



WEEK 5 8/7/24

LESSON

Staycation!

BIG IDEA

We can make peace with others.

BIBLE

Jacob and Esau Meet Again:
Genesis 32:6-21, 33:1-11; Romans 8:26-39

We have come to the final week of our *Staycation!* We have learned a lot about Abraham and his family. Abraham's grandsons, Jacob and Esau, didn't get along so well. Last time we heard about them, they were still upset with each other. **Could there be a second chance for them?**

Icebreaker Question | What is something that brings you peace?

After a long *Staycation!* sometimes we need some peace and quiet.

Because we are all different, we experience peace differently. Some of us like to go for a walk outside while others of us like to play video games in order to give ourselves a break.

What do you like to do when you feel tired? What brings you peace?

Lesson | Genesis 32:6-21, 33:1-11 (Jacob and Esau Meet Again)

We've gotten to learn a lot about Abraham's family in the last few weeks. The last time we heard about Abraham's grandson, Jacob, he was all alone in the wilderness and he had a crazy dream. Even though he had made some mistakes, God reminded him that he was always a part of God's family. Let's check in with Jacob and his brother Esau again to see if they were ever able to heal from the hurt they had experienced.

INSTRUCTIONS: Show [this video on phone/ipad or tell the story the video refers to](#) then continue teaching the story from Genesis 32:6-21, 33:1-11.

Youtube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yqXthj1-04M>

Jacob and Esau had a rough relationship. Jacob stole Esau's birthright, which was a blessing for his future. Esau was so angry about this that Jacob actually felt like he had to run away from home.

Now, years had passed. They had both gotten married and had families of their own. Jacob heard that Esau wanted to reconnect with him face to face. This made Jacob afraid.

In the dream Jacob had before, God had promised to Jacob that he would always be a part of God's family. So in this passage of Scripture, Jacob prays as though he is reminding God of the promises God

had made. But actually, by lifting up this prayer, Jacob was reminding himself of God’s promises even though he was very afraid of what would happen when he would have to meet up with his brother. Jacob sent a bunch of gifts ahead with his messengers to try to see if they would help Esau forgive him, but when Esau saw Jacob, he ran forward and hugged him. He didn’t want all the things . . . he was just happy to see his twin brother again.

Because God had given him peace, Jacob was able to walk forward and begin to repair his relationship with his brother.

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MEMORY VERSE | Galatians 6:10 (NIV)

“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”

DISCUSSION

What did Jacob bring Esau so that he would forgive him?

What did the messengers tell Jacob?

What did Jacob do when he finally saw his brother again?

What are some ways you can show peace with others?

When is it easy to forgive? When is it difficult? How can we still have peace even when it’s difficult?

Who is a peaceful person in your life? What is better about your life because of that person?

PRAYER

Dear God, we know it’s not always easy to get along with others, but you show us that it’s not impossible to make peace. Help us to be the first to reach out and say sorry and give us open hearts to accept other people’s apologies. Thank you for being the true giver of peace. Amen.

If Extra Time...

1. Work on memorizing books of the bible

2. SCRIPTURE | Romans 8:26-39

INSTRUCTIONS: *Read Romans 8:26-39.*

It may seem unnatural to live peacefully with others all of this time, but this passage reminds us that all things work together for our good.

It may not be the “good” that we imagined – but it’s even better because it’s God’s good plan for us. We saw this in the story about Jacob and Esau. Things worked out for their good.

In verse 29, we are told that we are becoming like God’s son, Jesus. Even though Jesus was mistreated, mocked, and eventually killed, he never stopped being a person of peace.

As we continue to trust God, God will make us more like Jesus. Even in the hardest of times, we can have peace and **we can make peace with others.**

Read Romans 8:28. Why is making peace with others also for our good?