

Circle of Forgiveness

Lesson Aim: To teach that God forgives us as we forgive others.

Bible Story: Twin Trouble (Genesis 25:27-34; 27:1-45; 32:9-21; 33:1-4)

The story of Jacob and Esau is a story of grace. The sibling rivalry and parental favoritism created trouble between the twin sons of Isaac. In the end there was forgiveness and peace between Jacob and Esau. The grace Esau gave to Jacob when he returned, is the same grace God gives us when we ask for forgiveness.

Review:

Why did Esau want to kill Jacob?

What is grace? Receiving something good without earning it.

How did Esau show grace to Jacob? He welcomed him back with joy and love.

Sometimes it's hard to forgive people when they do mean things to us. But the Bible tells us God forgives us as we forgive others. Do you want to be forgiven for your wrongs? Yes. Give it to God and let His grace fall on you!

Scripture: 1 Peter 4:8

Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins.

Review: When we get hurt, our natural reaction is to defend ourselves or get even. But as people of God we know that healing of a broken relationship is far more powerful and rewarding than getting even.