

Two's & Three's

Unit 3: The Promise

Story 8.A & 8.B - Jacob (Genesis 25-32)

Two's and Three's begin and end the service with playtime. Once you begin the lesson, it's okay if not all children are willing to participate; gather those who are willing. Feel free to shorten or modify elements to suit your needs. All plans are flexible for this age group.

1. CIRCLE TIME - Start 30 minutes after the service starts (1st: 9:00; 2nd:10:45).
(Some parents keep their toddlers with them for worship at the beginning of service.)

Gather kids on the rug. Set behavior expectations with the following question and answer prompts:

Where are we? *We're at church.*

What do we do here? *Learn about God.*

How do we learn about God in this special place? *Listen carefully and sit quietly.*

- **BIBLE:** Show kids the Bible and tell them it's a very special book because it comes from God, the one who made us. Let each child pat the Bible gently and say "The Word of God."
- **MEMORY VERSE:** Practice the memory verse for the unit. Be sure to give each child a chance to say it by repeating after you. While a few may actually be able to say it on their own, most will just repeat it one word at a time at this stage.
"Rejoice in the LORD." ~ Philippians 4:4
- **STORY:** Give each child a laminated Bible Story Picture from the Story Box, and read today's story on the back of this paper.

2. WORSHIP - Play music on the CD player and give kids instruments from the Music Box. Encourage kids to praise God through instruments, singing, and dancing! Put the instruments away after the song.

3. ART - Have kids sit at the tables and pass out today's Bible Story Picture with a label sticker already on. Help the kids place stickers on their pictures from the "Art Box."

4. SNACK - Check for allergies on the attendance roster. Clean up art supplies and help kids rub their hands with hand sanitizer. Set out snacks and water at the table. Before everyone eats, use this time as an opportunity to pray. There is a short prayer printed on the wall for kids to say with you or feel free to pray as you are led.

Thank you for the world so sweet, thank you for the food we eat.
Thank you for the birds that sing, thank you, God, for everything. Amen.



Last week we learned about a man named Isaac. He had two sons. *(Hold up 2 fingers.)*

One was named Esau and one was named Jacob.

Esau had red hair and a lot of hair all over his body! He was a hunter.

(Pull out the furry fabric for them to feel.)

Jacob was the younger son. He didn't have hair all over his body and he liked to stay home. He was a quiet man. Say, "Shhhh"

One day Jacob tricked Esau with some yummy soup.

(Pull out the can of soup.) Say, "Oh, no Jacob! No tricks!"

Then he tricked Isaac by putting on a costume. He put on his brother's clothes and some furry sleeves to try and look like Esau. *(Pull out furry gloves and put them on to show kids.)*

Isaac was blind so he couldn't see that Jacob was tricking him! Say, "Oh, no Jacob! No tricks!"

Isaac gave the blessing that he wanted to go to Esau to his brother Jacob.

Later Jacob had a dream about a man. He wrestled with the man all night in his dream, but when he woke up he realized that the man he was wrestling with was God!

(Have the kids lay down and pretend like they're dreaming.)

God gave him a new name Israel.