

FAMILY WORSHIP



Activity: Engaging worship for you and your child.

Scent Game - take 3-5 cups (non-transparent) and put different substances into each cup (e.g. popcorn, cinnamon, a dryer sheet, orange peel or slice). Cover each cup with aluminum foil and poke some holes in the top. Have your child sniff each cup and guess what's inside. Show the contents of the cup. (Eat the contents if they are special treats like popcorn.) Pray a prayer to praise God for being so creative with the scents he made and thank him for giving us noses to smell them.

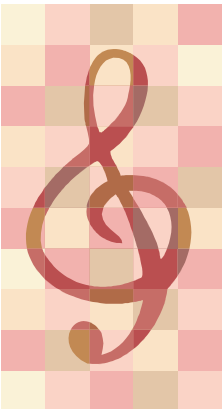
Practice weekly/monthly memory verse. Spend time practicing and reviewing memory verses from Cubbies and Sparks (AWANA). Talk about the meaning of special words in the verses (e.g. serve, forgive, love, covenant) to help deepen their understanding. Be intentional about using these words in day to day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



Memory Verse:

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

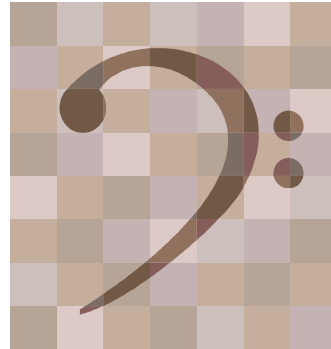
Worship through singing:



My God is so Big

My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,
There's nothing my God cannot do.
My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,
There's nothing my God cannot do.
The mountains are His,
The oceans are His,
The stars are His handiwork, too.
My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,
There's nothing my God cannot do.

[http://www.ebibleteacher.com/children/songs.htm#My God is so Great](http://www.ebibleteacher.com/children/songs.htm#My_God_is_so_Great) (music tune and similar lyrics)



Parent Resource Review:

Website - <http://www.bozthebear.com>

From the website: "BOZ, the green bear next door, loves exploring God's world and discovering exciting new things with his friends Drew and Gracie, their family, and all their friends in the neighborhood.

While your children are attracted to the wonderful stories, great sing-along songs, and fanciful animation, you will appreciate what makes BOZ unique:

- Early educational concepts naturally woven into a faith-based setting
- Healthy family interactions with Mom and Dad (and even Grammie and Grampie) are an integral part of the kids' everyday world

Add in the Baxter family's commitment to serving people in their church and community, and you realize BOZ *reinforces* what you are teaching your child!"

BOZ has coloring sheets to download and interactive developmental games for your child.

Review: Genesis 25:19-34

Last week we saw Esau sell his birthright to Jacob for some lentil stew. **Do you know what a birthright is?** A birthright is the privileges given to children by their parents. These privileges are things like living in your family home, having your own bed, and playing on the family swing set.

Also, the firstborn child, like Esau, will usually receive a special birthright blessing like owning the family home or having special authority when he or she grows up. Esau's birthright included a powerful promise of God's blessing and favor passed on to him from his grandpa, Abraham.

- **What did Esau trade his birthright for?** (*A bowl of stew*)
- **Why did Esau trade his birthright?** (*The Bible says he despised his birthright. This means that he did not value it or think it was important.*)
- **What are some special privileges you have?** (*Answers will vary.*)
- **What blessing and promise has God given to you?** (*God promises to forgive me when I confess my sins [1 John 1:9]. God also promises that when I believe in Jesus, and ask him to save me from my sin, that he will save me [John 3:16; Acts 16:31; Romans 10:9].*)
- ❖ **NOTICE:** Verse 23 shows us that God is in control. He knows things we do not know.

This Week: Genesis 27:1-28:5

In this lesson we see how Jacob stole Esau's blessing. Because Isaac, Jacob and Esau's daddy, was getting old and going to die, he wanted to bless his firstborn son, Esau. However, Rebekah, Esau and Jacob's mommy, helped Jacob trick his daddy so that Jacob received the blessing instead.

- **How did Jacob deceive his daddy?** (*He lied to him, saying he was Esau. He put on Esau's clothes. He put goat's skin on his hands and neck.*)
- **Was God surprised that Jacob received the blessing?** (*No. God knew it before it happened [Genesis 25:23].*)
- **What does this tell us about God?**
 - *God knows all things.*
 - *God is faithful - even though Jacob cheated to get the blessing, God still kept his promise*
 - *God is patient - He does not punish us immediately but gives us a chance to confess*
 - *God is loving - He allows us to experience the consequences of our sin so we learn to obey him*