

Unit 3 at a Glance

Patriarchs 2

Unit Overview

The students continue their Old Testament survey with Part Two of the Patriarchs. With a special focus on family, relationships and conflict resolution, this unit presents real-life stories about families in crisis and God's faithful intervention. The students will be inspired to resolve problems peacefully, forgive others, and help others do the same.

Unit Goals

- The students will understand that God cares about their family relationships.
- The students will understand that God is not pleased with dishonesty.
- The students will learn how to resolve conflict in ways that please God.

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Lesson 1 Jacob and Esau

Scripture Memory Verse

Psalm 139:1-2

As eyewitnesses to this Bible family's crisis, the students will see how Jacob and Esau were separated by selfishness and deceit. They will be able to describe God's response to these brothers' tragic conflict, as they consider the benefits of honesty in their lives.

Lesson 2 Jacob Is Deceived

Scripture Memory Verse

Proverbs 12:22

Jacob learns some life-changing lessons during his years away from home. The students will describe what took place between Laban and Jacob, as they list more consequences of dishonesty. This lesson should compel the students to think of ways that they can show love to their brothers and sisters.

Lesson 3 Jacob Returns Home

Scripture Memory Verse

2 Corinthians 7:10

God brings Jacob and Esau back together in a powerful and heart-moving way. The students will describe the reconciliation of Jacob and Esau, as well as the ways both brothers had changed. They will apply these valuable lessons as they think of ways to resolve conflict in their own relationships.

Lesson 4 Joseph

Scripture Memory Verse

Romans 8:28

Joseph takes the students on a "rags to riches" journey. From being thrown into the pit of rejection by his brothers to wearing the rags of slavery in a far-off land, Joseph's life as a young man starts off with some intense challenges! But true to God, Joseph rises to each occasion with humility and great faith. Ultimately, God not only honors Joseph richly, but helps him rescue his family. The reunion of Joseph and his brothers will inspire the students to think about ways that God can bring good out of bad situations in their lives.



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Dear Parent,

In this unit, your child will continue this Old Testament survey with Part Two of the Patriarchs. With a special focus on family, relationships and conflict resolution, this unit presents real-life stories about families in crisis and God's faithful intervention. God reveals his power and plans in amazing and heart-moving ways. The students will experience family feuds and family reunions. Most importantly, the students will be inspired to resolve problems peacefully, forgive others, and help others do the same.

Bringing It Home

Here are some easy ways to help reinforce these lessons at home:

- Have a family devotional on the topic of "Honesty and Forgiveness in Our Family." Invite your child to teach a short lesson about Jacob and Esau.
- Make your family tree. Spend time researching the different branches of each parent and help your children appreciate their family heritage.
- Design a family "crest" that represents the unique and special qualities of each member of your family. Display it in a place where everyone can see it.
- Make time each week to help your child review the Scripture Memory Verse from the lesson.
- Have a "God's Family Planning" time. Pray specifically for God to use your family to reach out to other families, helping them to find God's plan for their lives.

We look forward to being partners with you to help your child grow to know and love God more.

Thank you,

Your child's teachers