

SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED

LESSON SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE:

God is always working in our lives.

OBJECTIVE:

Kids will learn that God's work in our lives never stops.

KEY PASSAGE:

Genesis 28:10-22, Jacob's Dream of a Staircase

MEMORY VERSE:

"Every house is built by someone. But God is the builder of everything."

-Hebrews 3:4 (NirV)

SUMMARY:

Once you've finished working on one piece, you immediately want to get started on making something new. Kids will learn that God is always working in our lives, making us new.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

We thank you for the work you are doing in our lives, and we ask you to make us more like Jesus.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

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MEMORY VERSE

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"Every house is built by someone. But God is the builder of everything." -Hebrews 3:4 (NirV)

LARGE GROUP:

Have the kids balance on their right foot and say the first word of the memory verse. Then have them hop to their left foot and say the second word, hop right again for the third word, and so on until they have said the entire verse. Practice several times seeing how fast they can get.

SMALL GROUP:

Pair the kids off and have them recite the verse to each other.

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SKIT

LET'S DO IT AGAIN

ITEMS NEEDED:

Construction worker hats and uniforms, walkie talkies

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN: 2M

CHARACTERS:

Eddie and Carl - Lego construction workers

Eddie and Carl enter. They look up at a super tall, imaginary Lego building.

CARL: Well, Eddie, there she is, all finished.

EDDIE: Wow, I can't believe it.

CARL: Two years of hard work, and we've built the biggest building in all of Lego City.

EDDIE: It's beautiful.

CARL: Yes, Eddie, it is. We have a lot to be proud of.

EDDIE: I'm very proud.

CARL: Well, let's get to it. (pulls out his walkie talkie) Okay, boys, let's tear it down.

EDDIE: Tear what down?

CARL: The building of course!

EDDIE: The one we just built?

SKIT

CARL: Yeah!

EDDIE: But we just finished it!

CARL: I know, and I can't wait to get started on the next one.

EDDIE: Then let's build the next one, right next to the new one.

CARL: Nah, that's the perfect spot for the new building. Besides, we can use the bricks.

EDDIE: But Carl, why would we build it and then tear it down?

CARL: Eddie, this isn't New York City. It's Lego City. It's what we do.

EDDIE: It is?

CARL: Lego City is always building, always rebuilding, always getting better. We can't leave that building up forever. If we did, we'd never build something better.

EDDIE: That's the silliest thing I've ever heard.

CARL: Come on, Eddie, do you really want to take it easy? Remember how much fun it was building that giant skyscraper?

EDDIE: Sure, I guess.

CARL: And it'll be even more rewarding when we get to work on the new one.

EDDIE: A better one.

CARL: Not just a better one... an awesome one.

EDDIE: I like things that are awesome. Trees, frogs, clogs, rocks, clocks, and socks, figs, and jigs, and twigs.

CARL: All right already! Let's get this building torn down and get back to building some thing awesome.

EDDIE: Awesome! Can we make a space ship?

CARL: No!!

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OBJECT LESSON OR KIDS SERMON

ITEMS NEEDED:

A Lego building

A Lego storage tub

Begin this lesson by having a few kids help tear down the building.

Is anyone sad to see the Lego building get torn down? What if it were your building, one you worked hard to make? Would it make you a little sad?

Despite what some adults might tell you, Lego buildings aren't meant to last. Legos were meant for building, tearing down, and rebuilding. The more you build, the better you become at building, but in order to build again, you have to tear down.

God's doing this kind of work in our lives all the time. He tears one thing down and he builds another. He gets rid of one thing and replaces it with another. Every day, God is rebuilding and remaking us. He's making us over in His image, making us more like Jesus. If we are following after him, we are less selfish and less self-absorbed. Instead, we are becoming more loving, kinder, more open to helping others and sharing the good news.

God wants to take you as you are and rebuild you into something new, someone more like Jesus. Let God have his way. I promise, the results will be awesome!

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LARGE GROUP GAME

DROP IN THE BUCKET

ITEMS NEEDED:

Two similar Lego buildings
Two Lego storage buckets

INSTRUCTIONS:

Choose two players for this game. Hand each player a Lego building, and set a storage bucket on the floor in front of them. The players will have one minute to strip the bricks off their building and drop them in their bucket. The person with the most bricks in their bucket after one minute wins. Bricks that are still connected to other bricks and bricks that fall outside the bucket do not count!

VARIATION:

An alternative for little kids is to build two DUPLO structures and see who can disassemble theirs the quickest.

WHAT'S THE POINT?

God is constantly tearing down and rebuilding, making us more like Christ.

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INTRO

There's nothing that makes you prouder or makes you feel more accomplished than when you finish a big project. We talked last week about finishing - finishing songs, finishing projects, finishing art work - but we didn't really talk about how good it feels to finish something. It really is a great moment when you get to the end of a project, step back, and admire your handiwork.

When you're building with Legos, that moment happens when you finish your project and you rush to show Mom and Dad. It's good to share your accomplishments, and it's great to hear someone we love say, "Well done!"

But what comes next? What do we do after we've shown off our masterpiece? If we're any kind of an artist - or Lego Master - we start over.

With art and similar projects, starting over means setting one project aside and beginning a brand new one. With Legos it means tearing down what we just built and starting over.

That's not easy to do sometimes. We'd love to keep those Lego buildings forever, but if we did, we'd run out of bricks. Before we can build something new, we have to tear down the old.

It's a great picture of what God is doing in our lives. God has a dream for all of us.

LARGE GROUP LESSON

He wants to remake us in his image. He wants us to be loving, and he wants us to be like Christ. In order to get us where he wants us, he has to tear down the old parts of us and replace them with something new.

In today's story, a man named Jacob gets a vision from God. Jacob was a man who really wasn't sure God cared about him. But what he saw taught him that God is very active on Earth and in his life. God is always working, always changing us, always active.

READ GENESIS 28:10-22

MAIN POINT

Jacob was out in the wilderness because he was on the run. All his life, his mother had told him that he was a special child, one chosen by God for a special purpose. But Jacob had angered his brother Esau, and his brother wanted to murder him. Jacob was afraid. He was alone. He wasn't sure that God even cared about him.

Then God appears in a vision. In that vision Jacob sees a stairway from heaven. He sees angels coming and going, doing the work that God gave them to do. Jacob knows from this vision that God is watching him. He knows that God is using his angels to do his work on Earth. He knows that God is not through with him, and that God is remaking him into something new.

Jacob was grateful for the vision, and grateful for the message. It's a message we can be grateful for as well. God is constantly changing us. He is rebuilding us. He is making us into something new.

DRIVE IT HOME

When we were born into this world, we were born into sin. Sin is all the stuff we do that hurts God or hurts other people. We are born to be selfish, to be sinful, and to be rebellious.

Sin separates us from God, but God loved us so much, he sent Jesus to die for our sins. When we place our faith in Jesus, God comes into our lives. He goes right to work like a Lego Master, tearing down the old, sinful parts of us and remaking us into something new.

God is remaking us in the image of his son, Jesus. He is transforming us from people who are selfish into people who are selfless. He wants us to love others. He wants us to share kindness and love to everyone we meet.

God will continue to change us until the day we go to be with him in Paradise. It's a never-ending process of tearing down and rebuilding. God will never quit on us.

LARGE GROUP LESSON

He will continue to work in our lives, teaching us and helping us grow our faith - as long as we let him have his way.

Don't stand in the path of progress. Don't stop God from doing his good work in you. Let him tear down the old, sinful you, and let him rebuild you like Jesus.

God's work is going on right now in all our hearts. He is making us more like his son. Let's pray for open and willing hearts so that God can have his way with our lives.

CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER

Dear God,

We thank you for the work you are doing in our lives, and we ask you to make us more like Jesus.

*In Jesus' name,
Amen*

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (K-2ND)

ICEBREAKER

What is one thing that you would like to build, make, write, or create one day?

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Hebrews 3:4

Pair the kids off and have them recite the verse to each other.

SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY

Who knows the lyrics to “Everything is Awesome”? Have the kids get up and sing and dance like Lego people.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Genesis 28:10-22

Who was Jacob?

What did Jacob see in his vision?

What did God say to Jacob?

What did Jacob do when he woke up?

Why is God rebuilding us, and what does he want us to become?

SIMPLE PRAYER

Dear God,

Forgive us for the times we resist change. Take away the sin in our lives and make us more like Jesus.

*In Jesus' name,
Amen*

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (3-5TH)

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SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Genesis 28:10-22

Why was Jacob alone in the wilderness?

What did Jacob learn about God from his vision?

What did Jacob do when he woke up?

Why do we resist God when he tries to tear us down?

Why is God rebuilding us, and what does he want us to become?

SIMPLE PRAYER

Dear God,

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POWERPOINT REVIEW GAME

Fill in the blanks.

_____ was alone in the wilderness when he had a vision.

JACOB

In his vision, Jacob saw a giant _____.

STAIRCASE

_____ were walking up and down the staircase from Heaven to Earth and back.

ANGELS

The vision told Jacob that _____ was at work on Earth and in his life.

GOD

God wants to tear down our old selves and rebuild us to be more like _____.

JESUS

MAKE IT STICK

5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With Your Kids

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: MAKE SOMETHING NEW



IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

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HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

Is there something around the house that needs rebuilding, or has been rebuilt? Have a look at that thing with the kids. Why was/is rebuilding important?



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- What vision did God give to Jacob?
- What did the vision mean?
- Why is God constantly rebuilding and remaking us?



AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

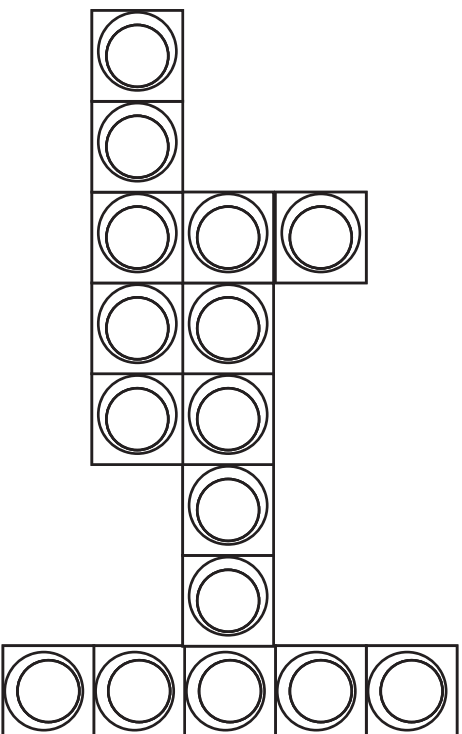
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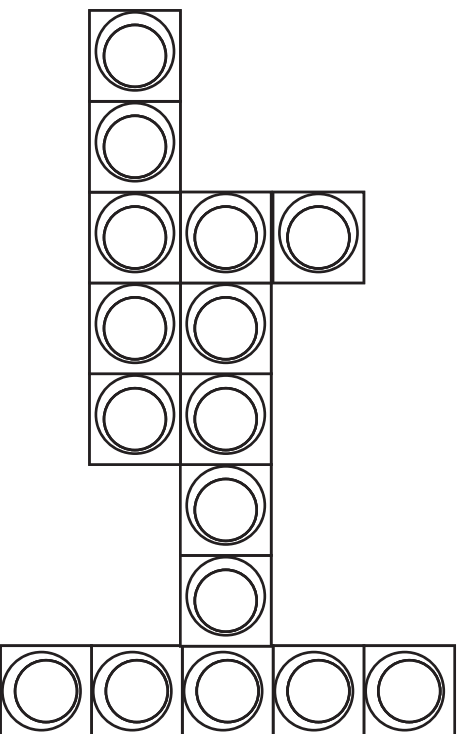
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What you need to know:

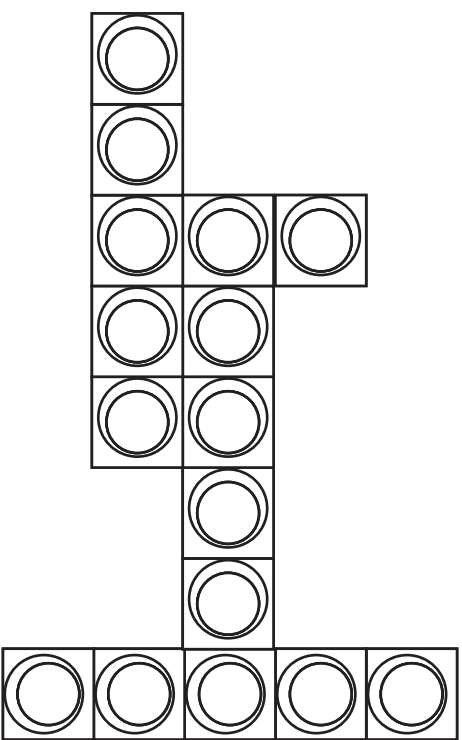
God wants to transform us from sinful, selfish people into followers of Christ. Pray that God will have his way in your life and in the lives of your children.



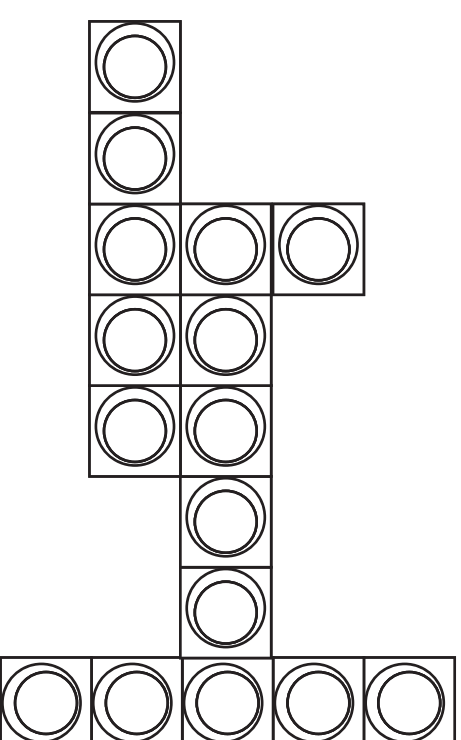
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CRAFT ACTIVITY

Have the kids build Lego people from a bucket of miscellaneous Legos that they can take home with them.