

Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 27: YOUR NAME SHALL BE ISRAEL
GENESIS 32:22-32

Jacob was leaving Laban after taking most of his flocks with him because God blessed him. This was the time when Jacob was going to return to his home and meet his brother Esau. So during the night, Jacob got up and began moving his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven sons across the Jabbok River at the crossing. After he sent his family across the river, he sent across everything he had. Jacob was left alone, and during the night a man came and wrestled with him. The man fought with him until the sun came up. When the man saw that he could not defeat Jacob, he touched Jacob's thigh in the hollow part and it made the socket of Jacob's hip go out of joint as He wrestled with him. Then the man said to Jacob, "Let me go. The sun is coming up." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go until you bless me." And the man said to him, "What is your name?" And Jacob said, "My name is Jacob." Then the man said, "Your name will not be Jacob. Your name will now be Israel. I give you this name because you have power and have wrestled with God and with men, and you have won." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But the man said, "Why do you ask my name?" Then the man blessed Jacob at that place. So Jacob named that place Peniel. He said, "At this place, I saw God face to face, but my life was spared." Then the sun came up as Jacob left Peniel. He was limping because of his thigh. So even today, the people of Israel don't eat the muscle that is on the hip joint at the thigh, because this is the muscle and place on Jacob that the man touched.

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GENESIS 32:22-32



“And he said to him, ‘What is your name?’ And he said, ‘Jacob’. And he said, ‘Your name will no longer be Jacob, but it will be Israel: because you have power with God and with men like a prince, and you have overcome.’”

GENESIS 32:27-28

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MEMORY VERSE:

"The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth."

PSALM 145:18

Review Questions

True or False

1. During the night Jacob had his whole family with him and a Man wrestled with him until morning.
2. When the Man was not winning the struggle against Jacob, He touched the hollow part of his hip, and it made the socket of his hip go out of joint as He wrestled with him.
3. The Man told Jacob, "Hold onto me!"
4. The Man told Jacob, "Let go of me, because it's almost morning."
5. Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you punch me."
6. The Man asked Jacob, 'What is your name?'
7. When Jacob told the Man his name, He told Jacob, "Your name will not be Jacob any more. It will now be Israel, because you have power and have wrestled with God and with men, and you have won."
8. Jacob said to the Man, 'Please tell me your name.' and the Man said, "My name is Jehovah."
9. The Man blessed Jacob in that place, and Jacob called that place Peniel because he said, "Because I have seen God face to face, and my life has been saved."

Questions

1. What happened to Jacob during the night when he was left alone?
2. How long did the Man struggle with Jacob? Was it all night long?
3. When the Man was not beating Jacob, what did He do?
4. What did the Man say to Jacob when he told him his name was Jacob?
5. When the Man told Jacob to let go of him, what did Jacob say?
6. Did the Man bless Jacob there?
7. Do you remember the name that Jacob gave that place? (Peniel – pronounced puh-NYE-el)
8. When the sun came up over Peniel, how did Jacob walk? Why?

Lesson 27 Activity/Craft

Phones

Let a paper phone remind you, you can always call upon the Lord. Just cut along the dotted line on the phone handout. Let them write “God” and draw an icon button to push to call Him. If you want, you can put a safety pin in the hole and pin them on your students’ shirts or if you have a piece of tape or a sticker, you can tape it or stick it on their shirt with the tape or sticker.

Explain that God desires a relationship with us and He wants us to call out to Him; He can help us, because He’s in complete control of every situation. **God wants us to depend on Him.**

Crutch Friends

“Broken” can mean many things. You can either bring a broken radio or tape recorder, some broken glass in a jar, a broken pencil, a broken ruler, or other common item that is broken, or just describe the broken items to the children. Have the children examine (or talk about) the broken items.

Explain that it is easy to tell when things are broken usually, but it is usually more difficult to tell when people are broken. Talk about being broken before the Lord. Explain that this means that we give up our wants and our will, and quit fighting God when something bad is going on in our lives, and let Him into our hearts and be in control of our lives and our hearts. For example, someone can be very very sick, and possibly almost die, and they give up and trust God to have His way in their life, or perhaps someone has been very very mean to you, or has done something very bad to you. You give up your will to be angry or fight them back, or to cry and be afraid of that person, and you let God have control in your life, and trust Him to guide you and show you what you should do. Explain that brokenness before God, no matter what the actual “broken thing” is in our lives, will cause us to be dependent on Him.

Have the children form pairs. Have each take turns pretending to have a broken leg. Have the other partner help the one with the “broken leg” around. Have them switch. Explain how this shows the connection between brokenness and dependency, when you depend on someone else to help you get around or through something.

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving for God’s perfect and consistent love. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity to do so.

