THE BACKYARD BULLETIN

WEEK OF
Nov. 22nd

THIS WEEK IN THE BACKYARD

Bible:
Jacob & Esau

Big Idea:
God chooses sinners to receive His grace

Memory Verse:
Genesis 28:15

"Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

What We Learned:

Though Esau was born first, it was God's purpose in election to pass His blessings on through Jacob. This was based not on works or even great faith by Jacob but on God's grace.

Practice at Home

This Week's Challenge:

- [ ] Say the memory verse together
- [ ] Pray together as a family
- [ ] Complete the activity on the back

ASK YOUR KIDS

- What was your favorite part of Backyard Brock this week?
- What did you learn about God?
- How can we live this out this week?

Songs to Sing at Home

- This is Our God
- You Make Me Brave
- Great Things

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Coming Up

- No Church Wednesday November 25th
- 1stKids Live - November 29th
- Amazing Bible Race/Basecamp Dec. 2nd

Catechism of the Week

Q 6: How can we glorify God?

Answer: By loving him and by obeying his commands and law.

From The New City Catechism for Kids

Get Connected

1st KIDS FIRST BAPTIST NIXA

Parent's Guide

Genesis 25–33

God's Grace Brings Reconciliation

Jacob and Esau's story is filled with selfishness, deception, jealousy, and broken relationships. Jacob took advantage of his brother and later deceived his father to receive the blessing meant for Esau. Esau became so angry that Jacob had to flee for his life. Yet God did not abandon Jacob. He met him at Bethel and reaffirmed His promises to him. Years later, when Jacob was preparing to face Esau again, he feared what might happen. But God was at work. Instead of the revenge Jacob expected, Esau welcomed his brother with open arms. Their reunion reminds us that God is gracious even when we fail, and He can bring reconciliation where there has been hurt and brokenness. We should seek forgiveness when we have wronged others and be willing to forgive those who have wronged us. Ultimately, God's grace toward us in Christ gives us the foundation and motivation to extend grace to others.

Big Truth:

God shows us grace and calls us to extend grace and forgiveness to others.

Family Prayer:

Father, thank You for showing us grace even when we sin and fail. Help us be quick to seek forgiveness when we hurt others and willing to forgive those who hurt us. Thank You for the forgiveness we have through Jesus. Amen.

Family Activity

Gather some building blocks, LEGO bricks, or other materials and work together to build a bridge. As you build, talk about how sin can damage relationships and create distance between people. Have each family member name something that can hurt a relationship, such as lying, selfishness, or anger. With each answer, add a block to your bridge. When the bridge is complete, read Colossians 3:13 together. Discuss how forgiveness helps restore broken relationships and how God has forgiven us through Christ. Remind your children that we cannot always make someone forgive us or restore a relationship immediately, but we can take responsibility for our sin, seek forgiveness, and extend grace to others.

Read Together • Genesis 25–33

Read these passages together as a family, then discuss:

1. Genesis 25:29–34: Why did Esau give up his birthright? What does this teach us about selfishness and making choices?

1. 2. Genesis 27:30–36: How did Jacob's deception hurt his family? Why is lying and taking advantage of others wrong?

2. 3. Genesis 28:13–15: What promises did God make to Jacob even after his sin? What does this teach us about God's grace?

3. 4. Genesis 33:1–4: How did Esau respond when he finally saw Jacob? What does it mean to forgive someone?

5. Have you ever hurt someone or been hurt by someone? What could it look like to seek forgiveness or extend forgiveness?

Remember: God has shown us great grace through Jesus. Because we have been forgiven, we can forgive others.

Memory Verse Key:

Kindergaten: memorize the text in Green

1st-2nd Grade: memorize the Green and Red text

3rd-6th Grade: memorize Green, Red, and Black text

