

FIB-RUARY

Lesson 2

We will discover the dangers and consequences of mis-leading, deception and trickery.

Object lesson—bring a table up and put something that all the kids will want.

I taught this the day before Valentines so I went to Walmart and bought inexpensive boxes of chocolate. (\$3) I laid them out on the table and place a small rock behind the boxes of chocolate. I then covered the table with blanket and told the kids do not peek, touch or go near the table. When class time started they flew to their seats to wait for the reveal. I called one student up and then did a big reveal to show all the boxes of chocolate. The student's eyes got real big.

I told the student if he would like, I would give something off this table. Of course the student said yes as they were jumping up and down and the class wanted the same deal too. So, I reached over the boxes of chocolate and gave the student the small rock. Not what the student was expecting!

Say: I told you I would give you something off this table, didn't I? Ask the class: Did I lie?

No, or did I? Did I mis-lead you in thinking you was going to get one of those boxes of chocolate? Did I trick you? Have the student sit down. (I save the boxes of chocolate for the end of the class)

Lesson

Have the kids find Genesis 27 in their bible.

(I always have the kids to find the book of Genesis first and have them place their right index finger on the page and raise their right hand, then I ask them

Find the big #27 and have them place their left index finger on the number 27 and raise their right hand, then I asked them to find the small #1 after the big #27 and raise any hand they want.)

When they find it—read a few verses and then story tell the rest of story about how Jacob trick his father into believing he was Esau, how Esau got mad and wanted to kill him, Jacob fleeing to his uncles and then his uncle tricking him into working and marrying his oldest daughter Lea before marrying Rachel.

(make it excited for the kids!)

Points

1. Jacob tricked his dad to get the blessing

(blessing-back in that time, blessings where better than any gift you get for Christmas or birthday, better than an x-box or IPod or IPad!!

2. Esau hated Jacob for this and wanted to kill him

3. Jacob had to leave his homeland and go find his uncle Laban.
4. Jacob worked for Laban to marry Rachel but Laban tricked Jacob! He married Lea instead.
5. Jacob had to work another 7 years to marry Rachel.
6. Jacob wanted to return to his home land but he was afraid Esau would kill him.

Wrap it up: When you trick or mis-lead people they can get very angry. The best thing you can do is what Jacob did in the end. Make it right and ask for forgiveness.

Ask the kids to give examples of sometimes they were tricked or mislead or when they tricked or mislead someone. (we had great class time discussion)

Pray with the kids.

Ask the class if they would like to have something off the table and give them a box of chocolate (or what ever the treat is)