

Experiential Learning Activity: "Jacob and Esau"

For lesson on Sunday 9th October 2011

Time/context: 10 minute activity at the end of the lesson for Years 3&4

Aim: A consolidating activity to investigate how we gain or lose blessings.

Biblical Text: Genesis 27

27:35 "Your brother came with deceit and has taken away your blessing."

Materials Required:

- Large dice labeled with 3 options :
 - A) Gain blessing in a Godly manner
 - B) Gain blessing by trickery or deceit
 - C) Lose a blessing

Background/Contemplation for servant

Have I given up something valuable that God has given me as my right for something earthly?
Can I gain it again?

Description of Activity (est. 8 minutes)

The dice is thrown to reveal one of the three options. (A) Gain blessing in a Godly manner
A) Gain blessing by trickery or deceit, (C) Lose a blessing

The leader reads out each of the situations below in turn throwing the dice before discussing the situation.

1. You call a friend who is sick.
2. You go to church
3. You go to your grandparent's house
4. You do your homework
5. You watch a movie
6. You have free time on the computer

The children are asked to think about and discuss how the above situation can either help us gain a blessing/lose a blessing. e.g. the dice reveals "gain a blessing" and the situation is "you watch a movie" ,, the children may discuss how to watch a movie in a way to gain a blessing for example choose a spiritual movie, walk away or turn it off if something inappropriate comes up....

Discussion (est. 2 minutes)

Link to lesson – Jacob and Esau – do we give up something valuable for earthly things or do we try and gain blessings in a deceitful way?