

Lesson 8: *The Girl No One Wanted*

Opening Activity:

Ask: Has there ever been a time when you felt like other people didn't want you around? How did that make you feel? Sometimes other people might treat us in ways that are not nice. But God always loves us. His love is forever and unstoppable. In today's Bible story, we'll hear about a woman named Leah. God loved Leah very much. Sometimes people were not very nice to Leah. But God had a great plan for Leah.

Bible Story:

Read: *"The Girl No One Wanted"* pg. 70–75 in *The Jesus Storybook Bible*

Share: Jacob didn't see things how God did. When Jacob looked at Leah, he only saw the outside. But God sees the inside. Leah was so special to God that He chose her to be the ancestor of Jesus, our savior!

Activity: What's on the Inside?

You will need: *An apple, orange, or pumpkin; something to slice it with.*

Say: Sometimes when we look at something, we only see what is on the outside. *Show the pumpkin or piece of fruit.* What do you notice about this fruit? What does it look like? What color is it? Does it look good to eat? But there is so much more on the inside. If we cut this open what do we find? *Slice the fruit or pumpkin so that the seeds are exposed.* We find seeds, and we find fruit that we can eat. Seeds are amazing. When you plant them in the ground and water them, they create new life. There is so much more to a piece of fruit than what we see on the outside.

Say: Jacob didn't understand at first that Leah was very special. But God knew. You are special too and God knows your heart just like God knew Leah's heart.

Closing Prayer

Dear God, thank you for loving us so much. Thank you for the great way you loved Leah! Help us to see other people the way you do. Amen.

** For Parents to read to themselves.*

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Preschool

Hello in Many Languages

French → Bonjour

Spanish → Hola

Russian → Privet

Chinese → Nǐ hǎo

Italian → Ciao

Japanese → Konnichiwa

German → Guten Tag

Korean → Anyoung

Arabic → Asalaam alaikum (Peace be upon you)

Danish → Goddag