

Sunday School Lesson
Sunday, September 27, 2020
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost



GOD

“Jacob said ‘I have seen God face-to-face, and I am still alive’.”

While labeled Sunday School, please feel free to use these ideas in a way that blesses your family. You do not have to do all the activities nor do you need to do them on Sunday morning. You can use whatever translation of the Bible or Children’s Bible you have in your home.

Read: Genesis 32: 1-33: 15

Activities and Background:

This is a long story so when reading to the children you might want to divide it up into 3 sections:

Section 1: Genesis 32: 1-21 Jacob is told to return home.

Section 2: Genesis 32: 22-32 Jacob wrestles

Section 3: Genesis 33: 15 Jacob is reunited with Esau

It is also important that the children remember the early story of Jacob stealing Esau’s birthright which sets the stage for this event. Take time to review that story, Genesis 27.

1. Read the scripture story.
 - I wonder why Jacob might be afraid to meet Esau. Do you remember what happened when Jacob and Esau were younger?
 - I wonder what the face of God looks like.
 - I wonder what the people thought when they saw Jacob and Esau hugging.
2. Here is an opportunity for you and your children to engage in some healthy rough and tumble play. Have a little fun wrestling.
 - Do you remember what happened when Jacob wrestled?
3. Since this is a longer story, older children might enjoy making a cartoon strip to tell the story, rewriting it in their own words or creating a dramatization.
4. Think and talk about it: Have you ever wronged someone and were afraid what they would do to you? How did you feel? Did you wonder what you should do? Did you struggle with what God wanted you to do? What did you end up doing?
5. End with a prayer asking for forgiveness.