



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

#41 – Jacob Wrestles with God
Genesis 32:22-32

PICTURES NEEDED

41-1 Jacob and his sheep

NURSERY CONCEPT

God blessed Jacob with a large family.

LESSON CONTENT

Explanation: (Show the lesson picture.)

What is this a picture of? (picture 41-1)

Even though Jacob was a sinner, God watched over him and took care of him. After Jacob tricked his brother Esau, he went far away to his uncle's house to find a wife. At his uncle's house, Jacob came to have four wives and eventually had twelve sons by them. God cause him to grow very rich with lots of sheep.

Finally, God told Jacob to go back home. Jacob took all he had back to his home to live in the land God promised to give Abraham. Jacob was afraid that his brother Esau would still be mad at him for stealing his birthright and want to kill him. During the trip one night, Jacob wrestled with God asking God to bless him. God changed Jacob's name to Israel because he struggled with God and overcame.

When he got to the land, Jacob met his brother Esau who was glad to see him. Esau wasn't mad at him anymore. Jacob gave Esau flocks of sheep and other animals.

QUESTIONS

What did Jacob get at his uncle's house? Why was he afraid to go back to his home? How did his brother Esau greet him?

PRAYER

Thank God that he is good and faithful even when we aren't. Thank God for watching over you and keeping you safe.

BIG QUESTION

What enables us to live and flourish?
God sustains and takes care of his people.

CONCEPT MOVEMENTS

God	Lift arms up above head
Blessed Jacob	Bring arms down, palms down
With a large family	Spread arms out in large circle

COLORING

Color in the lesson picture on the class notes.

ACTIVITY

Name the picture in the boxes on the back of the class notes.

LESSON SONG

Father Abraham

Father Abraham had many sons,
Many sons had Father Abraham
I am one of them and so are you,
So let's all praise the Lord.

Right arm!
Right arm: Clench fist,
bend and extend arm
upward repeatedly throughout song

Right arm, left arm!
Left arm: Add left arm in same motion
as right

Right arm, left arm, right foot!
Right foot: Add right foot stepping up
and down

Right arm, left arm, right foot, left foot!
Left foot: Add left foot stepping up
and down

Right arm, left arm,
right foot, left foot, chin up!
Chin up: Add head nodding up and down

Right arm, left arm, right foot, left foot,
chin up, turn around!
Turn around: Add turning in place while
continuing other motions

Right arm, left arm, right foot, left foot,
chin up, turn around, sit down!