

## FAMILY WORSHIP



### **Activity: Developing an attitude of gratitude.**

February is a special Sunday School teacher appreciation month. Pray with your child thanking God for the teachers and helpers in his/her room. Adult teachers and their helpers do an amazing job of ministering to your child each and every Sunday. Think of a way to show them your appreciation. It could be as simple as saying "thank you" with a smiling face or a little personal drawing from your child. Or, simply sharing about how your child is growing in Christ with the help of the children's ministry. Be creative in showing your appreciation to the volunteers in your child's room, and be intentional about modeling gratitude to your child.

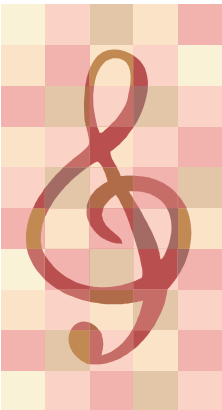
**Practice monthly memory verse.** Spend time practicing and reviewing memory verses from Cubbies and Sparks (AWANA). Talk about the meaning of special words in the verses (e.g. serve, forgive, love, covenant) to help deepen their understanding. Be intentional about using these words in day to day situations.



### **January Memory Verse:**

**Philippians 2:14** – *Do everything without complaining or arguing.*

### **Worship through singing:**

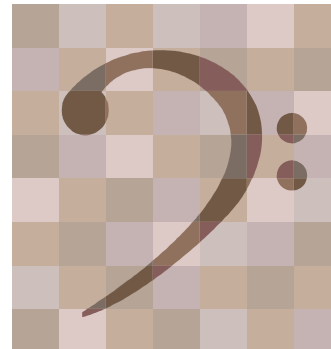


#### **Trust and Obey**

When we walk with the Lord  
in the light of his word,  
what a glory he sheds on our way!  
While we do his good will,  
he abides with us still,  
and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain:

Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.



<http://www.hymnsite.com/lyrics/umh467.sht> (Use this web address to hear the tune. Scroll down and click one of the instrument links in bottom left corner for music.)

### **Parent Resource Review:**

The battle to clothe our daughters in clothing that is both modest and feminine is a daunting task that grows more difficult each year. The links below will encourage you in this ongoing conflict with cultural fashion.

<http://www.cbmw.org/Blog/Posts/Clothing-and-the-Character-of-the-Child-Part-I>

<http://www.cbmw.org/Blog/Posts/Clothing-and-the-Character-of-a-Child-Part-II>

If you have trouble finding the sites, try going to the homepage, <http://www.cbmw.org>, and type "clothing and character January 2009" inside the search box in the upper right hand corner of the screen.

## Review: Genesis 28:10-22

Last week we saw Jacob begin to take the 500+ mile trip from Beersheba to Haran in order to find a wife. Along the way, God gave Jacob a special dream.

- **What was God's promise to Jacob in the dream?** *To give Jacob a big family (v.14), the land on which he was lying (v.13), and to be with him wherever he went (v.15)*
- **What was Jacob's response to God's dream?** *Jacob worshipped God by dedicating a special stone and pouring oil on it.*
- **Why was this special?** *It reminded everyone of the special promises God had made.*
- **What did Jacob promise to God?** *Jacob promised to give God 10 percent of everything he had.*
- **How should we respond to God's promises?** *Worship him by singing praises and giving to him.*

## This Week: Genesis 29:1 - 30:43

This week we see Jacob arrive in Haran and meet his relatives. Jacob makes an agreement with his Uncle Laban to marry his daughter, Rachel. However, Laban tricks Jacob into marrying his other daughter, Leah. Later, after Jacob has fulfilled his agreement with Laban, Laban makes a new agreement with Jacob so that Jacob will stay and work with him. Again, Laban tricks Jacob and attempts to cheat him. Jacob responds 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.*