



# 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

September 13 & 14, 2014

DATE

Rachel and Leah

LESSON TITLE

Genesis 29:14-35, John 1:12  
Adventure Bible (pp.35-36, 1164)

WHERE TO FIND IT

God's Love is Enough

MAIN POINT

## schedule

**Connect Time (15 minutes):** Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

**Large Group (30 minutes):** Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

**Small Group (15 minutes):** Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

## tips

Today is about embracing God's love as enough to satisfy us and make us whole. Help kids understand the message by telling them about a time when you felt ignored, sad, unspecial or unloved, and how God's love was enough to cover it!

***Next weekend, everybody in Kids' Club will get a brand new CD with sweet, original songs. Encourage kids to invite their friends so they can all get CDs next week!***

## check-in/out

Ask kids what their crowns mean and why God considers us "royalty".

## large group heads up

We'll be learning about the story of Jacob, Leah and Rachel today. Instead of focusing on Rachel and Jacob's relationship, we're focusing on how Leah felt when she was ignored and cast aside by others. Kids may have personal experience with feeling that way, so be sure to encourage them and help them feel God's love in a big way!



## connect time

**Goal:** *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

### **No One Wins**

*\*Break the room into small groups (or keep together if needed). Each group gets 2 beanbags.*

- Tell kids we're going to do a competition! Here are the rules:
  - **Call up two kids at a time to compete against each other.** If you're doing Connect Time as a large group, have several kids compete at the same time.
  - **For 10 seconds straight, they have to spin around, toss a bean bag up in the air and catch it, and hop on one foot, all at the same.** If they can't do it all for 10 seconds straight, they lose.
  - The point is that no one will be able to do all of those things at the same time, so **everyone will lose.**
  - At the end of each 10 second turn, call up another pair of kids to compete.
- If you have time before heading to large group, sit down with kids and talk about what it was like to try and do all those things that were nearly impossible. Ask kids about the best and worst parts of their week.

**Before you head into Large Group, remind them about your expectations for their behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.**



## instructions

**Goal:** Kids will **(1)** retell the story of Rachel and Leah **(2)** understand that God's love is enough for us and **(3)** understand how God loved Leah even though she was not loved by others.

**Why:** We want kids to know that even when they feel unloved, unspecial, or uncool, God sees them and loves them. His love is what we should chase after, not the world's.

**Tip:** A lot of kids have insecurities and issues with feeling unloved or unspecial; make sure to focus on God's love being bigger and stronger than anything else!

## small group

### Review and Dig Deeper:

\*Pass around a **bean bag** to the person who's speaking. Each group member should be prepared to hold the bean bag and answer questions.

1. Why did Jacob leave his home?
2. What do you think it was like for Leah to be ignored and forgotten when she was around her sister Rachel?
3. Whose love did Leah want at first? Why do you think she wanted Jacob's love more than God's?
4. Has there ever been a time when you felt lonely or ignored?
5. Why do you think God's love is enough for you?
6. Read this verse together out of the **Bible**, John 1:12: "Some people did accept Jesus. They believed in his name. He gave them the right to become children of God."

### WE ARE ROYAL CHILDREN OF GOD

- Tell kids that we are going to make crowns for ourselves to remind us that we are royalty; we are children of a king who loves us more than anything!
- Hand out a **crown cutout** to each kid, along with **markers**.
- Encourage kids to decorate their crown with designs and pictures that will remind them of God's love being enough for us. They can also write words or John 1:12 on their crown.

**Prayer**

Jesus, thank you for loving us even when we don't feel special. We're so glad that your love is enough to overcome any problems in our lives. We love you. Amen.

***Extra time?*** Go around the small group and ask kids about the sticker they got at large group. What does it mean? Why did they get it? You can also have another competition; see who can spin around and hop the longest, or who can pat their tummy and rub their head!

## special notes

The physical objects in the lesson today represent things that we use to fulfill us and make us happy; help kids understand this by emphasizing how there will ALWAYS be something else that we want, even when we have something great. But God's love will fill us up and make us more joyful than anything!

## presenter tips

Find the Bible Story video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-SLz5cyakSw>

Watch the "Love" video here:

<http://vimeo.com/76446558>

The worship videos can be found here:

I'm Not Alone:

<http://vimeo.com/49923964>

Grow Up Like Jesus:

<http://vimeo.com/49923932>

## script

### ***\*Click to play intro music***

Hi guys! Welcome to Kid's Club! It's great to see you here today. Before we get started, I want to show you a video about a sweet new Kids' Club CD that's coming out NEXT WEEKEND. Let's take a look:

### **Video: Love Beats Promo**

Wow, I can hardly keep from dancing! Everyone in Kids' Club next weekend will get a copy—and if you invite a friend, they can get one too! They can also have some fun with you and learn about Jesus.

But for now, let's talk about that crazy competing you just did. Raise your hand if you spun around, threw the bean-bag, and hopped on one foot all at the same time? (Let kids respond.) Anybody? (Most kids will not raise their hand.) Okay, who wants to tell me what it was like when you tried to do all those things? (Let a kid respond.)

You know, when we lose at a game, or in any situation, it can make us feel like we're not good enough. Like we're not special. And if we could *only win*, then we would be happy! Well today we're going to learn that God thinks way differently than that. We're going to hear a story about someone named Leah who also thought she wasn't good enough.

### **IS IT ENOUGH?**

Before we get to that, I need a volunteer (pick a kid to come up). Okay, thanks for coming up! I'm going to give you a gift, and no one else gets a present! (Give the kid an **eraser**.) All right, do you think that could make you happy? (Let kid respond.) Cool!

Now I need another volunteer! (Call up another kid.) Okay, now I'm going to give you something cool too (give the kid a better present, a **small toy car**). Hmm, what do you think of



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that? (Let kid respond.) Yeah, that's even cooler than the other gift.

Okay, now I need one last volunteer! (Call on a third kid to come up.) Here is our last prize of the day (hand the third kid the best prize of all, a **big stuffed animal.**)

Wow, you all got some pretty cool stuff, right? Now let me ask you a question (direct your question at the first kid), did you like what you got before anyone else came up here? (Let kid respond.) Okay, how about when you saw all the other stuff that kids got, were you still happy with what you had? (Let kid respond.) Now how about you? (Direct your question at the second kid), what was it like to get a toy car, and then see the next person get something even better? (Let kid respond.)

It seems to me that even though you all had cool prizes that most of the room didn't get, you weren't happy when someone else got something even better, right? No matter what we have, there's always something else. Something that we think will FINALLY make us happy once we have it! (Dismiss volunteers and **collect their objects.**) There are lots of times when we feel like we want something cooler, or better. If we hang out with the right kids at school, if we win a game, if we get the best grades, then we'll be happy!

## JACOB FINDS RACHEL AND LEAH

Well there was a guy from the Bible named Jacob who was really unhappy. His dad Isaac was dying, and Jacob basically tricked his dad into giving him a special blessing even though it was meant for his brother, Esau! After that, Jacob left home and was feeling pretty badly. He thought that his dad's blessing would give him everything he wanted, that it would make him happy! But it didn't. Eventually he found some relatives who took him in. We're going to watch a video about what happened after that. While you're watching, pay special attention to a woman named Leah, and how God uses her, even though she thought she was unloved and unspecial.

## VIDEO: THE GIRL NO ONE WANTED

Wow! That was quite a story. Who can tell me the names of the two women in the story? (Let a kid respond.) Awesome! Rachel and Leah. Rachel was beautiful and popular, and everyone loved her. Everyone thought she was special, including Jacob. And then there was Leah. Leah was not as popular. She didn't look beautiful like Rachel, and no one ever told her she was special. So when she got to marry Jacob, she hoped that he would love her just like he loved Rachel! But he didn't. How do you think Leah felt then? (Let a kid respond.) Yep, I bet you're right. She felt unloved. Let's look at a verse from the Bible to see what happened.

**SLIDE: Genesis 29:31 "The Lord saw that Leah was unloved, so he let Leah have children."**

The Lord saw that Leah was unloved. Whoa! Let's think about this for a minute. God didn't just focus on Rachel, who was special and loved by everyone. He looked at LEAH, the one who was not beautiful. The one who people didn't love. The one who was ignored. Who can tell me what he did for Leah? (Let a kid respond.) Yes, that's right! He let her have kids! Back then, having kids was really important. Even more important than today!



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### **LEAH FINDS GOD'S LOVE**

Okay, so God gave Leah her first child with Jacob, and she named him Reuben. Can I have a volunteer come up? (Call on a kid.) Okay, I'm going to give you this eraser that I gave our first volunteer earlier, okay? Can you read our next verse? (Let kid read the slide.)

**SLIDE: Genesis 29: 32 "Leah became pregnant. She had a son. She named him Reuben. She said, 'The Lord has seen me suffer. Certainly my husband will love me now.'"**

Hmm. So Leah has this baby, and she thinks "Okay, now that I've got a son, maybe Jacob will love me! Than I'll finally be happy!" Kind of like earlier, when our volunteer got his present. Alright, I need another volunteer to come up (Call up a second kid and give him the toy car.) Okay, have this even better gift, and read our verse.

**SLIDE: Genesis 29:33 "Leah became pregnant again. She had a son. Then she said, 'The Lord heard that Jacob doesn't love me very much. That's why the Lord gave me this one too.' So she named him Simeon."**

Uh oh. It sounds like Leah is hoping that this baby will be the thing that makes Jacob love her. Finally, she will be happy! Again, like our volunteer who thought he would be happy with his gift! But there's more. I need another volunteer up here (Call on another kid and hand him the stuffed animal.) Okay, go ahead read this verse:

**SLIDE: Genesis 29:35 "She became pregnant again. She had a son. Then she said, 'This time I'll praise the Lord.' So she named him Judah. Then she stopped having children."**

Interesting. There's something different about that verse. She didn't say anything about wanting Jacob to love her, did she? Instead, she said something else. Does anybody know what it is? (Let a kid respond.) That's exactly right! She praised the Lord! Instead of hoping that she would be happy when Jacob finally loved her, she realized that God loved her! He loved her even though she was unloved by others! How amazing is that? God's love is what FINALLY made her truly happy.

### **GOD'S LOVE IS ENOUGH FOR US**

God's love is the most amazing thing in this world, because it is the only thing that will make us truly joyful. There is nothing that will ever be better. He has the strongest, most incredible love we could ever receive.

We're going to do something special now. A video is going to play on the screens. It's all about just how much God loves us. More than we can even imagine! As the video plays, you can stay seated, and think about how that makes you feel. You can pray to God and thank him for his love too.

You also have to choice to come up here and get a **sticker** (make sure they are set out on the presentation area). If you want to wear a reminder of God's love, put the sticker over your



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heart. His love is more than enough to make us feel special, even when others don't.

**VIDEO: TAKE A MINUTE/LOVE (PLAY THIS VIDEO WHILE KIDS DO RESPONSE ACTIVITY)**

Now let's worship God some more by standing up and singing a song about how Jesus is with us always!

**VIDEO: I'M NOT ALONE**

**VIDEO: GROW UP LIKE JESUS (Can do if time allows)**

**PRAYER**

God, thank you for loving us even when we don't feel cool, or special, or loved by other people. Help us remember that your love is always enough. Amen!



# PREP needs



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## connect time supplies

Per group: 2 bean bags

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## small group supplies

Per kid: DIY Crown (IN-48/8331), markers  
Per group: 1 Adventure Bible (pp. 35-36, 1164), 1  
bean bag

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## large group supplies

For the whole group: A fun eraser, a small toy car, a large stuffed animal  
Per kid: 1 heart sticker  
Adventure Bible (pp. 35-36, 1164)

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## a/v needs

1. **Song slide:** for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. **Video:** Love Beats Promo (Mae will have this)
3. **Video: The Girl No One Wanted** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-SLz5cyakSw>
4. **Slide: Genesis 29:31** “The LORD saw that Jacob didn’t love Leah as much as he loved Rachel. So he let Leah have children. But Rachel wasn’t able to have children.”
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## connect questions

Why is God’s love enough for us?  
Tell me about Jacob and Leah.

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