

PRESCHOOL

8. The Girl No One Wanted

The story of Jacob, Rachel and Leah.

Memory Verse

'God looks at the heart.' 1 Samuel 16:7

An idea to help you remember:

- Put the verse to a tune. Try Old MacDonald had a farm.

Story Time

Read 'The Girl No One Wanted' (pages 70-75 in the Jesus Storybook Bible) or watch the video on our website.

Understanding the Story

Talk this through with your kids:

People didn't think Leah was very pretty. She was rejected and ignored. She was unimportant to people, but God did not reject her, in fact, he gave her a very important job – she would be part of Jesus' family!

The way God does things is often upside down from how we'd think. He doesn't look at how people look, or who is the most popular. God focuses on how people are on the inside. If they trust Him, if they love people – those are the things that matter to God. God didn't send Jesus from a family of people who were all the best and the most loved. Instead, God is there with the rejected, the weak, the people who we see as unlovable. No matter who you are, what you look like, or what you've done – God loves you. We have an invitation to be a part of Jesus' family too.

Questions to get you talking:

- Have you ever made assumptions about people because of the way they look?
- Have you ever been the one left out? How did it feel?

Activities in your box

- **Self Portrait** – you'll need the person outline from your box. Use the outline to draw a self portrait as a reminder that you are created by God and loved for who you are.

Activities using things around the house:

- Use the contents of your recycle bin and get creative. Remember today's story through craft and play by giving purpose to something that was cast aside and forgotten. The possibilities are endless; if you're stuck for ideas – look at Pinterest!

ELEMENTARY (K-3)

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Digging a little deeper:

Jacob was the unloved son, Leah was the unloved wife and yet their son Judah would be the bloodline Jesus was born into. This reflects the true nature of Salvation. The rescuer (Jesus) came to help the imperfect. We are rescued by Grace not because of a deserving family history or all the good we've done. Jesus looks past the things others see as too ugly or too messy and saves us by grace.

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