



FAMILY
LifeGroup

Sunday 7th June 2020

KIDS CHURCH
Hold On To Jesus



CHALLENGE

Last session we asked you to try and remember a Bible verse. See who can remember it.

Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” John 7:37b-38



EXPLORATION

What does the story of Jacob wrestling with God have to do with us today?

Click [here](#) to watch!



VERSE

Genesis 32:22-32

That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. ²⁴ So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob’s hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. ²⁶ Then the man said, “Let me go, for it is daybreak.”

But Jacob replied, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.”

²⁷ The man asked him, “What is your name?”

“Jacob,” he answered.

²⁸ Then the man said, “Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, ^[a] because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.”

²⁹ Jacob said, “Please tell me your name.”

But he replied, “Why do you ask my name?” Then he blessed him there.

³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, ^[a] saying, “It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.”

³¹ The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, ^[a] and he was limping because of his hip. ³² Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the tendon attached to the socket of the hip, because the socket of Jacob’s hip was touched near the tendon.



DISCUSSION

1. Do you know how to iron? What does ironing clothes do to them?
2. Have you ever hung off monkey bars? What's your longest time?
3. Name some animals you know that like to hang.
4. Why do you think it's hard to trust God when we experience struggles?



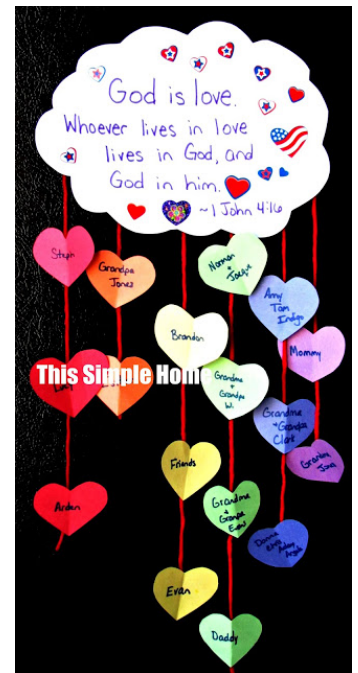
ACTIVITIES

CRAFT ACTIVITY

HANG ONTO JESUS MOBILE

- Sheet of white paper
- Sheets of coloured paper
- String

and on the end. Attach the 'heart strings' to the white clouds. Find somewhere to hang your mobile.



ACTIVE ACTIVITY

STATIC PRAYERS



You will Need:

- Balloon
- Small pieces of paper

Think about your struggles. Write one thing you would like help with on each piece of paper. Blow up your balloon. Rub your balloon on carpet. Lay your prayer papers on the table and wave the balloon over it. Watch as your prayers stick to the balloon. This is what happens when we trust Jesus with our struggles, he takes them all and holds onto them.



PRAYER

Jesus, we thank you that you hear us when we talk to you. We ask that you would give us the strength to trust you when we go through struggles. Help us to remember that you can use the tough times in our lives to grow us. Amen.



BLESSING

[Name], God is blessing you. Amen



CHALLENGE

Try and remember this verse this week. Perhaps you and your family might like to make up some actions to help, or even a song? It's a big one this week!!

But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me. *Genesis 32:26b*

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

We would love to see how you and your family are growing faith in your home.

Why not set up a mini 'Table' for the kids like we have been using at LifeWay? It can be as simple as paper and pencils, scissors and glue and Lego or Play dough. They can then make something while you watch the Live Stream as a family.

If you are happy to share photos or videos of what you have been doing please send them to Elise von Stanke elise.vonstanke@lifeway.net.au and we will share these with our community through Facebook and Instagram @lifewaylutheranchurch.