

City LG - April 28-29, 2018

Bible Story: Souped Up (Esau's Impatience) • *Genesis 25:24-34*

Bottom Line: When you think you can't wait, think twice.

Memory Verse: "Wait for the LORD. Be strong and don't lose hope. Wait for the LORD!" *Psalms 27:14, NIV*

WORSHIP: Let's Get a Little Crazy and My Help Comes from You

"Hey City! Who's ready to worship? I'm so ready! Everyone stand up with us and let's get a little crazy for Jesus!"

Begin Large Group...

"What's up, friends? Guess what? We've got a fun game to play today! But before we get to our game, I want you to know that our game has something to do with our Bible Story today. How many of you in here like a good bowl of soup (*allow response*)? How about Alphabet Soup? Well, for today's game, we are going to make Alphabet Soup! Here's how to play!"

GAME: Alphabet Soup Scramble

Supplies Needed: Big Pot Full of a Large Mixture of Foam Food, Set of Alphabet Letters (W-A-I-T), and Crumpled Construction Paper = 1 Set (2 sets per Campus)

How to Play:

Select 2 volunteers to play this game; preferably Boys vs. Girls. Bring them up on the stage, ask them their name, grade, and favorite kind of soup. Have contestants stand over their pot. Once you say "GO!", the contestants must dig through the "soup" to find the letters (W-A-I-T). The letters DO NOT have to be found in order, but they must be placed in front of the pot in order. The first contestant to find the letters wins, and place them in order wins. Play a few rounds if time allows.

After the game...

"Great job contestants! Thanks for playing our game today! All this month, we are learning about the power of patience, and what happens when we wait." (*Dismiss children back to their seats*)

"Today we get to hear a pretty interesting Bible Story. It's about two brothers named Jacob and Esau. Raise your hand if you have a brother or if you are a brother. (*Pause for response.*) I see, I see. One other special thing about Jacob and Esau is that they were twins. Are there any twins here? Or do you have siblings who are twins? Or do you know any twins at school?"

"Well, brothers—especially twins—can be best friends one minute and then argue with each other the next minute. Sometimes that's just how it works when it comes to family!"

"One other thing you need to know about is something called a birthright. In biblical times, birthrights were blessings and gifts that belonged to the oldest boy in the family. When his father died, the oldest boy would get special privileges and special rights, and they would ONLY be given to him."

"When it comes to our twins, Esau was born first. Since he was the oldest, Esau was supposed to get the birthright. The only problem with that was that Jacob wanted the birthright for himself."

"The two boys were twins, but they were very different. Here's what it says in the Bible about them."

Open the Bible to Genesis 25:27-28 and read.

“The boys grew up. Esau became a skillful hunter. He liked the open country. But Jacob was content to stay at home among the tents (NirV).”

“Let’s find out what happens with Jacob and Esau in this week’s video...”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 6:13)

“What an important lesson! Whenever we’re in a situation where we KNOW we should be patient, but we’re just not sure we can wait, we can stop and think twice. We can pause (*long pause*) . . . and really think about whether or not we’re about to make the wise choice.”

CG: Bottom Line Slide

“Here’s our Bottom Line for today: **[Bottom Line] When you think you can’t wait, think twice.** Let’s say that together.”

KIDS: [Bottom Line] “When you think you can’t wait, think twice.”

“That was awesome, guys! Let’s pray together.”

Pray: “God, when we’re tempted to be impatient, please help us remember Esau. Remind us that being impatient could cause us to make some really NOT-smart decisions. Help us to slow down, to pause, and to think twice. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

“Being impatient never pays off. Remember that you can think twice. You can be patient, because some things are worth the wait. Before we head to Small Groups, I know some of you have been waiting to give your offering, so it’s Offering Time!”

Offering Time:

“Offering time is a chance for us to bring our money to God, so he can use it to make somebody else’s life better. For us, here in the City, we give our offering to help kids in Kenya have food, clothes, and learn about God’s love for them. And we can help make this happen, for as little as the cost of one candy bar a day! Here at (your Campus name), we bring our offering to help support:

Homer Glen: Victor
New Lenox: Daniel
Orland Park: Rose

CG: Picture of Child

If you brought your offering today, you can bring it up now while this video plays and place it here (*show offering container*).”

CG: Offering Video (Runtime: 1:00)

“Thank you for your generosity City! Let’s take one last look at our Bottom Line together...”

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “When you think you can’t wait, think twice. You never have to think twice about hanging out with your small group, because your small groups are awesome! And it’s time for you to do that right now. Have fun!”

Dismiss children to their small groups.