make the team? Get the part?)
- Who was Isaac's brother? (Hint: He became the father of the Arab nations)
- Who does Isaac marry?
- How many children do they have and what are their names?
- How was Jacob chosen?
- What does God change Jacob's name to?
- Who else has their name changes?

Content Points:

1. What does it feel like to be chosen? i.e. make the team, get the part, etc. How was Jacob chosen? Rebecca tricked Isaac into giving his blessing to Jacob, not Esau.
2. Jacob is renamed Israel. Discuss the meaning of a name in Hebrew culture.
3. We are called or chosen by God through our baptism. Last week we talked about good works, in particular prayer, this week we are talking about sacrifice.
4. For what role was Jacob chosen? To be Patriarch. How did he change to fulfill this role? He changed from a clever selfish person to a loving, caring person.

Activities:

- Say a prayer and go through the "God Has Work For you, Only You Can Do" Activity Sheet

Homework:

- In your Bible Journey Logs you could write a reflection on what you think God has in mind for you. Hopefully the sheet you filed out earlier will help
- Do you have a favorite Bible quote or passage?
What is it?
- Do you have a Bible in your house?
- Do you think reading the Bible is easy or hard? Why?

Teacher Follow-up:

- Know the various episode of Jacob's life; dream of ladder, wrestling with angel, etc.
- Lead students to recognize that God guided Jacob and brought good from deceit
- Help students understand that God will guide us as He did Jacob
- Identify our mission as Christians
- Renew baptism commitments in a prayer celebration

For Next Time:

- Make copies of quotation sheet and bring magazine pictures for collages

Lesson 7: Joseph, Son of Israel (End of Patriarchs, final story of Genesis)

Objective(s):

- Identify leadership qualities
- List major events in Joseph's life
- Know ways to grow in a trustful acceptance of God's providence
- Define and understand "Pre-figuring"
- Identify ways Joseph prefigures Jesus

Pre-broadcast Questions:

- What do you know about Joseph?
- Who were his brothers?
- What were his talents?
- What happened to him?
- What special qualities does Joseph show as a leader?
- How can you show leadership qualities in helping the poor or those in trouble?
- What are some of the signs of God's help in Joseph's life?
- In what way does Joseph still need to grow?
- When did God bring good out of suffering or a difficult situation in your life?

Content Points:

1. Why do certain things happen in our lives? We never see the complete picture (visuals)
2. Go through the story of Joseph and his slavery and eventual leadership in Egypt
 - a) Joseph's dream
 - b) The coat of many colors
 - c) Envy of his brothers
 - d) Sold into slavery
 - e) God's plan for Joseph in Egypt
3. Pharaoh chooses Joseph and makes him governor
4. Joseph's leadership qualities
5. See how Joseph learns to trust in God and prefigures Jesus

Activities:

- Drawings demonstrating Luke 12:23-32 (The lilies of the field and the birds of the air)
- Make a list of similarities between Joseph and Jesus

Homework:

Make collages for the five quotations in the Teacher's Packet and on website

Teacher Follow-up Activities:

- Think of a time when something good came out of suffering or a difficult situation in your life. Talk to parent or grandparent and write a report
- Identify Joseph's strengths and weaknesses

For next time:

Bring supplies for making cards

Lesson 8: Thanksgiving PRAYER SERVICE

Objective(s):

- Realize that God deserves and desires their thanks
- Express appreciation to God for His gifts

Pre-broadcast Questions:

- What are the things you are thankful for this Thanksgiving?
- How do you think Jesus felt when no one thanked Him for curing him or her?
- Why should we give thanks?

Content Points:

1. Prayer Service

Activities:

Pray with us

Homework:

- Write thank you notes to God. Decorate the cover with music notes, or cut out the card in the shape of a music note, and send them to me for display on the air.
- Obadiah would like you to do some research during your Thanksgiving celebration on your family trees. Send him whatever information you find out. ...

Teacher Follow-up Activities:

Send students to message board to post comments

For next time:

Prepare for Jesse Tree celebration