



The Stolen Blessing
For groups meeting
Nov 1 – 7, 2015

Start with FREE PLAY [15 Minutes]

Provide small manipulatives or board games if not outdoors

*Use **PROPS** in Treasure Chest to introduce each session of **the 5 W's**:*

Using props helps kids engage and get into a weekly routine of knowing what comes next. Once a weekly routine is established, kids will know what to expect and therefore learn what is expected of them. Store props in treasure chest.

WELCOME [5 Minutes]

Take wood box with questions from treasure chest. Pick & discuss 1 card per week

WORSHIP [5 Minutes]

Choose 2 Songs from Kidz 'n Groups CD provided. Play and sing.

YouTube links to motions are provided on CD cover if desired. Kids love motions!

Pray to WIN [5 Minutes]

Take the cross from the treasure chest. Read what is on the cross to remind kids that we should pray every day. Place nearby. (Step 1 is necessary if not previously done) **Step 1:** Say "We are going to pray and ask God to help us think of one person we know, who doesn't know Jesus." Then pray. Pass out the 'I PRAY' cards. Have kids write the name of the person that God brought to their mind. Have the group pray for Jesus to win the heart of each person by believing the gospel. Review what the gospel is if needed. Prayer time can be done as a group or by one person praying for all. **Step 2:** Pass cards with names (or a drawing of the person) out each week and pray for the people on the cards. Occasionally ask kids for updates on the person they are praying for. Collect the cards and store in envelope for future weeks.

Treasure the WORD [10 Minutes]

Show kids the Bible and Key. Read the sentence on front of the Treasure Chest. Encourage kids to read their Bible everyday. Teach young children weekly how to find the book, chapter and verse.

Review: Over the past few weeks we have talked about the promise God made to Abraham. God would give Abraham a large family, land and a blessing. The blessing would come from an heir of Abraham, and be from his family line or genealogy. (You could show a family tree to help the kids understand) In today's Bible story we will hear about Abraham's son Isaac and Isaac's two sons, Esau and Jacob.

Read: Genesis 27:1-4

Question: How come Isaac could not tell which son was which? [Because in his old age, his eyes became 'dim' and he could not see very well at all.]

Treasure the **WORD** [10 Minutes] - continued

Activity: Use a doubled over bandana or scarf as a blindfold. Ask volunteers to be Isaac. Have a few items on hand that might be challenging for the kids to guess what an item is when they are blind-folded. Give each child the opportunity to try, if they want to.

Discussion: Explain that Isaac could not tell which son was which, just like they had difficulty guessing what the item was. Did they feel it? Smell it? Thought about the weight of it? Listen to the story to see what happens

Read: **Genesis 27:5-17**

Question 1: Do you think Isaac ends up getting tricked by Jacob? [Why or why not?]

Scripture: **Read Genesis 27:18-25**

Question 2: First acknowledge who guessed correctly. Then ask, Can you explain to me why Jacob wanted to trick his father? What was he trying to do? [*Steal Esau's blessing*]

Discussion: If we continued to read the rest of the story we would find out that Isaac does bless Jacob. Then Esau approaches his father with a meal for the same blessing and finds out his brother stole his blessing from his father.

Finding the treasure in God's Word: Esau is Isaac's firstborn. The firstborn son of each family was the one that was supposed to receive the blessing of his father. When the boys were born God had told Isaac that the older son (Esau) would serve the younger son (Jacob). Isaac had forgotten and was going to give Esau his blessing. **Jacob stole Esau's blessing.** Nothing can stop God's perfect plan. Before Jacob and Esau were even born, God planned to bless Jacob's family. God kept His promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to make their descendants as numerous as the stars. From their family would come the promised One—God's Son, Jesus.

WORKS Challenge [10 Minutes]

Kids will use Kindness Coins and choose to accept or decline the challenge each week to 'work for Jesus' by passing on what they have learned. Be stingy with the coins. Only give a kid a coin if he or she agrees to accept and follow through with the challenge. Start each week by asking the kids that took the challenge the week before to tell about what they did and who they gave the coin to. A challenge must be completed and a coin given to the recipient before a new challenge is accepted.

Challenge: Ask a friend or family member the following question.... "*Has someone ever stole something from you and did you get it back?*" Then give that person the coin. Tell them they can pass it on, but only if they want to.

End with FREE PLAY

***Lesson Coloring pages:** found at www.enewlife.com/ministries/small-groups/resources
Recommended DVD's: Superbook or What's in the Bible or Outdoor Play