

Making a Mistake

We all make mistakes. Sometimes we say things we shouldn't, make selfish choices, or disobey. Those choices can hurt others, bring consequences, and leave us wishing we could go back and do things differently. We may wonder if God still loves us when we mess up.

Making a mistake doesn't make God stop loving you. He is always with you. But God wants us to turn away from sin, ask for His forgiveness, and obey Him. Because of Jesus, God forgives us and helps us live a new life.



Read Genesis 27:6-10, 18-19, 43-44

Jacob deceived his father in order to receive his brother Esau's blessing. When Esau learned what Jacob had done he was furious. Jacob fled to save himself from his brother's rage.



Read Genesis 28:10-15

God made the same promise to Jacob that He had made to Abraham and Isaac. God kept His covenant to bless the nations through Abraham's family. God had a plan for Jacob. Jacob had lied, schemed and tried to get ahead by doing things his way, but God showed Jacob that the true source of hope was in God and His promises.

THE GREATEST GIFT

God's promise carried on for many generations until one day, the greatest gift of all would come through the family of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—our Savior, Jesus.

DISCUSS: Have you ever made a mistake that hurt someone else? What happened afterward?

DISCUSS: What do you think God has to say about that?

SAY: Everyone makes mistakes because everyone sins. Sometimes our choices hurt other people, and sometimes there are consequences we can't avoid. Jacob lied to his father and tricked his brother, and because of that, he had to leave his home. But even while Jacob was running away, God met him in a dream and reminded him of His promises. God didn't approve of Jacob's sin, but He also didn't abandon him. Through Jesus, God offers us forgiveness when we confess our sins and turn back to Him. When we make a mistake, we don't have to hide from God. We can admit what we did, ask for forgiveness, make things right with others when we can, and trust that God will help us grow into people who honor Him. Making a mistake doesn't have to be the end of the story. God can use even our failures to teach us to trust Him more.



PRAY

Father, thank You for loving us even when we make mistakes. Help us to be honest when we sin, ask for forgiveness, and learn to follow Your ways. Thank You for keeping Your promises. Help us trust You every day. Amen.