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LESSON 3 Juniors

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: No Matter What, God Keeps His

Promises

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 25–27

WORD OF WONDER: From Psalm 90:2

Hello friends, my name is ______, and it's so good to see you today! Let's start by checking out our ping pong jar. What do we need to do to earn a ping pong ball?

Allow kids to answer: Bring a friend, say Word of Wonder, bring your Bible, bring an offering.

Great job! Now, why do we bring an offering?

Allow kids to answer.

That's right! Everything we have is a gift from God. When we give money, it helps us do special things on *Serve the City* days. We use the money to help people in our neighborhoods and to show them God's love.

Giving is one way we can help others and tell them about Jesus!

Thank you for giving! Let's have a fun time today!

Prayer of Invitation

God, we're thankful we get to be together today. Help us learn more about You and Your love for us. Help us understand that You are the God who keeps Your promises not matter what! In Jesus' name, Amen.

God's Big Story

Bible Time Rhyme

I open my Bible and what do I see? (Hold your hands together, then open your palms, as if opening a book.)

God's big story, waiting for me! (Point to yourself.)

Let's start by reading part of God's big story from the book of Genesis in the Bible. That's the first book of the Bible.

Read the God's Big Story Script provided or read Genesis 25:24–34 from the Bible.

GOD'S BIG STORY SCRIPT

Our God's big story today is a great story from the Bible about two brothers named Jacob and Esau. Encourage the kids to say, "Jacob" and "Esau." Let's find out from the Bible what happened to them.

God promised Abraham and Sarah they would have a big family. Not just any big family. A family that would bring blessing to the world! Who is in your family? Allow kids to respond.

Abraham did have a son and that boy grew up and got married and had kids of his own.

He had twins. Do you know what twins are? Is anyone here a twin? Allow the kids to respond.

Twins are baby brothers or sisters who are born on the same day!

Do you have a brother or sister? Do you always get along with your brother or sister? Allow the kids to respond.

The twins in today's story didn't always get along! Their names were Jacob and Esau. Hold up the baby Jacob and Esau puppets.

Esau was the baby who was born first, so when he grew up, he was supposed to get a special gift from their dad. Hold up the adult Jacob and Esau puppets.

But Jacob wanted it, so he tricked their dad, Isaac. Jacob got the blessing and the special gift!

How do you think Esau felt when he found out his brother had tricked him and their dad? Do you think he was angry? Show me an angry face! Hold up the Jacob and Esau puppets and encourage the kids to make angry faces.

Jacob even ran away because his family was upset with him. Make the Jacob puppet run away.

Even though Jacob tricked Esau and their dad, God still had a special plan for this family, and God used them to bring blessings to the world through their family!

Even when people make wrong choices, God's plans still happen because God always keeps His promises, no matter what!

Watch God's Big Story

Worship

Connecting the Wonder Truth

Our Wonder Truth today is NO MATTER WHAT, GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES. Where did you see our Wonder Truth happen in the story? Allow kids to answer freely.

God made a promise with Abraham and kept His promise through Abraham's grandson, Jacob. Even though Jacob tricked his family, God still worked through Jacob to keep His promise to Abraham's family. God made them a great nation, and many years later, blessed the world through Jacob's relative, Jesus.

Word of Wonder

WORD OF WONDER

Before You created the whole world, You are God. You will always be God.

—from Psalm 90:2

Let's practice saying the Word of Wonder together.

Encourage the kids to do the motions and say the verse with you.

- . **BEFORE YOU CREATED**—*Point your thumb backward over your shoulder.*
- THE WHOLE WORLD,—Start with your arms and hands above your head in a circle, moving down to your sides.
 - **YOU ARE GOD.**—*Point up with both hands; three times (once for each word).*
- YOU WILL ALWAYS—Spread your right hand out before you from left to right. BE
- **GOD.**—Point up.
- FROM PSALM 90:2—Hold your hands together as if opening a book.

Our Word of Wonder tells us God was here before He created the world, and He will always be God. God is the Creator. He is amazing. And He is trustworthy! He keeps His promises. We can trust Him. prayer Journal questions:

. How does it make you feel to know that even though God is so big and powerful, He will keep His promise to forgive us and love us, even when we make wrong choices?