



# Revival Church Kids sessions: March

March 2015

Date	Theme	Learning point: What is the lesson?	Bible & 21 ref
1 <sup>st</sup> March	A new family for Abraham	God kept His promise	Gen 18 & 21 BBS: pg 28
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Isaac & Rebekah	God answers prayer and has plans for our future	Gen 24 v 1 - 67 BBS: pg 29
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Jacob & Esau / God speaks to Jacob	God looks after Abraham's family	Gen 25, 27 & 28 BBS: pg 30 & 31
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Jacob goes back home	Saying sorry and going back	Gen 29 & 32 BBS: pgs 32 - 33
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Palm Sunday	To know the story of Palm Sunday as part of the wider Easter story	Mark 11 v 1 - 11 BBS: pg 199



# Revival Church Kids sessions: ideas (3-6s)

## A new family for Abraham

### Games you might play

#### **Waiting...**

Get the children to crouch down and stand up when they think 30 seconds is passed. The closest one is the winner!

#### **Happy Families**

Play real life Happy Families – give the children one card out of a “set” and they have to find the others from their “family” and sit together.

#### **Family Hunt**

Have cut-outs of a “set” of things hidden around the room – children have to find a full set and sit down with them.

NOTE: try not to use the typical mummy/daddy/boy/girl family set-up in games. Children need to know that families come in all varieties and each one is precious to God, whatever they look like!

### Possible Activities:

Have you ever made a promise that you haven't kept? Has someone made a promise to you that they have broken? Talk about the importance of doing what we say we'll do.

Who is in your family? You could draw them. We are all part of a family, we have our wider family (relatives), our church family and our family of Christians around the world!

Make a “God loves my family” sign on a house shape.

### Crafty ideas:

Make a “Promise Book” – 4 pages with promises on to tear out and give to people. Ideas are: I promise to tidy my room, help you wash up, help you wash the car, give you 10 minutes' peace and quiet etc etc.

### Prayer idea:

Ask God to help us to believe him, even when things seem impossible.

### Things you might talk about:

God can do anything! Even things that seem impossible. What would you pray for?

### **Food ideas:**

Make bread - You can get quick-make packet mixes, or prep the dough before and just get the children to knead and shape it

Do a “taste test” with bowls of yoghurt – can they guess the flavour?



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Make a “God loves my family” sign.

Name as many things as you can that are completely impossible. Is there anything that would make them possible (eg. It's impossible to walk on the ceiling, but if someone invented anti-gravity boots, it wouldn't be!)

Make a “Nothing is impossible for God” sign / collage / bracelet.

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### Things you might talk about:

What was it like to wait all that time then give up hope of having a family? How do you think Abraham felt when he heard God's promise? Why did Sarah laugh?

God can do anything – nothing is impossible for him! What would you pray for?

How can we believe and have faith and wait for God to come through?

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## Isaac & Rebekah

### Games you might play

#### **Pin the tail on the camel**

Just like pin the tail on the donkey!

#### **Drawing water for the servant**

Use a bucket of water and get the children to hold a paper cup in their teeth. Who can draw the most water without using their hands?!

#### **Make a pair**

Make some children an Isaac, and some a Rebekah. Children have to get themselves into Isaac & Rebekah pairs.

### Possible Activities:

Get some little notebooks and cover the front page. Get the children to decorate the front with a "God has plans for me" or "God has a plan for my life" message.

Get the children to draw a camel (don't worry what they look like!) and create a camel train.

Make jewelled headdresses for the camels or bracelets for yourselves.

### Prayer idea:

Write or draw prayers on a camel and make a camel train!

### Crafty ideas:

Make a valentine for Isaac & Rebekah

Make a well picture with a bucket that you can wind up and down on string

### Food ideas:

Make heart-shaped biscuits for Isaac & Rebekah – put I & R on them!

### Things you might talk about:

Try making the link between the promise God made to Abraham and the continuation of His plan and the fulfilment of that promise.



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#### **Drink of water relay**

Which team can get the most water from a bucket at one side of the room to their bucket at the other side, using just their hands?

### Possible Activities:

Get some little notebooks and cover the front page. Get the children to decorate the front with a "God has plans for me" or "God has a plan for my life" message. They might want to just use it as a notebook, or maybe introduce the idea of a prayer journal to them.

Make jewelled headdresses for the camels or bracelets for yourselves.

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### Things you might talk about:

How do you think Rebekah felt? Would you marry someone you had never met? (You might have to explain that the idea of marriage was very different and that spouses were chosen by your parents etc)

Try making the link between the promise God made to Abraham and the continuation of His plan and the fulfilment of that promise.

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Where else in the Bible does someone meet a woman by the well wanting a drink of water?



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## Jacob & Esau

### Games you might play

#### **Jacob or Esau?**

Dress one child up in a wig and play a version of blind man's buff where the child(ren) who is "on" has to locate Esau (the one with the wig on)

#### **Good choice / bad choice**

One side of the room is labelled as a "good choice" and one as a "bad choice". Read out a set of statements and let the children run to whether they think it's a good or bad choice. (eg. Helping at home, not doing homework etc)

### Possible Activities:

Esau liked hunting - make a bow and arrow and play a hunting game!

Any spot-the-difference games

Playing tricks - why not find some harmless tricks to play on each other. Teach the children some they can do to their friends at school!

Make something with the message "I will always be with you. I will take care of you" on eg. Bookmark, sign for bedroom, picture frame etc.

### Crafty ideas:

Make 2 babies or people - make one hairy with orange wool and one smooth. You could do this just on plain paper or card, or use toilet roll tubes or wooden spoons.

Paint a stone "pillow" using large pebbles.

### Food ideas:

Jacob liked cooking - so you could make absolutely anything and still have a link to the story! Why not find out about the diet at the time and make some flat bread or something? (Try to avoid live slaughter of animals!)

### Books to read:

Any Topsy & Tim books (they are twins!)

### Things you might talk about:

Both Jacob & Esau made bad choices - can you name them? Even when we make bad choices, it doesn't stop God from loving us and still including us in His plan!



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Make an "angry face" picture - Esau spent a lot of time being angry. Why?

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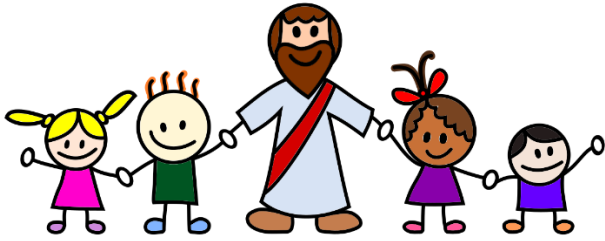
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How must it have made Jacob feel to have that dream - message from God? This is God's message for us too!

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You might want to read some of the passages from a "grown up" Bible - there's lots more in there!



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## Jacob goes back home

### Games you might play

#### **Musical chairs**

Instead of the music stopping, you can shout "go home"

#### **Jacob's coming**

A variation on captain's coming – different actions for different instructions. So shout instructions like "herd together!" – all children get together in a huddle / "Arrive at home!" – find someone to hug etc.

### Possible Activities:

Sheep / camels / goats crafts and activities:

Make lollipop stick animals

Make animal bookmarks

Model animals

Playdough animals

### Prayer ideas:

It's important to say sorry to God, but we know he forgives us!

Write or draw your sorry prayer in a tray of sand and then shake it to make it disappear!

Write or draw your sorry prayer on paper then shred it!

### Crafty ideas:

Make a card for someone that you need to say sorry to, or for next time you do something wrong! Or a gift.

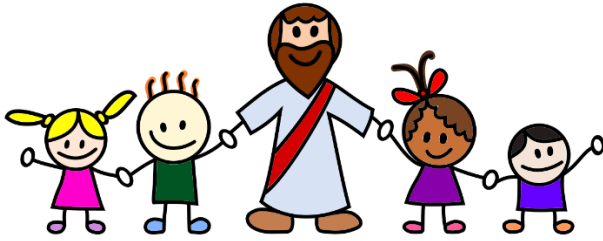
Make pompom sheep (Judith has an easy pompom maker if needed!)

### Things you might talk about:

What should we do when we know we have done something wrong?  
What kind of things do we do wrong?

### Food ideas:

For a really cute sheep cupcake, go to [www.wineandglue.com](http://www.wineandglue.com) and search for sheep.



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Set up 2 "goals" (2 halves of a drink carton or similar) and a herd of "sheep" (cotton wool balls). Give straws to 2 children (or 4 to play in a team) and play a similar game to blow football – try to get the "sheep" in the opposite "goal"!

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### Things you might talk about:

How does it feel when you know you've done something wrong?  
How do you think Jacob felt about going back to see his brother? What would have been going through his mind?  
Pride sometimes stops us going back and saying sorry. What does the Bible say about pride?

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## Palm Sunday

### Games you might play

#### **Waft the donkey**

Make some palm branches from newspaper and waft a paper donkey with them. First donkey across the line wins!

#### **Pin the tail on the donkey**

Just what it says! Adjust a bit and do pin the Jesus on the donkey!

### Possible Activities:

Make a twister - Jesus on a donkey (Jesus on one side, Donkey on the other, colour and stick on a stick, then when you spin it, Jesus sits on the donkey!)

Re-enact the story

Make a big "Hooray!" sign together or a "Hooray for Jesus" banner

Make donkey ears for a headband to wear!

### **Prayer Idea:**

Do a praise shout for Jesus! Explain that the people were shouting HOORAY! Have a go at making lots of noise to shout praises to Jesus!

### Things you might talk about:

Why were the people so glad to see Jesus? Would you have shouted hooray?

### Crafty ideas:

Create a large palm tree using green hand prints

Create palm leaves using newspaper

Create a donkey craft



### Food ideas:

Make or try some rock cakes (even the rocks would cry out)



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Explain what the word Hosanna means. Talk about why they called Jesus the "Son of David".

### Crafty ideas:

Create large palm leaves or a whole palm tree together!

Donkey crafts

### Food ideas:

Make or try rock cakes (even the rocks would cry out!)

Look at a video of the Palm Sunday events – check You Tube – there are lots of child friendly ones on there.

### Things you might talk about:

Why were the people so excited to see Jesus? How did they know about him? What was upsetting the people that got cross about it all? (Thinking about these things might help to put Good Friday in context next week!)