# Children's Sunday School | Sunday, July 12

Love that Disrupts Genesis 25:19-34

## **Opening Family Prayer**

Loving God,
May we know that your Spirit is with us today
as we learn what it means to be your people.
Help us to disrupt the world with your deep and lasting love. Amen.

Read Scripture Genesis 25:19-34

### **Family Discussion**

- How many brothers and sisters do you have? How many cousins?
- In what ways are you alike and different? Our Bible story today is about two brothers who are very different.
- In Biblical times the first-born son was given everything and he had the power; the younger sons received very little and the girls received nothing.
- How were Jacob and Esau different?
- How might these differences cause problems between them?
- If Esau was telling the story, what do you think he would say? What were the choices for Esau and Jacob?
- Why do you think each brother made the choices that he did? What struggles do we sometimes have with families and friends? What do you think is God's way to relate to our families?

#### Create

Write your own family prayer, praising God for God's peace. Use the Acrostic style.

Using chalk create a peaceful scene. Draw members of your family working to get along. Share with a picture of your art at Sunday School. Add to your Praying in Color Prayer some of your favorite ways you get along with your family. **As a Family** Take a walk to gather items from nature that you can add to your walking stick. Work on smoothing down your walking sticks, using sand paper, next add the items from nature to your sticks using twine, fishing line, tacky glue or rubber bands.

#### **Help Others**

Clean your room and ask your parents what you can do to help them with a chore this week.

Ask your parents if there is a neighbor that may need a chore done that your family can safely accomplish together. Think about ways that you and your sisters and brothers can get along and put them into practice. Pray for peace in our city, state, nation, and the world.

#### **Watch This Video**

I am the Church - https://youtu.be/50kEqdXz3ao

## After the Video

Practice singing the refrain with your family.

## Respond

Say this <u>children's version of The Lord's Prayer</u> together or the Acrostic prayer, or both. Take a nature walk, praise God for the beauty that surrounds you and take your walking sticks with you!

#### **Remember and Recall**

God loves you and is always with you. God will help you to spread the love and peace the world needs today. Try to be aware of ways that you can help your family and friends to get along.

Closing Prayer Video Watch the Christian mindfulness family prayer for July 12.