

**SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 – GRADE 1-5**

**WONDER TRUTH:** God Keeps His Promises

**SCRIPTURE:** Genesis 18; 21

**GOD'S BIG STORY:** Messengers from God tell Abraham that Sarah will have a son that year, and she does, for God keeps His promises!

**WORD OF WONDER:** Before you created the whole world and the mountains were made, from the beginning to the end you are God. —Psalm 90:2

- During the week, look over the lesson plan. Ensure you are familiar with the Bible story, the main theme of the lesson, and what we want the kids to take away this Sunday.

**DID YOU KNOW?****WHO?**

Jacob and Esau were the twin sons of Isaac. They were in conflict with each other from the womb. Jacob, although the youngest, deceived his brother and father and gained both the birthright and blessing that should have belonged to Esau.

**WHAT?**

A birthright and a blessing were generally reserved for the oldest son. The birthright gave the recipient a double portion of the inheritance, among other privileges, and the blessing gave the recipient blessing, favor, and family headship.

**WHERE?**

Esau preferred the open country. He was a skilled hunter and was often outdoors. His descendants were the nation of Edom. Jacob was a quiet man who spent most of his time closer to home. Jacob's descendants were the nation of Israel.

**WHEN?**

After Isaac's mother Sarah died when he was 40 years old, Isaac married Rebekah. When he was close to his own death, Isaac blessed Jacob.

**CONNECTING TO GOD'S BIG STORY**

God made a covenant with Abraham and kept His promise through Abraham's grandson Jacob. Despite Jacob's deception and trickery, God still worked through Jacob to keep His promise to Abraham's family, making them a great nation and blessing the world through Jacob's descendant, Jesus.



## LEADER GUIDE

### ☐ Kid City Meeting (9:15/11:15)

### ☐ Classroom Team Meeting (9:30 AM / 11:30 AM)

- If you are the lead teacher for that Sunday, please ensure that all tasks are assigned. You can find the job descriptions on your cart when you arrive.
- If you are the helper for the Sunday, please choose one or two volunteer tasks to assist with. We are a team, and it is important that everyone shares the load to ensure things run smoothly.

**REMINDERS:** When you're not engaged in one of your assigned roles for that morning, please assist in the following areas:

- Sit with the kids and help them engage in the lesson.
- Pay attention to the room:
  - Is the teacher having trouble getting the kids' attention?  
Help by sitting with a child who might be disrupting the group.
  - Is the teacher giving out prizes?  
Assist by taking the kids aside and helping them choose their prize.
  - Are there any children struggling to sit and participate in the lesson?  
Help by guiding them to the calm corner and offering support. Ensure the child feels seen and heard, and check if there is an unmet need.
  - Is a child misbehaving or being disrespectful?  
Use a "Fair," "Firm," and "Friendly" voice to remind them of the expectations. If the behaviour escalates and intervention is needed, notify the parents or let the Ministry Lead know so everyone can decide the next course of action.

## 9:30 AM / 11:30 AM – ATTENDANCE

- One volunteer at the door. Be sure to look over the job description for this task. (Attached to the cart)

## 9:30 AM / 11:30 AM – WELCOME AND RULES

- One volunteer to do the welcome and rules. Look over the job description for this task. (Attached to the cart)
- Consider putting this question on the whiteboard when the kids walk in.



**9:35 AM / 11:35 AM – BIBLE STORY INTRO & VIDEO****At your start time ...**

Gather everyone together and let them know you're glad they came to church today. Call on several kids to share their answers to the Welcome Question: **What is a promise you made?**

Today, we will learn how God kept His promise to Abraham's family even when it seemed like their choices would mess up that promise.

I'm curious ...

- Why do you think brothers and sisters sometimes argue or don't get along?
- Do you think God ever breaks His promises? Why or why not?

In God's big story today, we'll hear about Abraham's grandson, Jacob. Jacob disguised himself by pretending to be someone else to get what he wanted. Yet even though Jacob lied and made wrong choices, God still kept His promises to Abraham's family!

Because, as today's Wonder Truth states, **NO MATTER WHAT, GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES.**



Before we watch our video for today, let's say our declaration together. Remember, a declaration is when we say something out loud to God that we really believe or want to stand strong in. It's kind of like:

Telling the truth about who God is ("God, You are always with me!") and reminding ourselves of what God says in the Bible ("I am never alone because You are with me.")

**Leader Tip:** For *Older Kids*. Have them read it together with you.

Thank You, God, that You are good! (Kids repeat.)

You made me on purpose, for a purpose! (Kids repeat.)

And I am Your Kid (Kids repeat.)

You know me, love me, and lead me. (Kids repeat.)

God, You are faithful. (Kids repeat.)

And You always keep Your promises (Kids repeat.)

My life can tell of Your wonder! (Kids repeat.)

Invite kids to turn to Genesis 25 in their Bibles. Explain that the word *Genesis* means "the beginning" and is the very first book in the Bible. **Let's start by reading part of God's big story directly from the Bible. Afterward, we will watch and experience more of the story!**

There are multiple ways for kids to engage with the Bible through the God's Big Story Videos in this series:

1. Use the [Early Childhood Video](#) to help teach elementary kids the Bible story.
2. Show the [Elementary Video](#) to reinforce the Bible story with preteens after they have read the lesson's Scripture passage and/or participated in the Experience It! Script.

**9:45 AM / 11:45 AM – BIBLE STORY REVIEW**

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

God made an everlasting promise with Abraham to give him a big family that would be a blessing to the whole world. Abraham's grandson, Jacob, lied and tricked his father, Isaac, but still God kept His promise to Abraham's family. Through Jacob and his children, God made the family into a great nation, and many years later, God blessed the world through a relative of Jacob named Jesus!

What surprised you about this part of God's big story? Allow kids to answer freely. Be sure to share what surprised you too!

God kept His promise to bless the world through Abraham's family even though Abraham's family didn't always do what was right. What does that tell us about God? Allow kids time to think and respond freely. Invite kids to share their thoughts with a neighbour and then with the whole group.

**9:50 AM / 11:50 AM – WORD OF WONDER**

Write the Word of Wonder on the White Board. The Word of Wonder (memory verse) for this month is Psalm 90:2. Today we learned that nothing will stop God from keeping His promises! Let's praise God by saying our Word of Wonder together.

Display the Word of Wonder Slide or watch the Elementary Word of Wonder Video. Then read Psalm 90:2 several times together.

**9:55 AM / 11:55 AM – SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS****DISCOVER GOD'S WORD**

Help the Kids Find the Verse & Read it together: **GENESIS 25:24-34**

**GRADE 1-2**

- **What were the names of Isaac and Rebekah's twin sons?** (*Esau and Jacob*)
- **What did Jacob do to get Esau's birthright?** (*Jacob traded a bowl of stew to Esau for his birthright.*)
- **What did Jacob do to get the blessing Isaac meant to give Esau?** (*Jacob tricked his father, Isaac, into thinking he was Esau by putting on goatskins and Esau's clothes and pretending to be Esau.*)
- How would you feel if you lost a game and found out the winner broke the rules? How do you think Esau felt when Jacob tricked their father?
- **What did God promise Abraham and his family?** (*to make them a big family, give them a special land, and bless the whole world through them*)
- Even though Jacob did wrong things, God still kept His promise to Abraham's family. How does it make you feel to know God will keep His promises no matter what?

**No matter what we're feeling or experiencing, we can tell God about it. Even when we do wrong things, we can talk to God, and He will hear us and love us. Let's spend some time talking with God in prayer!**

**GRADE 3-5**

- **Can you remember the names of people in Abraham's family—his wife, son, son's wife, and grandsons?** (*Abraham's wife: Sarah, Abraham and Sarah's son: Isaac, Isaac's wife: Rebekah, Isaac and Rebekah's twin sons/Abraham's grandsons: Esau and Jacob*)
- **What was a birthright in Old Testament times? What did Jacob do to get Esau's birthright?** (*The oldest son usually received the birthright, which means he was given more of his father's property and became leader of the family when the father died. Jacob traded a bowl of stew to Esau for his birthright.*)
- **What did Jacob do to get the blessing Isaac meant to give Esau?** (*Jacob tricked his father, Isaac, into thinking he was Esau by putting on goatskins and Esau's clothes and pretending to be Esau.*)
- Has anyone ever tricked you or cheated to beat you at a game or competition? How did that make you feel?
- **What did God promise Abraham and his family?** (*to make them a big family, give them a special land, and bless the whole world through them*)
- **Even though Jacob tricked his father, God still kept His promise to Abraham's family. How does it make you feel to know God will keep His promises no matter what?**



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### 9:55 AM / 11:55 AM – SMALL GROUP PRAYER TIME

Invite kids to share their prayer requests and praises, and to pray for each other. Some kids may not be comfortable praying out loud. That's OK. Encourage kids to pray silently, thanking God that we can trust Him to help us when we are feeling sad or angry. Tell kids that even though people may disappoint us, God is faithful and always keeps His promises, no matter what!

**Leader Tip:** Consider allowing a child to pray for the group, or you could ask everyone to say something. Use the following example prayer or consider using your own words.

Example Prayer: **God, thank You for our time together today. We invite the Holy Spirit to guide us and teach us. Show us more about who You are and Your love for us. Help us understand that You are faithful and always keep Your promises! In Jesus' name, Amen.**



## 10:00 AM / 12:05 PM – ACTIVITY TIME

### ACTIVITY 1: DEAR GOD LETTERS

**SUPPLIES:** colouring utensils

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** Dear God Letters Slide, Dear God Letter Sheet (1 per kid), [God's Family Elementary Spotify playlist](#), Ahead of time, print a Dear God Letter Sheet for each kid.

Gather kids together. **Today in God's big story, Jacob tricked his brother and father to get his family's birthright and blessing. Jacob made wrong choices to get what he wanted instead of trusting God. But still, God loved Jacob and was faithful to Jacob and his whole family. God loves the world and had a plan to send Jesus through Abraham's family so that we can all have a relationship with Him! Nothing can stop God from keeping His promises!**



Hand out a Dear God Letter Sheet to each kid and set out colouring utensils. **Let's spend some time writing a letter or drawing a picture to God. Is there a situation you are worried about? Tell Him about it, and trust Him with it!**



Invite them to write or draw at the top of their letter about a situation they're having a hard time with. Then they can draw an emoji in the circle that shows how they feel about it, write their name at the bottom, and talk with God, asking Him for help and telling Him that they trust Him. Play music from the [God's Family Elementary Spotify playlist](#) as kids work.

Gather kids together as they finish their letters. Give those who would like to share their letters a chance to hold them up for everyone to see. Then invite everyone to open their hands in front of them with their palms up. This motion represents letting go of the difficult thing they're facing and trusting God with it. Then with hands still open, invite them to say this simple prayer together: **God, I trust You.**

## ACTIVITY TWO: MY CONVERSATION WITH GOD

**SUPPLIES:** writing utensils, colouring utensils

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** My Conversation with God Slide, My Conversation with God Sheet (1 per kid), [God's Family Elementary Spotify playlist](#), Ahead of time, print a copy of the My Conversation with God Sheet for each kid.

Gather the kids together. **Today in God's big story, Jacob tricked his brother and father to get his family's birthright and blessing. Jacob made wrong choices to get what he wanted instead of trusting God. But still, God loved Jacob and was faithful to Jacob and his whole family. God loves the world and had a plan to send Jesus through Abraham's family so that we can all have a relationship with Him! Nothing can stop God from keeping His promises!**



Hand out a My Conversation with God Sheet to each kid and set out writing and colouring utensils. **When we pray, we are having a conversation with the God of the universe! We are talking to Him, and He is talking to us! Let's spend some time having a conversation with God. Hold up a My Conversation with God Sheet. As we talk with God, let's record our thoughts and ideas as though we're texting. We will hear truth from God and get to respond back to Him. Take a look at the first message in the conversation.**



Point to the first text bubble from God. **God says, "I see you and know you." One way we can respond to God's true words is by repeating them back to God: "God, You see me and know me." I encourage you to fill in the blank bubbles in this conversation. Read God's words to you, and respond by repeating those truths back to Him or by telling Him anything else that is on your heart.**

Give kids time to write or draw on their sheets as they talk with God in prayer. Quietly play music from the [God's Family Elementary Spotify playlist](#) as they work. After a few minutes, encourage kids to close this time by thanking God for keeping His promises no matter what.



**10:15 AM / 12:15 PM – FREE TIME / PICK UP**

- One volunteer per responsibility. Look over the job description for this task. (Attached to the cart)

**CLEANING CHECKLIST**

- Kids' Supply Bins: Ensure all used bins and supplies are neatly put away.
- Tables & Chairs: Clean and reset the tables and chairs.
- Floors: Vacuum if necessary (vacuum located in Kid City tech booth).
- Green Carts: Return any extra supplies, attendance records, and nametags to Kid City in the green carts.

**VIDEO & MUSIC RESOURCES:**

[Elementary Word of Wonder Video.](#)



[God's Family Elementary Spotify playlist](#)



[Early Childhood Video](#)



[Elementary Video](#)

