

This Week's Lesson at a Glance

A Parent Take-Home Sheet | Week 11

LESSON OVERVIEW

Lesson Title:	Jacob: God Changes Hearts
Bible Passage(s):	Genesis 27–32
Big Idea:	God keeps His promises and changes hearts.

MEMORY VERSE

“I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go... I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

Genesis 28:15

Tip for Parents: Help your child memorize this verse by saying it together at bedtime. Remind them that God's presence does not depend on our perfection. It depends on His promise.

TODAY YOUR CHILD LEARNED

Your child learned about Jacob, who lied to his father to receive a blessing that God had already promised him.

Even though Jacob sinned, God did not abandon His covenant promise. In a dream, God told Jacob, “I am with you... I will not leave you” (Genesis 28:15). Years later, Jacob wrestled with God and received a new name — Israel — which means “he struggles with God” or “God prevails.”

This name change showed that God was transforming Jacob's heart.

Your child learned that sin has consequences, but God's grace is greater. Just as God changed Jacob's heart, He changes hearts today through Jesus Christ.

WHY THIS LESSON MATTERS

This passage reminds us that:

- God keeps His promises even when people fail.
- God does not approve of sin, but He works through imperfect people.
- God changes hearts, not just behavior.

Jacob needed transformation. We all do.

“If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come” — 2 Corinthians 5:17

Through Jesus’ death and resurrection, we receive forgiveness and new life.

- Jesus is our **Savior** who forgives us.
- Jesus is our **Sanctifier** who continues changing us.
- Jesus is our **Healer** who restores broken relationships.
- Jesus is our **Coming King** who will complete every promise.

DEFENDING THE TRUTH (AT HOME)

A Question Children Often Ask: Did God want Jacob to lie?

A Simple Biblical Answer: No. Exodus 20:16 teaches that lying is sin. God used Jacob despite his sin, not because of it. God’s grace is greater than our mistakes.

Scripture to Read Together

- Genesis 28:13–15
- 2 Corinthians 5:17

TALK ABOUT IT AT HOME

Family Discussion Question: Why do you think God chooses imperfect people to accomplish His plans?

Optional Follow-Up Question: How does it make you feel to know that God can change hearts?

TRY THIS AS A FAMILY

Activity: New Identity Reminder

Have each family member write their name on a piece of paper. Under their name, write words that describe who they are in Christ: *forgiven, loved, chosen, new*.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17 together and thank God for making us new through Jesus.

PRAYER TO PRAY TOGETHER

Father God,

Thank You for keeping Your promises. Thank You for not giving up on Jacob and not giving up on us. Forgive us when we sin. Change our hearts through Jesus. Help us trust You instead of trying to fix everything ourselves.

In Jesus' name, amen.

A FINAL THOUGHT FOR PARENTS

God is patient.

Jacob's transformation did not happen in one moment. It unfolded over years. In the same way, God is faithfully working in your child's life.

Small conversations matter. Simple prayers matter. Faithful teaching matters.

God promises, "I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised."

He is still keeping that promise today.