



God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:

Jacob and Esau are Reunited

Take Home Point:

God heals families with forgiveness.

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: Tell me about the graham cracker cross you made in small group. What was it decorated with and what did these decorations remind you of? *(The kids frosted the graham crackers with red frosting that represented Jesus' shed blood on the cross and the sprinkles added to them were like our sins that he took on himself. Because of what Jesus did for us, we have his "sweet" forgiveness.)*

God Time at Home

Select questions and adapt for your family.

FOR STARTERS: Tell about a time a family member did something to hurt you and you thought about a way to get even. It could be something recent or something that happened long ago. After discussion, bring out two clear glasses of water. In one glass put a drop of food coloring. Ask, "If this glass of water represents us and the drop of food coloring is like a wrong done to us, how does this show how injuries affect us?" *(Our hearts can become polluted when we hold grudges for the hurts done to us. We can be filled with anger or wanting to get even.)* Next, take another glass of water, but pour in two tablespoons of vegetable oil before dropping the food coloring. Now the coloring drop cannot penetrate. "How is this like our lives when we forgive others?" *(The forgiveness keeps the hurt from polluting us with bitterness or wanting to get even.)*

READ THE BIBLE: Read the Bible event about Jacob and Esau's reunion as found in Genesis 32:3-21, 33:1-11.

KEY VERSE: Luke 18:27, "Jesus said, 'The things that are impossible for people to do are possible for God to do.'"

TALK ABOUT IT: Why was Jacob afraid to meet Esau on his return home? *(Genesis 27. Jacob had stolen Esau's birthright and blessing. Esau hated him and wanted to kill him.)* Why did Jacob send so many sheep, cattle, and goats? What did Esau do when he saw Jacob? Why do you think Esau forgave Jacob? Was it because of the gifts?

When someone has done something wrong to you, who can help you to forgive that person? Have you ever held a grudge against someone or hoped something bad would happen to someone who hurt you? That is unforgiveness. Because Jesus forgives us, we can forgive others. Jacob probably tried to buy Esau's forgiveness with his gifts. But forgiveness can only be given as a free gift. When we freely forgive, it changes people's lives.

PRAYER POWER: Thank God for his forgiveness and the power he gives us to make the choice to forgive others.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

Jesus gives us the power to forgive others by forgiving us of far greater sins we have committed against him. Set aside a special time for family prayer. Have each family member admit to God things done that need his forgiveness. Thank him for Jesus and the power of his forgiveness. Pray that family members might pass along his forgiveness.

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