



God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:

Laban Tricks Jacob

Take Home Point:

God can make good even out of family messes.

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: What did Laban do to trick Jacob that brought division into his family? (*He promised Jacob he could marry his daughter, Rachel, but instead Leah was given to Jacob as a bride.*)

God Time at Home

Select questions and adapt for your family.

FOR STARTERS: Place a plate over the kitchen table. Give every family member a fork and play a game of passing an uncooked egg from fork to fork. (Just make sure you do so over the plate!) Make sure you pass the egg at a height of at least 18 inches. It won't take long for someone to miss and have the egg drop and crack. This will be a mess. Separate the eggshell out of the egg and add the egg to a brownie mix. Prepare and bake. What started off as a mess turned out to be a blessing. God can make good even out of family messes.

READ THE BIBLE: Read the events of Genesis 29:13-31:55 of the relationship Jacob had with his Uncle Laban.

KEY VERSE: Psalm 145:18, *"The LORD is near to everyone who prays to him."*

TALK ABOUT IT: How was Jacob tricked? (*Genesis 29:16-28. Laban gave him Leah to marry instead of Rachel.*) Jacob's family was divided because of lying. Jacob had to run away from home because he lied to his father (*Genesis 27:1-41*). He never saw his mother again. Jacob and his brother were divided as well, and he was afraid of Esau. Now that his Uncle Laban had lied to him, do you think Jacob was tired of lies and saw how they hurt people?

Can you think of a time when you told a lie and it hurt someone else? What does lying do to families? What should you do if you lie to someone in your family?

God wants our families to be put back together. The way he does this is by sending part of his own family, Jesus, into the world. Jesus gave his life for us when he died on the cross. When we trust Jesus, he lives in our heart and helps us tell the truth and forgive others who might have lied to us.

PRAYER POWER: Thank Jesus that he came to put our families back together. Pray to be able to ask for forgiveness when a member hurts someone else. Also pray for the power to forgive another for that hurt.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

While you eat the brownies, let family members talk about times when something happened that seemed to be mess, yet God worked it out for good.

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