## Large Group

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*Edited to better fit our kids. **Necessary to tie the video into the bible story of forgiveness.*

**Teach the Key Verse anytime during large group.**

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CAUGHT RED-HANDED
Jacob was terrified at the prospect of reuniting with his older brother, Esau. After all, the last time they were in the same place, Esau was plotting to kill him (Genesis 27:42). It all started when Jacob stole his brother’s blessing. On the surface that might not seem like that big a deal—but in Jewish culture, there was nothing more important than this blessing, especially if you were the firstborn son. In The Blessing, Gary Smalley and John Trent point out that firstborns were privileged with marrying first and receiving a double portion of inheritance. Once the father passed away, the firstborn son assumed leadership of the family. In a wealthy family like Isaac’s, Esau’s life seemed secure. Therefore, Jacob didn’t steal a tender gesture from his brother—in essence, he stole Esau’s future.

WHEN IN DOUBT, PRAY
As Jacob journeyed homeward, he saw his brother coming toward him with 400 men. However, rather than fleeing, Jacob chose to pray. First, he remembered who God is: “[the] God of my grandfather Abraham, and God of my father, Isaac.” Second, he reminded God of his commands and promises: “You told me, ‘Return to your own land...’ And you promised me, ‘I will treat you kindly.’ ” Third, he humbled himself: “I am not worthy of all the unfailing love and faithfulness you have shown to me.” Fourth, he asked for God’s help: “O Lord, please rescue me from the hand of my brother, Esau.” Fifth, he spoke to God honestly: “I am afraid that he is coming to attack me, along with my wives and children.” Sixth, he ended by trusting God’s commitment to him: “You promised me, ‘I will surely treat you kindly, and I will multiply your descendants.’ ”

HOMECOMING
After Jacob’s all-nighter in the wrestling ring, he was still concerned with Esau’s arrival. Jacob sent messengers with explicit instructions on what to say; he sent gifts of animals; he even arranged his family in a specific order. It was as if he wanted to physically show Esau how sorry he was, even before speaking a word. Finally, Jacob faced Esau. Humbly, Jacob bowed to the ground seven times. Esau, for his part, ran to him, embraced him, and kissed him—a reception reminiscent of a story that Jesus told about another younger son, a prodigal, who had wrongfully taken an inheritance but who finally returned home.
Esau Forgives Jacob

Genesis 32:9-12; 33:1-4

Welcome

YOU’LL NEED
TV or VPU • DVD player • Large-Group DVD

COUNT DOWN
Play one of the countdowns. Have children get with their small groups, and get them excited to worship!

GREET
Have small-group leaders greet kids in their groups.

ANNOUNCE
Make any announcements and collect offerings.

Did anyone bring their sheet today?

Praise & Worship

YOU’LL NEED
TV or VPU • DVD player • Large-Group DVD

SING
“Living Inside Out” (Song 1)
“Hope in the Lord” (Psalm 33:20) (Song 2)
“His Love Endures Forever” (Psalm 100:4-5) (Song 6)
“This Little Light of Mine” (Song 7)

PRAY
Thank God for forgiving our sins, for showing us how we need to change and grow, and for helping us get along with our family and friends.

MAKE THE CONNECTION
Say: How many of you have ever had a fight with a brother, sister, or close friend? Today we’re going to hear about two brothers named Jacob and Esau. They had a major fight that split up their family for a long time. We’re going to discover how we seek forgiveness with God’s help, just as Jacob did.

Leader Tip

Easy Options:
• Sing along with DVD lyrics and motions.
• Sing along with the CD.
• Show media slides provided on the CD.

Monthly Songs

Living Inside Out
Helpful Drawings

1. Explain: Give each small group crayons and paper. Have the kids fold their paper in half and then in half again, creating four sections. Explain: After I read some verses from the Bible, our volunteer will draw a picture on the poster board. Then you will draw pictures of what you heard to start.

2. Read and Draw:

   Read Genesis 32:9-10. Wave the racing flag to start everyone drawing, allow about two minutes, and then wave it again. Explain: Now after I read, draw Esau.

   Read Genesis 32:11-12, and then wave the flag, allowing about two minutes for drawing. Explain: Listen to what Jacob did, and draw it.

   Read Genesis 33:1-3, waving the flag to start and stop drawing. Explain: Now listen to what Esau did, and draw it.

   Read Genesis 33:4 and wave the flag.

3. Discuss In Groups:

   Ask the kids what they learned about Jacob and Esau.

   Ask your partner to help make your picture better by drawing something new. Help each other, and see what you come up with.

4. Make the Connection Slide:

   Jacob & Esau Slide

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   Ask - How did Esau react to Jacob?

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   Say: Jacob thought Esau was coming to hurt him, so he prayed to God and asked for help. Jacob bowed, showing how sorry he was, and Esau forgave his brother immediately. We seek forgiveness with God’s help.

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   Queue Video (next page)
INTRODUCE

Say:
OK, race fans. It’s time to strap on your helmets, get a little dirty, and pick your favorite team color. Here’s the American Grand Prix!

WATCH DVD

Cue the DVD to the video Choose Your Own Adventure. During the video, you’ll press pause for “Discussion in Groups.” Then, after five minutes of discussion, press play to view the rest of the video before going on to “Make the Connection.”

MAKE THE CONNECTION

Say: Justin knew he made a bad choice. He knew he couldn’t accept the trophy because he had cheated. Instead of lying to cover it up, he said he was sorry and asked forgiveness. In the same way, when we make bad choices, we seek forgiveness with God’s help.

5. Logo Weekly Drawing
6. See you next week slide Dismiss classes