LESSON 9: FAMILY ROLE PLAY

AIM: To give the children opportunity to think through typical family issues and resolve them God's way.

MEMORY VERSE: Love one another with a pure heart (1 Peter 1:22)

ACTIVITY: Memory Verse Puzzle
Write the letter of the alphabet that follows the letter in the corner of each box to discover the memory verse.

Discuss the issues highlighted throughout the Jacob and Esau series that caused anger, hatred and family disputes, eg.

- Obvious differences between brothers
- Parental favouritism
- Taking advantage of another’s weakness
- Greed and selfishness
- Lack of appreciation for spiritual things
- Lying and deceit
- Listening to bad advice
- Disobedience
- Running away from problems
- Anger and revenge
Ask the children to share some issues that cause problems in their family or with their friends. Discuss godly solutions to these problems.

Write out role play cards. Divide the children into groups of two or three, depending on the role play situation. Give the children five minutes to discuss the issue raised on the card, and then each group can act out the situation giving it a godly solution.

SOME ROLE PLAY SUGGESTIONS:
- Your younger sister has cut up your favourite book.
- Your father has punished you for something you did not do.
- Your mother promised that you could go to the movies but now she has changed her mind.
- Kids at school always make fun of you.
- Your elder brother won’t let you choose any TV shows.
- You always have to empty the rubbish but your sister never does.
- The teacher always picks on you even when it’s not your fault.
- A friend borrowed your skateboard and broke it.
- Your parents told you never to smoke but your friends are forcing you to try.
- Your parents always favour you and you know it’s hurting your older brother.
Using the alphabetical chart below, decode the symbols and write the names and key words from the Bible lessons about Jacob and Esau’s family in the next column.

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