

LESSON 12

JACOB GOES BACK TO HIS HOMETOWN

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Jacob Journeys Home

In the first chart are some Bible verses about God's protection. Read them and unscramble the words to fill in the blanks. In the second chart, write down which of the verses would best apply to the situation.

Verse	What the verse says about God's protection
Psalms 18:2	God is our _____. prtocorte
2 Timothy 4:17-18	God _____ us. sesnhetrngt
2 Thessalonians 3:3	God protects us from _____. eivl
1 Corinthians 10:13	God protects us while we are being _____. tmtdpee
Psalms 56:9	God protects us from our _____. misnee
Psalms 91:3-7	God protects us from _____. gadern
Psalms 57:1	God protects us until _____ has passed. disasret
Psalms 121:3-8	God is always _____ us. ptiocrnetg
Joshua 1:5	God's protection never _____ or forsakes us. leseva

Scenario	Which verse would apply to the situation?
A mean bully at school always enjoys sneaking up on you and scaring you. He also likes to trip you when you're walking in the hallways or outdoors.	
Mary is a church member in an African country, and they are currently experiencing a drought with very little water to drink. She, her family, and other church members have managed to get by during the two months because they continue to rely on God and remember His promise of protection.	
A church brother was in New York City during September 11th and close to the buildings that collapsed. Many people died or got hurt that day, but he was reminded of a verse in Psalms about God's wonderful protection.	
Jan, her mother, and her little brother were driving on a stormy night when the cars in front stopped suddenly! Jan's mother yelled out "Hallelujah!" and miraculously the car stopped in time and did not hit anyone or anything.	
Alex and his family were walking back to their apartment and, as they were approaching the front steps to their building, two thieves appeared out of the shadows and pointed a knife at them. They demanded money and any jewelry. But Alex quickly decided to shout "Hallelujah!" and this miraculously scared the evil thieves away.	

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A Midnight Encounter

1. Jacob stayed in the place he called _____, which means "_____."
2. Jacob _____ with _____ for the entire night, until it was dawn.
3. When Jacob refused to let go, God touched the socket of Jacob's _____, and it came out of joint.
4. Jacob would not let go until God _____ him.

Two Brothers Reunite

1. How did Jacob greet Esau?



2. How did Esau greet Jacob?

3. What does this tell us about their attitudes towards each other?

Jacob Returns to Canaan

Upon returning to his homeland, there were two key things that Jacob did. Identify them, and briefly explain what we can learn from each.

a.

b.



Bobby the Bully

Objective: To remind students to rely on God when they are insecure or need protection.

Instructions: Read the story, and then answer the discussion questions.

Jason moved to a new house the summer before starting fourth grade. He soon made friends with Steve, his next-door neighbor who was his age. Steve told him about Bobby who lived about two blocks away from them. Bobby would be in fifth grade in the fall but he could pass for a seventh grader. Everyone called him "Bobby the Bully" because he always picked on kids weaker than him. Steve told Jason that he had given his lunch money to Bobby many times before so that he would not hurt him or make fun of him. Then, one day, as Jason was playing basketball with Steve, he saw Bobby push a boy off his bike and take off with it.



As the summer was ending, Jason grew more and more concerned. Occasionally, he would remember to pray to God about it. He told God about Bobby and how he was afraid of him. Jason also recalled the story about how Daniel was not afraid even when the king ordered the soldiers to throw him into the lions' den. In the end, God protected Daniel by shutting all the lions' mouths. Jason thought to himself: "Surely, God will protect me, too!" However, Jason was still afraid. Then, Jason asked Steve to show him all the places where Bobby normally hung around or passed by every day to get to school so that he could avoid running into him.

Part of trusting in God is **believing** in what you ask of Him. For example, if you pray every day about your struggle and fears, you must believe that God can **help** you. If you have any doubt, then you haven't put all of your trust in God yet. You can always ask God to help give you a **greater faith** in believing in His **power** if you have this problem.

Discussion Questions

1. If you were Jason, what would you do?
2. What are some things that Jason can do to show that he trusts in God's protection?
3. If you know of a bully in your school, what can you do to show you trust in God's power?

Forgiveness

Objective: To remind students that forgiving others and asking for forgiveness are both necessary and dependent on each other.

Instructions: Read the story below first, before answering the questions that follow.

During a 6th grade science experiment, Rick's partner Perry accidentally dropped a glass beaker, shattering it. The teacher came over and asked who did it and what happened. Because Perry wasn't friends with Rick, he didn't care, so he blamed the whole thing on Rick saying that he made him drop it. Rick was angry, of course, but Perry was really good at lying and convinced the teacher. A lot of people actually avoided Perry because of this. Perry didn't really have any friends. The teacher ended up believing Perry and thus took five points off Rick's assignment grade.

Two months later, Perry was out sick for three days and so in the morning, his teacher asked Rick to pick up Perry's homework at the end of the day and bring it to Perry's house, since they lived a block away from each other. At first Rick thought, "After what Perry did to me last time, why would I do a favor for him?! I'll just make up an excuse at the end of the day and not bring it to Perry so that he'll fall behind on his schoolwork—that'll show him." But later in the day, he realized that this is wrong. He had just learned in RE class that past week about not taking revenge on others, and about how, above all else, we must show forgiveness if we want God to forgive us too. So Rick still brought the homework to Perry that afternoon.

Perry was surprised to see Rick show up at his door with the homework. For the first time, Perry felt sorry for what he had done to Rick. When Perry finally went back to school, he invited Rick back to his house to play. Over time, the two even became good friends.



We learned today that Esau forgave his brother Jacob, and Jacob held nothing against Esau for wanting to kill him. Today, if we can forgive others, God will forgive us, too. It's even part of the Lord's prayer: "forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." We are saying, "God, forgive us of our sins that we have committed against You, just as we have forgiven those who have offended us."

1. What does the Bible tell us about forgiveness? Read Matthew 18:21-22 and Luke 17:3-4. What does "seventy times seven" mean?

It means an unlimited number of times. We should always _____ others, without counting the number of times we do.

2. Why should we forgive others? Read what Paul says in Ephesians 4:32.

We should forgive others because _____.

3. What are the benefits of forgiving? Read Mark 11:25-26.

Forgiving others is necessary for _____.

4. Spiritual cleansing. Read James 5:15-16.

James says that the elders of the church should pray over those who are sick and the Lord will make them well, adding, "And if he has committed _____, he will be _____."

5. Examples of forgiveness in the Bible

Read the verses and write down the person who was doing the forgiving.

- Genesis 33:4-15 _____
- Genesis 45:8-15 _____
- Numbers 12:1-13 _____
- 2 Samuel 19:18-23 _____
- 1 Kings 1:52-53 _____
- Luke 23:34 _____
- Acts 7:59-60 _____
- 2 Timothy 4:16 _____



6. Read Matthew 6:12.

Write out this verse, which is a part of the Lord's prayer.

Tips to help you forgive

- Make a resolution to _____ others (Luke 17:3-5).
- Do not seek revenge or repay _____ for _____. Let God handle it in His perfect way (1 Peter 3:9).
- Ask Jesus to help you release the anger inside you (Ephesians 4:26-27, 31).
- Pray for a forgiving heart and remind yourself about what the Bible says about the subject.
- _____ for those who have hurt you (Matthew 5:44).

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Homework Assignment

Name: _____ Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Weekly Bible Reading: _____

Bible Reading: Check each box when you complete that day's reading.

Prayer: Check each box after you pray to God that day.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. _____

2. _____

Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. **(Psalm 133:1)**

Fill In the Blank

1. Before Jacob went up close to Esau, he bowed down to the ground _____ times to show his respect to Esau.
2. As the Man was wrestling with Jacob, He saw that He could not win over Jacob, so the Man touched the socket of Jacob's _____.
3. After Jacob wrestled with God, He said to him: "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but _____, because you have struggled with _____ and with _____ and have overcome."

True or False

4. Jacob thought that Esau still hated him and was coming to kill him. _____
5. Jacob remembered to pray to God about his meeting with Esau and what was troubling him. _____
6. Jacob settled inside the city, Shechem, upon returning home to Canaan. _____

Short Answer

7. What did Jacob do when he lifted up his eyes and saw Esau coming with his 400 men?
8. When Esau saw his brother Jacob, who had tricked him two times before, what did he do?
9. When Jacob finally settled down in Canaan, what were two key actions of his, and why are these important to us?
10. Which of the Ten Basic Beliefs does this lesson teach us about? Name it and explain.