

## FAMILY WORSHIP



### Activity: Baking spiritual cookies

- Gather ingredients to make cookies: eggs, oil, flour, sugar, butter, chocolate chips, baking powder, etc. Have your child taste each ingredient. When there is an ingredient they don't like, remove it from the recipe. Make a small amount of batter using just the ingredients your child likes. Then make batter using all the ingredients according to the recipe. Bake some cookies using each. Have the child try each. Explain that God gives each of us gifts to give to the church (God's family). If the church is made up only of a few ingredients, this is what we will taste like to the world. But, when we worship and serve God with many ingredients, including the ones we may not like or think are important, this is what we taste like to the world.

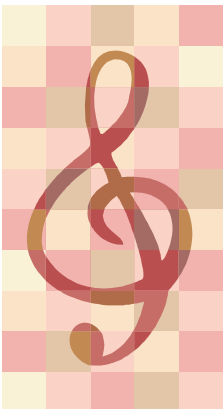
**Practice monthly memory verse.** Spend time practicing and reviewing memory verses from Cubbies and Sparks (AWANA). Talk about the meaning of special words in the verses (e.g. serve, forgive, love, covenant) to help deepen their understanding. Be intentional about using these words in day to day situations.



### February Memory Verse:

**Genesis 28:15** – *Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go.*

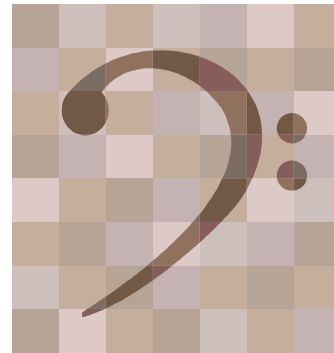
### Worship through singing:



#### The B-I-B-L-E

The B-I-B-L-E  
Yes that's the book for me.  
I stand alone on the Word of God  
The B-I-B-L-E.

The B-I-B-L-E  
I'll take along with me,  
I'll read and pray and then obey,  
The B-I-B-L-E.



<http://www.ebibleteacher.com/children/songs.htm#BIBLE> (You may listen to the tune for free without purchasing the song. Check out the other songs on the site as well.)

### Parent Resource Review:

**Go Fish** is an acappella (vocals and percussion) group that will be enjoyed and appreciated by the entire family. The music is energetic and engaging, ideal for family times of singing and dancing just before or right after Bible story time. The particular CD reviewed this week is Superstar. It starts fast and upbeat but finishes with a slower song, a perfect transition for listening to a Bible story or going to bed. You will find the music fresh and catchy with good values to boot. Superstar has a cool, parent participation friendly rendition of Jesus Loves Me. Also, parents check out the video links below from Jamie Statema's blog. He is the founder of **Go Fish**.

[http://gofishguy.typepad.com/jamie\\_the\\_go\\_fish\\_guy/2009/01/im-watching-you-dad.html](http://gofishguy.typepad.com/jamie_the_go_fish_guy/2009/01/im-watching-you-dad.html)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7JHS8adO3hM> (The impact of sharing your faith)

## Review: Genesis 29:1 – 30:43

Last week we saw Jacob arrive in Haran and meet his relatives. Jacob made an agreement with his Uncle Laban to marry his daughter, Rachel. However, Laban tricked Jacob into marrying his other daughter, Leah. Later, after Jacob had fulfilled his agreement with Laban, Laban made a new agreement with Jacob so that Jacob would stay and work with him. Again, Laban tricked Jacob and attempted to cheat him. Jacob responded by trying to cheat Laban.

- **God had promised to give Jacob a big family. How did God keep that promise?** *Thus far, God has blessed Jacob with 11 sons and 1 daughter.*
- **What does Jacob have at the end of this reading that he did not arrive with?** *30:43 tells us Jacob had large flocks, male and female servants, camels and donkeys*
- **Compare the account of Isaac's wife, Rebekah (Genesis 24:1-28) with the account of Jacob's wife, Rachel (Genesis 29:1-14).**
  - **How did the servant respond when he found Rebekah?** *He prayed to God and worshipped.*
  - **How did Jacob respond when he found Rachel?** *Jacob did not pray or acknowledge God.*
  - **What does this tell us about God?** *God is faithful and keeps his promises even when we are faithless and fail to thank him for his goodness.*
  - **Does this mean we can just disobey God?** *No. Even though God is faithful and keeps his promises, he still allows us to experience the consequences of our sin [when we are bad]. Jacob deceived and cheated others. Therefore, God allowed others to deceive and cheat Jacob.*

## This Week: Genesis 37

This week we begin to see the life of Joseph, Rachel's older son. Joseph is also Jacob's favorite son. His brothers are jealous because Joseph is treated special and they are not. The Bible says Joseph has two dreams that he tells to his family. The dreams he tells them make them mad at him. Joseph is even scolded by his daddy, Jacob, for telling the dreams. Joseph's brothers are so mad they decide they are going to hurt him.

- **What is a dream?** *A dream is like a video movie. We watch videos when we are awake. Sometimes, when we go to sleep, we have dreams. A dream is like watching a video when we are asleep.*
- **How did Joseph's brothers feel about Joseph and his dream?** *They hated him and his dream.*
- **Why did they feel this way?** *They were jealous because he was treated better by their daddy, Jacob, and he received a special robe of many colors and they didn't. They also didn't like his dream.*
- **What does it mean to be jealous?** *Jealousy means we are not happy with what God has given us.*
- **How does this make God feel?** *This makes God sad. God wants us to love one another. He wants us to be happy with the things He has given us.*