



Kindergarten-2nd

September 20-21, 2014

DATE

Rachel and Leah

LESSON TITLE

Genesis 29:14-35, John 1:12

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

Think of a way that God has shown love to you, even when other people didn't. Share it with kids, so they know that even grown ups feel unloved sometimes!

check-in/out

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

REMEMBER TO HAND OUT A BRAND NEW KIDS' CLUB CD TO EVERY KID ON THE WAY OUT!

large group heads up

We'll be learning about how God saw that Leah was unloved, and he did something about it! 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.*

IMPOSSIBLE SIMON SAYS

**Break the room into small groups (or keep together if needed).*

- Tell the kids we're going to play Simon Says!
- Line the kids up in front of you and tell them that you will say "Simon Says..." and they have to do whatever you say. However, if you don't say "Simon says" first, they have to sit down.
- Start out with some easy tasks like "Simon says hop up and down", "Simon says touch your head", etc.
- After a few easy tasks, start doing harder and harder ones. Here's some examples:
 - Simon says hop on one foot and turn around at the same time.
 - Simon says do 10 jumping jacks in 2 seconds
 - Simon says walk on your hands
 - Simon says run to the other end of the room in one second
 - Simon says lift both your legs in the air at the same time
 - You can improvise other hard/impossible tasks...
- 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)** understand that God's love is enough for us and **(2)** 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.

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! **Also, kids will get CDs on the way out—encourage them to listen with a friend!**

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. Who did Jacob love?
3. How did Leah feel when she was ignored and forgotten?
4. Has there ever been a time when you felt lonely or ignored?
5. Is God's love enough for us? (YES!)
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 that remind them of God's love.

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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 put their tummy and rub their head!*

DON'T FORGET TO HAND OUT THE KC LOVE BEATS CDs AS KIDS LEAVE!

special notes

We're focusing on **Leah** in today's story, a girl who felt unloved, but was loved by God. Think of a time you felt lonely or unloved, and share an example of how God's love was enough.

presenter tips

Find the Bible Story video here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-SLz5cyakSw>

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! I'm so glad you're here. You all just played a pretty crazy game of Simon Says, didn't you? Raise your hand if you were able to do every single thing your leader asked? (Let kids respond.) Anybody? (Most kids will not raise their hand.) Hmm, it seems like those things were pretty hard! Who wants to tell me what it felt like when you lost the game? (Let kids respond.)

You know, when we lose at a game, it can make us feel like we're not good enough. Like we're not special. Kind of like when someone makes fun of us, or we feel alone. Today we're going to hear a story about someone named Leah who also thought she wasn't good enough.

JACOB FINDS RACHEL AND LEAH

First, let's talk about a guy from the Bible named Jacob. He was really unhappy. His dad Isaac was dying, and Jacob tricked his dad into giving him a special blessing even though it was meant for his brother, Esau! (**Show slide of Jacob and Esau.**) After that, Jacob left home and was feeling horrible. He thought that his dad's blessing would give him everything he wanted, and that it would make him happy! But it didn't.

He wandered and wandered until he found some relatives that took him in. Their names were Rachel and Leah. We're going to watch a video about what happened next. While you're watching, pay special attention to Leah, and what happened when she felt unloved and unspecial.

VIDEO: THE GIRL NO ONE WANTED

Wow! 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.



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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 why did Jacob marry Leah? (Let a kid respond.) Yep, he thought she was Rachel!

LEAH FEELS UNLOVED

I need a volunteer to come up here with me! (Call on a kid.) Okay, we're going to pretend that you're Leah. (Get out the **clothes** that are onstage.) I need you to put this on (give them a **big shirt**), and this (give them a **robe**) and this (give them **fabric** to drape on their head) and this (give them a **scarf** to tie around their mouth) and finally, this (add a few more **scarves** and **fabric** on top of them to be silly). Woah! I can barely recognize you under all that!

This is how Leah was probably dressed up at their wedding! Well, maybe a little different...but basically, Jacob couldn't tell the difference! (Let the kid take off the clothes and return to their seat.)

Now when Leah got to marry Jacob, she hoped that he would love her as much as he loved Rachel! But he didn't. How do you think that made Leah feel? (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! God paid special attention to Leah above everyone else, because she felt lonely and unloved. Isn't that amazing? If it makes you feel good to know that God loves us and pays special attention to us even when we're lonely, get up and let's do a 10 second celebration dance! I want you to dance as crazy as you can, so get on up! (**Play dance music for 10 seconds, and invite some kids up to the stage if you want.**)

GOD'S LOVE IS ENOUGH

Okay, who can tell me what God gave to Leah? (Let a kid respond.) Yes, that's right! He gave her kids! Back then, having kids was really, *really* important to women. Even more important than now! God wanted to show Leah that **HIS LOVE WAS ENOUGH.**

And you know what else? His love is enough for us too! He sent a rescuer to come save us because he loves us so much! Does anyone know that rescuer's name? (Let kids yell out, "Jesus!"). Yes! Jesus! Let's read this verse together:

SLIDE: John 1:12: "Some people did accept [Jesus]. They believed in his name. He gave them the right to become children of God."

We're going to play a worship song now, and as you listen, you can pray to God and ask him to help you always remember that his love is enough. If you're ready, you also have the 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 heart.



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VIDEO: I'M NOT ALONE (play while kids get stickers)

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

VIDEO: GROW UP LIKE JESUS

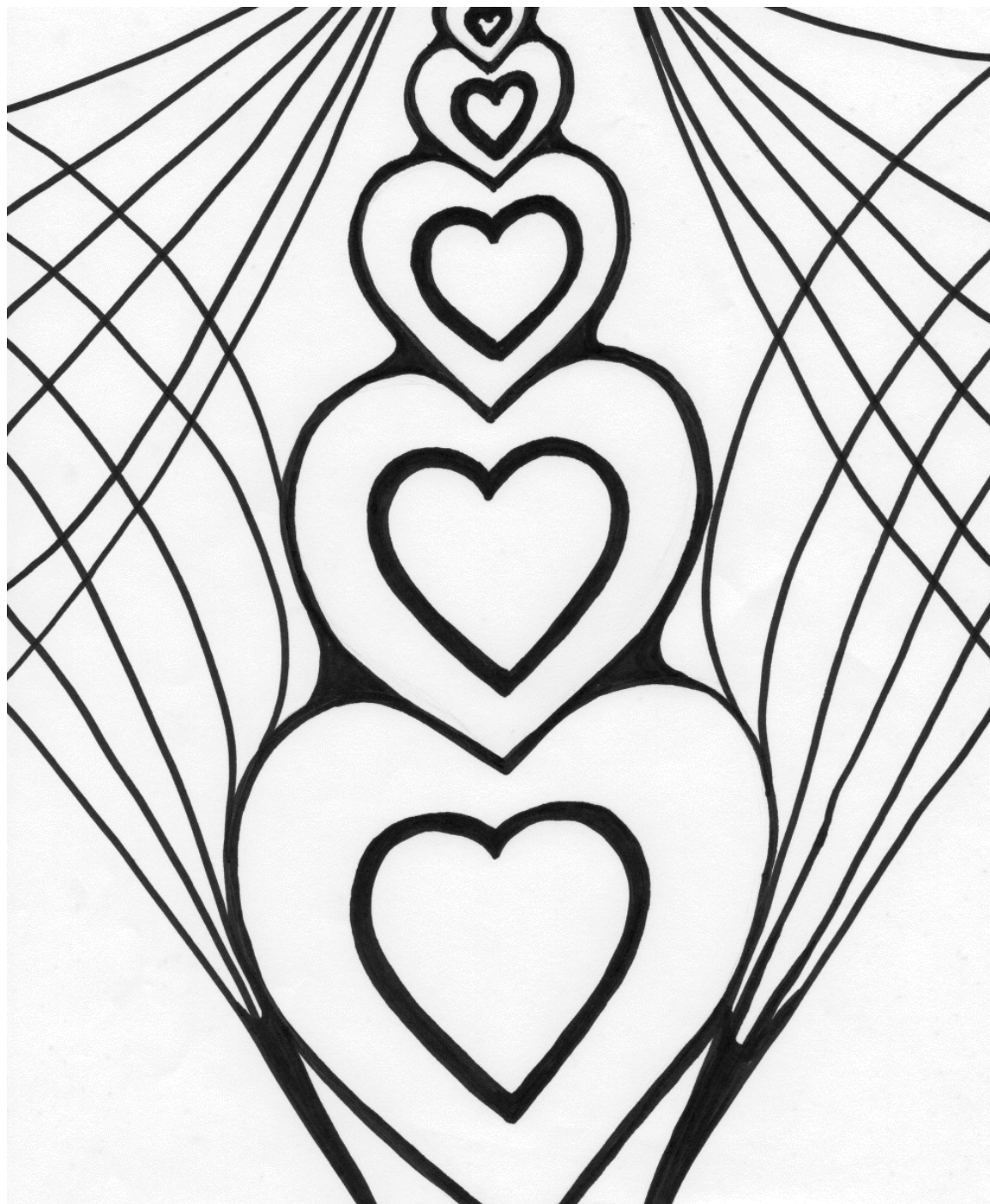
PRAYER

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!



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PREP needs



connect time supplies

none

small group supplies

Per kid: DIY Crown (IN-48/8331-oriental trading)

Per group: 1 Bible, 1 bean bag, markers

Special Setup: KC Love Beats CDs—hand out one per kid during checkout!

large group supplies

Per room: random big clothes (a shirt, a robe, 3 scarves, 3 large 4'x4' pieces of fabric)

Per kid: 1 heart sticker

a/v needs

1. **Intro Music**
2. **Slide:** Picture of Jacob and Esau
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.”
5. **Dance Music**
6. **Slide:** John 1:12: “Some people did accept [Jesus]. They believed in his name. He gave them the right to become children of God.”
7. **Video: I’m Not Alone**
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connect questions

Why is God’s love enough for us?

Tell me about Jacob and Leah.

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