



K-5TH GRADE PRODUCTION



AUGUST 24th

Bible Story: Jacob's Dream • *Genesis 28:10-22*
(supporting: *Genesis 25:19-34; 27*)

Bottom Line: You can trust that God is with you.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see.*
Hebrews 11:1 (NirV)

8:45/10:45/12:30	PC (HOST) takes the stage; encourages kids to begin clean up; hypes kids for Large Group
9:15/11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Gives cue to Tech to begin 30 second monthly countdown ■ ½ House Lights Remain UP until end of Bust Out
8:48/10:48/12:33 9:18/11:03	SFX: 30 Second Countdown Bustout – Hope is Alive
8:51/10:51/12:36 9:21/11:18	Welcome & Announcements Boo-YAH!! PRAY
8:55/10:55/12:40 9:25/11:10	<p>OPENER</p> <p>HOST: "Hey, everyone! Welcome to <i>(name of kids environment)</i>! I can't wait to learn more with all of you about the origins of our faith! This month we've discovered how God created us and everything in the world. We have another epic story from Genesis today all about faith! The Bible tells us that:</p> <p>SLIDE: Memory Verse</p> <p><i>Open the Bible to Hebrews 11:1 (NirV) and read.</i></p> <p><i>Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see.</i></p> <p>"So we can have faith in a loving and all-powerful God, even when we can't see Him face to face. We can learn about who He is through the Bible and know I can trust God no matter what! Speaking of powerful, I need a few kids who were created by God to be incredibly strong. We have a <i>hulk</i>-ingly big challenge today that requires some smashing!</p> <p><i>Pick 3-5 kids to come up onstage. The number of kids depends on how many options you have for them to smash. Each kid will need at most 2 boxes, and at least 1 (0 if they take the previous kid's prize).</i></p> <p>"You guys will each get a chance to smash one of these boxes to discover what's behind. After your first smash, you have a big decision to make. You can either keep the prize you discovered, or choose to smash one more. If you choose to smash again, you HAVE TO keep the second prize—whether or not it's good.</p> <p>"Now the next kid in line can choose to keep the item the first kid gave up, or start smashing for themselves. But if they choose to smash instead, the first item is no longer up for grabs to anyone, and they have to follow the same rules for smashing.</p>

	<p>Everybody ready?</p> <p>AUDIO: Upbeat Game Music</p> <p><i>Pick the kids to smash one at a time. Make sure the punch in the center of the paper so they don't hit the sides of the cube storage. Adding a bullseye or logo in the center will help with this. You can even pre-cut the paper a little in the center to help it tear.</i></p> <p><i>Fill the boxes with a mixture of good things and crazy things, like cans of dog food or cleaning supplies.</i></p> <p><i>Optional: Give out any remaining good or bad prizes to random kids at the end.</i></p> <p>"You had to flex your brain muscles as well as your arm muscles for that one! Let's all stand up and flex our heart muscles together as we worship God and tell Him we love Him!"</p>
<p>9:00/11:00/12:45</p> <p>9:30/11:15</p>	<p>WORSHIP</p> <p><i>Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.</i></p> <p>WORSHIP LEADER: "Hey! I'm excited to worship with you today! One of the ways we worship is by giving honor to God through singing and dancing. Let's go ahead and worship together.</p> <p>AUDIO: "Praise" / track 3 from Start the Party</p> <p>"Great job everyone! Let's go ahead and sit down and hear our true story from the Bible today!"</p>
<p>9:03/11:03/12:48</p> <p>9:33/11:18</p>	<p>BIBLE STORY</p> <p>SLIDE: Theme Background</p> <p><i>Storyteller enters as Worship Leaders exit.</i></p> <p>INTRODUCTION</p> <p>STORYTELLER: "Hey, everyone! I'm so excited that you are here with me today!</p> <p>"Let me give you the low down on what's going on! We just started our journey through the Bible! This year, we're going through the ENTIRE story of the Bible together! Each week, we'll talk about an important story from the big story God is telling in the Bible.</p> <p>"Why are we going through the stories of the Bible? Well, it's not so we can just become super-smart Bible people! You see, God gave us the Bible so we can know about Him—who He is and what His heart is like. So as we go through the story of the Bible, hopefully we learn about Him!</p> <p>GOD'S BIG STORY OPENER (OPTIONAL)</p> <p>"We're going to go through God's Big Story! <i>(Gesture to slide.)</i></p> <p>SLIDE: God's Big Story</p> <p>SETTING UP THE STORY</p> <p>STORYTELLER: "A couple of weeks ago, we started at the beginning of God's Story, just like you'd think we should! And this week, we're still in the first book of the Bible, Genesis. <i>(Hold up Bible.)</i></p>

"Genesis is the story of the beginning. In the beginning, God created the heavens and the Earth, and everything on the Earth—including us! We are all made in the image of God, which means we were created to show each other what God is like. God is loving, so we can love others like He does! God is kind, so we can be kind like He is! God is fair, so we can be fair like He is!

"And God has always wanted to be close to us. Sadly, the first people whom God made, chose not to trust Him. They disobeyed God. They sinned. Sin is anything that goes against God and His ways.

"When they sinned, they ushered in a curse. This curse affected everyone's heart and pulled them away from God. Anyone who was born after Adam and Eve had an affected heart too. It broke everyone's relationship with God.

"Sin didn't just hurt their hearts—it also hurt the world! The curse of sin brought pain, sickness, sadness, and even death. That was never God's plan.

"But God loves us so much! He wants us to be close to Him. So He already had a rescue plan in place and restore our relationship with Him. God chose Abraham and his wife Sarah to be a part of that plan. God told Abraham the entire world would be blessed through their family.

THE TRICKSTER

STORYTELLER: "Abraham and Sarah grew very old, but eventually they had a son named Isaac, just like God had promised. When Isaac grew up, he married a woman named Rebekah, and together they had twins, Jacob and Esau. That's where our story starts today!

"This is really fun, but I invited Jacob to join us today to help us tell the story."

Host enters dressed as Jacob, or can be another male leader.

HOST: "Hey everyone, I'm JACOB. Got it!?"

STORYTELLER: "Yes, yes we get it—even though Jacob died thousands of years ago."

HOST: "Wait, what?"

STORYTELLER: "Nothing, don't worry about it, *Jacob*. Jacob could you please go stand by the first picture, the tent?"

Host stands in front of the tent and picks up the cooking pot.

"As I was saying, Isaac and Rebekah had twins! The first born was Esau."

HOST: "Oh dear. Firstborn brother. We really didn't get along at first."

STORYTELLER: "Well, yes, you and Esau were very different. The Bible tells us that Esau was a wild man! He was hairy and rugged. He liked to be out in the wild hunting.

"While Jacob (*reference the Host*) he was . . . not hairy, and he liked to stay at home by the tents. He helped with the cooking and was known to be kind of sneaky.

"One day when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the country and he was HUNGRY! He was so hungry and so impatient that Jacob saw an opportunity. When Esau demanded Jacob give him some stew, Jacob made him a deal. He said:

Open the Bible to Genesis 25:31 (NIV) and read.

"First sell me the rights that belong to you as the oldest son in the family."

HOST: "First sell me the rights that belong to you as the oldest son in the family."

STORYTELLER: "Esau was so hungry he thought he was going to die! So he said yes! He agreed to sell his birthright! Can you believe it? His rights as the firstborn son were very important and valuable, and he gave them to Jacob for a lunch."

"Sadly, this was only the beginning of Jacob's sneakiness."

Host rubs his hands together and laughs mischievously. And walks over the second scene inside the bedroom. Puts on the fuzzy jacket.

"As Isaac grew older, his eyesight began to fail and he couldn't see well. When he was old and weakened, Isaac called for his oldest son, Esau. Isaac told Esau he was going to give Esau a special blessing that only the oldest son received, but first Esau should go hunt fresh meat and prepare a meal for Isaac. Esau rushed out to hunt for a wild animal he could bring back."

"Rebekah heard what her husband had told Isaac, but this is what she said instead."

Open the Bible to Genesis 27:8-10 (NIRV) and read.

"My son, listen carefully. Do what I tell you. Go out to the flock. Bring me two of the finest young goats. I will prepare tasty food for your father. I'll make it just the way he likes it. I want you to take it to your father to eat. Then he'll give you his blessing before he dies."

"Rebekah and Jacob worked together to trick Isaac into giving Jacob Esau's blessing. (Reference the Host.) Jacob covered his arms with fur so he'd feel hairy like his brother was, and even wore some of Esau's clothes. Then he went to see Isaac with the food Rebekah had made. Isaac couldn't see it was really Jacob, so he gave Esau's blessing to Jacob instead!"

JACOB FLEES

STORYTELLER: "As you can imagine, when Esau got home and found out, he was FURIOUS! He was so angry he actually planned to kill his own brother, Jacob. Rebekah quickly sent him away to her brother Laban who lived in Harran."

Host flees to the wilderness scene looking over his shoulder scared.

"Jacob fled from his home, scared and alone. Now he was on the run from his own brother. He had a LONG journey ahead of him. It would take him weeks to walk the about 500-mile line trip to Harran. As night began to fall, Jacob was alone in the wilderness and far from home. He had no bed, so he took a stone and placed it under his head and lay down to sleep on the ground."

Host lies down on the ground with a rock under his head. Snores loudly.

"While he slept, Jacob had a dream."

Host jumps up and rushes to the next scene, the stairway.

"In his dream there was a long stairway that reached from the Earth all the way to heaven. And Jacob saw angels going up and down the stairway, to and from Earth. And God stood right next to the stairway!"

Open the Bible to Genesis 28:13-15 (NIRV) and read.

He said, "I am the LORD. I am the God of your grandfather Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your children after you the land you are lying on. They will be like the dust of the earth that can't be counted. . . . All nations on earth will be blessed because of you and your children after you. I am with you. I will watch over you everywhere you go. And I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

"That was a lot of the same promises God had given to Abraham, Jacob's grandfather! But there were some new promises too. God promised to be with Jacob and to watch over him everywhere he went!

Host heads back to the wilderness scene. Lies down on the rock again.

JACOB'S FUTURE

STORYTELLER: "Jacob surely knew about the one true God, because his dad Isaac and grandfather Abraham still worshipped Him. But we don't know if Jacob himself followed God before this dream.

"When Jacob awoke, he was astounded! He said to himself:

Open the Bible to Genesis 28:16 (NIRV) and read

"The LORD is surely in this place. And I didn't even know it."

HOST: *(Wakes up.)* "The Lord is surely in this place. And I didn't even know it."

Host should pantomime the next part as the Storyteller says it.

STORYTELLER: "Early the next morning, Jacob got up and turned his stone pillow into a sacred rock. Jacob poured oil over the stone and named the place Bethel, which means 'House of God.'

"Then Jacob made a promise to God, he said:

Open the Bible to Genesis 28:20-21 (NIRV) and read.

"May God be with me. May he watch over me on this journey I'm taking . . ."

HOST: "May God be with me. May he watch over me on this journey I'm taking . . ."

STORYTELLER: *"May he do as he has promised so that I can return safely to my father's home. Then you, LORD, will be my God."*

HOST: "May he do as he has promised so that I can return safely to my father's home. Then you, Lord, will be my God."

STORYTELLER: "After that, Jacob continued on his journey.

"Thanks *(Host's Name)* for helping us out as Jacob."

HOST: "I surely don't know what you mean! I AM Jacob!"

Host exits.

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "After his dream, Jacob continued his long journey to Harran. He lived with his uncle Laban for around 20 years. He got married there and had most of his thirteen children there! Eventually, Jacob did return home to face his brother

	<p>Esau, just like God promised he would.</p> <p>"Jacob made a lot of mistakes and bad choices in his life, and he didn't always trust God. But God was still with him through it all. Jacob's story shows us that God can work through anyone, no matter how many bad choices they make. God will always be with them, as He is with us!</p> <p>SLIDE: Bottom Line</p> <p>[Bottom Line] "You can trust that God is with you. Say that with me."</p> <p>STORYTELLER and KIDS: [Bottom Line] "You can trust that God is with you."</p> <p>SLIDE: Memory Verse</p> <p><i>Open Bible to Hebrews 11:1 (NIV) and read.</i></p> <p><i>Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see. (NIV)</i></p> <p>"God spoke to Jacob through a dream to remind him of His goodness. But we have the Bible today. And it's so wonderful to read about all of the examples we have in the Bible of how God has kept His promises. God has been so faithful for so long. The Bible is such a record of how deeply God loves us. It's all written down in here. <i>(Hold up the Bible.)</i> In this book and in my life, I can see proof that [Basic Truth] I can trust God no matter what."</p> <p>"The Bible is filled with so many stories of how God showed up to help His people. And as He was helping His people, He was always working to bring us the greatest rescue we needed—Jesus."</p> <p>STORYTELLER: "When we thinking about Jacob, we can remember that even though Jacob made mistakes, God was still with him. God promised that He would always be with Jacob, and it's true for you too! So God is always, always, always with you! He is IN you! He is closer than close. So that is something you can trust—that God is always, always with you. That might be a brand-new idea to some of you, and that's okay! Let's pray and ask God what that means in our daily lives!</p> <p>PRAYER</p> <p>STORYTELLER or HOST: "Dear God, thank You for this story of Jacob! Thank You that You can still work Your good plans through us, even when we make bad choices. And thank You that You are always with us. Thank You that You send Your Holy Spirit to live in us, so we are never alone. Please teach us to trust that You are always with us. Thank You for loving us so much. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."</p>
<p>9:15/11:15/1:00</p> <p>9:45/11:30</p>	<p>WORSHIP LEADER: "We can always praise God! When we are happy, we can praise God; when we are sad, we can praise God. And we can ALWAYS praise God at the top of our lungs!</p> <p>AUDIO: "At the Top of My Lungs" / track 1 from At the Top of My Lungs</p> <p>Optional Video: "At the Top of My Lungs" Dance Moves Video or Live Lyrics Video</p>
<p>9:19/11:19/1:04</p> <p>9:49/11:34</p>	<p>LANDING</p> <p>COMMUNICATOR: So as you head to small group, think about this. . ."</p> <p>CG: Bottom Line Slide</p> <p>[Bottom Line] "You can trust that God is with you."</p> <p>It's time to talk more in Small Groups! Have fun!"</p>

9:20/11:20/1:05	<i>Kids to Small Groups</i>
9:50/11:35	<i>SFX: Play fun music as the kids exit.</i>