



3PK

July 11-12, 2015

DATE

Rachel and Leah

LESSON TITLE

Genesis 29

WHERE TO FIND IT

God loves us.

MAIN POINT

schedule

First 10 minutes of the service hour:
Engage kids in cooperative play activities to help them connect to other kids

Next 5 minutes: Connect Time

Next 25 minutes: Large Group

Last 25 minutes: Snack and Small Group

tips

Today is an opportunity to help kids build their identity in God! We can help them recognize that they are beloved children of a loving father, no matter how people in this world treat them.

check-in/out

Ask kids why they are wearing their crowns! Remind them that God loves them more than anything in all creation, and their crown can remind of them of that!

large group heads up

Today's story is a part of God's rescue plan, and how he used unlikely people to be a part of that plan! We're focusing on how Leah, someone who was rejected and unloved by the world, was loved unconditionally by God. Not only did He love her, but he chose to bring the rescuer through her family!



connect time

GOAL: *Connect time is all about engaging kids in a short, interactive game to prepare them for Large Group.*

- **Clean up! (10 minutes after the service start time, when you get the 5-minute warning from the presenter)**
- Line Up
- Tell kids, “I’m going to tell you some things that we all feel sometimes, and if you think God still loves you, give yourself a big hug!”
- Does God love you if you feel...
 - Sad
 - Mad
 - Happy
 - Lonely
 - Scared
 - Confused
 - Excited
 - Frustrated
- Tell kids that God loves us no matter how we feel, or what we do!
- As you walk into Large Group, encourage kids to put on their listening ears! Remind that HOPS will be showing us how we should act in Large Group, so we have to listen!



instructions

Goal: To help kids (1) understand that God used Jacob, Rachel and Leah as part of his rescue plan (2) recognize that God loves them no matter what

Why? The world can make us feel inferior or unloved. We want kids to fully believe that God loves them exactly as they are.

Tip: Focus on how people made Leah feel sad and unloved, but God loved her no matter what! We are precious to God!

small group

REVIEW THE STORY

1. Who were the two sisters that Jacob met? (Rachel and Leah)
2. Why did Leah feel sad and unloved? (Jacob didn't love her, people never noticed her, people were mean to her, etc.)
3. Who loved Leah when she felt like no one liked her? (God)
4. Who is the rescuer that God brought through Leah's family? (Jesus)
5. Who else does God love? (Us)
6. Does God love us sometimes, or ALL the time? (All the time)

LOVE CROWNS

- **Set markers** out on tables.
- Hand each kid a **crown template** and **4 heart stickers**.
- **SAY:** God loves us more than anything, and we are special to him. He sees us as princes and princesses!
- **Explain** that we're going to make a crown to show that we special to God, and we will put heart stickers on it to remind us of how much he loves us!
- Let kids **decorate** their crowns with stickers and markers. Once they're finished, help them fasten it around their head!

***Pray together and thank God for loving us so much!**

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Extra time?

*Have kids do a **coloring page**. After that, play a fun version of Duck, Duck Goose! Have kids sit in a circle, and say “duck” when you tap each of their heads, and then instead of saying “goose”, say “God loves you!” and let the kid chase you around the circle until you sit down. Let the next kid go around the circle, etc.*

special notes

Have you ever felt like Leah? Prepare for today's lesson by thinking about a time when people made you feel sad or alone, but God loved you and wanted to be close to you.

presenter tips

Here's a video we'll be showing:

Rachel and Leah Video:

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

script

Hi Friends! Welcome to Kid's Club. I'm _____ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend HOPS. She's going to remind us of the kind of choices we can make today in Kids' Club.

Video: HOPS Put On Your Listening Ears (*about 1 minute*)

(Hold up the **Bible** for kids to see.) This is God's story. Out of all the stories in the world, this story is the most important. Do you know what it's called? (Let kids respond, "The Bible.") That's right, the Bible! It's God's Rescue plan. This book shows us how he rescued us from all the wrong things in the world.

In the beginning, God made the whole world and everything in it. He created the sun and the moon, the water and the land, the plants and the animals, and people like you and me! Everything was good. Give me a big thumbs up! (Let kids respond. Then change your tone.)

But THEN, something bad happened. Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and all the wrong things came into the world. Things like sadness and death. Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond.)

Even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God, God loved them anyway! He planned a great rescue so that Adam and Eve—and you and me—could be close to God again! Do you know who the rescuer is? (Let kids say, "Jesus!") That's right! Jesus!

INTRO: JACOB, RACHEL AND LEAH

After Adam and Eve, there was a man named Abraham. Can you all say, "Abraham"? (Repeat with kids.) Good job! God decided to start his special family with Abraham so that someday, the rescuer could come! One person that came from Abraham's family was Jacob. Can you say, "Jacob?" (Repeat with kids.) Awesome!



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One day, Jacob was wandering around in the desert. He was tired, and hungry, and thirsty. *(Walk around the presentation area like you're lost and tired.)* You see, Jacob had made some bad choices, and now he was on his own. Give me a thumbs down. *(Let kids respond.)* He needed a place to sleep and eat. Finally, he found a house where some of his family lived!

Two sisters lived there, named Rachel and Leah. God loved them both, even though they were different from each other. **(Click to play slide.)** People always told Rachel how pretty she was, but they usually ignored Leah. That made her feel sad. Can you give me a sad face? *(Let's kids respond.)*

When Jacob met Rachel and Leah, he loved Rachel the most. Even though Jacob didn't love Leah, God decided that he would use HER as part of his rescue plan. Let's watch a video to find out what happened to her! See if you can figure out who made Leah feel loved.

VIDEO: Jesus Storybook Bible/Rachel and Leah

What an amazing story! First, Jacob got tricked. That wasn't very nice, was it? *(Let kids respond, "No!")* When Jacob found out that Leah was the girl he married, he was upset! He said he didn't want to be married to her! How do you think that made Leah feel? *(Let kids respond with "sad," "mad," etc.)* You're right, she probably felt very sad. She might have even felt like no one loved her.

Something amazing happened next, though. God decided that Leah would be a part of his rescue plan, and someday the rescuer would come from her family! This rescuer would save us from all the wrong things in the world!

Do you think God wanted Leah to be a part of his special family? *(Let kids answer, "Yes!")* That's right, because He loved her! Even though Jacob didn't want to marry her, and even though Leah's family and friends never noticed her, God loved everything about her!

Do you think God feels that way about us? *(Let kids answer, "Yes!")* Yes, He does! He loves us more than anything in the world, and he wants to be close to us! He always notices when we're sad, or lonely, or when people are mean to us. If you know that God loves you, then when I count to three, let's all yell, "God loves me!" and cross our arms across our chest, like a hug. *(Demonstrate for kids.)* Are you ready? One, two...three! GOD LOVES ME! Good job everybody!

PRAY

Dear God. Thank you for loving us so much. Thank for wanting us to be in your family. Amen!

WORSHIP

Since God loves us so much, we should show love back! We can do that in a lot of ways. One way is by singing to Him, and even dancing!

Song: Be Strong

Song: Whole Wide World



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Song: Deep and Wide (extra song if you have time left over)

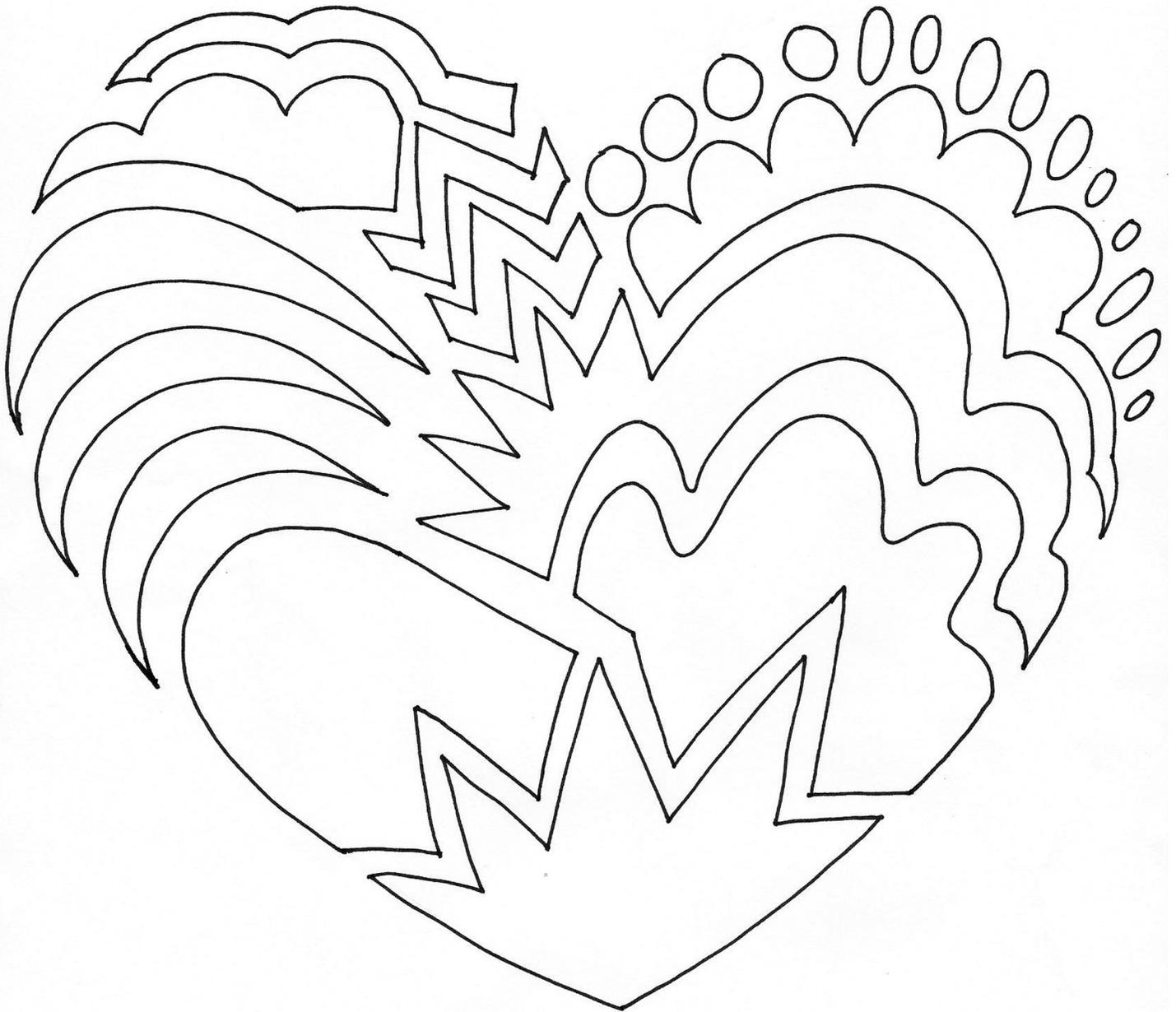
Dismiss kids to small groups. (Be creative as you dismiss them. Ask them to come give you a high five first, or maybe tiptoe or hop to their groups.)



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PREP needs



connect time supplies

“God still loves you even if” game – no supplies needed

small group supplies

Per kid: 4 heart stickers (OT: IN-12/1885)
1 crown template (OT: IN-48/8331)

Per group: Adventure Bible, markers, 1 roll of clear tape

large group supplies

Per Group: Bible

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: HOPS Listening Ears (<https://vimeo.com/67408013>)
3. Slide: Rachel and Leah
4. Video: JSB/Rachel and Leah (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITdzGbz-QTo>) (start at 0:45)
5. Song: Be Strong
6. Video: Whole Wide World (<https://vimeo.com/75339448>)
7. Extra Song: Deep and Wide

connect questions

How does God feel about us?
Who was Leah?

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Daily Talk Starts – separate document