



Harvest Children's Ministry Presents "Rock The World"

"Back To The Beginning: Jacob Wrestles with God"

Genesis 32 – 33

09/24/06

Character List:	Sunday Morning First Service	Sunday Morning Second Service	Sunday Morning Third Service	Sunday Evening Service
Worship Leader	Jen	Debbie R	Cathy	Alyssa
Doc	Jeff C	Brian	Randy	Cathy
Michael	Zac S	Brianna C	Alyson	Alyson
Jacob	Josh	Anthony	Frankie.	Jacob
Servant #1	Kyle	Sarah K.	Jonathan	Tanyr
Servant #2	Matthew V	Rachel	Sarah A	Keanu
Servant #3	MATTHEW W	Jeanette	Briana VP	Kyla
Voice of God	Bob	Friend	Friend	Friend
Angel of the Lord	Kyle	Juan	Alex	Dilyn
Cow and Sheep puppets	KRISTY, ??	Mariah, Reanna, Rebecca, Taelor, Stephanie, Shaunean, Sarai		Birdie, Juliet

Prop List:

Time Machine	Blue screen	Puppet stage
Backdrop	Spot lights	Foam rocks
Newspapers	Workbench	

SFX / Music List:

Back To The Beginning	SFX Time Machine
You Lord Are Faithful trust In The Lord I Get Down	SFX Animal sounds, cows, sheep, etc.

HARVEST CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - "ROCK THE WORLD"





WORSHIP LEADER: Good morning! Let's all stand up and praise God together!

[01] Opening Song: Rock The World

WORSHIP LEADER: Kids, we have been going back to the book of Genesis to see for ourselves God's plan. We left last week with Jacob running away from his older brother, Esau. What did Jacob steal that made Esau so upset?

KIDS: Esau's blessing from their father, Isaac!

DOC: *(Doc sits by time machine frantically looking through newspaper.)*

WORSHIP LEADER: Wow! Doc sure looks upset about something. Oh, and here comes Michael! Let's watch!

[02] CUE BACKGROUND MUSIC: JUST OUT OF REACH (FOSTER)

MICHAEL: *(enters from stage right)* Hi Doc... Doc what's the matter?

DOC: *(Doc tearing through newspaper.)* Nothing! What makes you think something is wrong?

MICHAEL: Well, Doc, your eyes are bugged out, your face is turning red and that vein in your forehead is ready to pop!

DOC: Since you put it that way, there is something wrong. I lost my job today, and I have to find a job. *(gets up, pacing, ranting & raving)* I have car payments, food to buy, a mortgage to pay, etc., etc., etc...

MICHAEL: *(Interrupting)* ...Doc, Doc! *(grabs Doc)* Have you prayed about it?

DOC: Um, well, no. *(breaks away from Michael's hold)* but I can handle this myself!

MICHAEL: Doc, I think its time I took YOU back to the beginning. *(aside to the kids)* Don't you think so kids?

KIDS: Yes!

MICHAEL: Let's go, Doc.

DOC: *(grumpy)* Alright, but I don't see what good it's gonna do!

[03] LIGHT & SOUND FX: Flashing lights & time machine sounds

(Doc & Michael emerge from time machine.)

JACOB & SERVANTS: (ENTER from stage left. Jacob makes sure they have their bags w/ supplies- Pantomime talking and checking bags)





[04] CUE BACKGROUND MUSIC: Jewish background music soft
Song Of Complaint.wav

JACOB: *(comes out to take off his fur pieces & Esau's shawl throws them away)(exits s-left)*

DOC: Where are we? ...And who is that?

MICHAEL: That's Jacob- the trickster! Remember, kids, how Jacob pretended to be his older brother, Esau? What did Jacob put on his hands and wrists to make himself be more like Esau?

KIDS: fur; hairy pelts

MICHAEL: Remember Doc, you told me that after Jacob tricked his father Isaac for his brother's blessing, he ran away to his Uncle Laban's in Ur of the Chaldees. And the Bible tells us that he met God on the way, and God made him a promise.

DOC: Yup, it's called Jacob's ladder... He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. God stood beside Jacob and said:

JACOB: *(Comes out with a shepherders hat & staff in hand to put on after the dream, he picks up a rock and puts it under his head and lays down to sleep by a tree.)*

VOICE OF GOD: "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth... All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

JACOB: *(jumps up and puts on shepherds hat, picks up shepherd staff, and pantomimes herding sheep until he hears that he wakes up married to "Leah" the wrong daughter: then he jumps up, arms up in the air, scared to death and hides behind his hands and peeks out at her with a scared look.)*

DOC: Yeah, but Michael, Jacob spent the next 20 years in service to his Uncle Laban who turned out to be a bigger trickster than he was! Remember how Jacob thought he married Uncle Laban's younger daughter, but woke up the next morning with the older daughter. He had to work another 7 years to marry the one he originally wanted!

MICHAEL: That's right Doc, but eventually, God told Jacob to leave Uncle Laban's farm and his flock of sheep.

JACOB: *(Stands listening to God, exits stage right after God speaks short line)*





VOICE OF GOD: "Return to the land of your fathers and to your relatives, and I will be with you."

MICHAEL: When he came back to the land of Canaan, he had two wives and eleven sons with

[05] CUE DRAMATIC SNIPPET: TENSION AND TROUBLE AFOOT!
SI CDM02 66.wav

him, and a lot of wealth.

DOC: Yep, God kept His promises to him.

MICHAEL: That's right, and now Jacob is approaching the border of Canaan. He is afraid of his brother, Esau, because Esau threatened to kill him for stealing his blessing. So Jacob sends some of his servants ahead to meet Esau.

JACOB AND SERVANTS: (Enter stage right, servants have bags of provisions)

JACOB: This is what you are to say to my master Esau, 'Your servant Jacob says 'I have been staying with Laban and have remained there until now. Now I am sending this message to my lord, that I may find favor in your eyes. (*servants all exit s-lft*)

DOC: That's right. Jacob is back to his old tricks, trying to butter up Esau to save his skin!

SERVANTS: (return from stage left)

MICHAEL: But when the servants returned they said...

SERVANT #1: We went to your brother Esau, and now he is coming to meet you, and four hundred men are also with him!

JACOB AND SERVANTS: (all freeze with scared looks of terror)

DOC: Yep. If I remember correctly, Jacob was terrified and divided up his people into two groups so that if Esau attacked one, maybe the other would escape.

MICHAEL: Yeah, only after he thought he could fix things himself, that's when Jacob finally prayed.

JACOB & SERVANTS: (unfreezes and servants run off exit stage left; Jacob falls to his knees)

JACOB: (*calls out to God*) Save me, I pray, from the hand of my brother Esau, for I am afraid he will come and attack me and my family. But You have said, 'I will surely make you prosper and will make your descendants like the sand of the sea.'

DOC: Even though Jacob sought God's help, he still didn't surrender, but tried to handle the problem in his own strength.

COW & SHEEP: (puppets come up in puppet stage and move around)



[06] CUE SFX: animal noises - SI 6003 97 5.wav

MICHAEL: Now you're catching on. He spent the night there and in the morning selected a gift for his brother Esau. Hundreds of goats, sheep, camels, cattle, and donkeys and he put them in the care of his servants.

SERVANT #3: *(enter from stage left)* But master, what are we to tell him?

JACOB: Go ahead of me and keep some space between the herds. When Esau meets you and asks, 'To whom do you belong and where are you going, and who owns all these animals in front of you?' Then you are to say, 'They are a gift sent to my lord Esau from your servant Jacob, and he is coming behind us.' *(turning to the other servants)* When you meet him be sure to say, 'Your servant Jacob is coming behind us.'

SERVANT #2: Yes master.

(The servants exit stage left, animal puppets go down, exiting along with the servants, in the puppet stage.)

JACOB:*(crosses behind the blue screen)*

[07] CUE SONG: You Lord Are Faithful (short)

CUE LIGHTS: MAKE BLUE LIGHT SHADOW OF TWO MEN WRESTLING

MICHAEL: It looks like Jacob thinks he can pacify Esau with these gifts and gain his forgiveness... Remember what happened next, Doc?

DOC: Yeah, Jacob stepped away from his wives and kids to pray. In Genesis 32 it says, 'So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak.'

(Spot light on behind blue screen to silhouette Jacob wrestling with angel behind screen)

[08] CUE BACKGROUND MUSIC: Pirate struggle music: but short snippet
POTC Walk The Plank intro.wav

DOC: When the Angel of the Lord saw that he couldn't overpower Jacob, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was out of joint as he wrestled with him.

JACOB: *(Flinches to side of hip that was touched)* AHH!

VOICE OF GOD: "Let me go, for it is daybreak."

JACOB: I will not let you go unless you bless me.

VOICE OF GOD: "What is your name?"

JACOB: 'Jacob.'

VOICE OF GOD: "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome."

CUE LIGHTS: Spot light off behind blue screen.

JACOB: Please tell me your name.

VOICE OF GOD: "Why do you ask my name?"

MICHAEL: Then He blessed Jacob there. His new name Israel means "struggles with God".

DOC: O.K. Michael, I get it. By trying to take care of things in my own strength, I was behaving just like Jacob. He tried to bribe his brother instead of trusting God to keep the promises.

MICHAEL: Well Doc, this is the same lesson you taught me - to trust God. I guess sometimes it's just easier to see when you're not the one facing the problem.

[09] CUE BACKGROUND MUSIC: CONSCIENCE (Foster)

DOC: Losing your job is very scary, you know? But God has promised to take care of His children, right kids?

KIDS: RIGHT!

DOC: He tells us that He will never leave us or forsake us.

MICHAEL: So many times you helped me when I was afraid to make a decision. Doc, you pointed me to God! Thanks!

DOC: Thank you, Michael. God's used you today to teach me. I think I'm ready to go back in the time machine. And while we're on our way back, let's pray!

MICHAEL: SURE!

[03] LIGHT & SOUND FX: Flashing lights & time machine sounds

WORSHIP LEADER (turn to the kids) Kids, do you have struggles in your life?

KIDS: Yes!

WORSHIP LEADER: When you have struggles, who should you give them to?

KIDS: Jesus!



WORSHIP LEADER: Remember, KIDS, no problem is too small for the Lord, no problem is too big either. Trust in the Lord and He will take care of you!

FADE BACKGROUND MUSIC

WORSHIP LEADER: Repeat after me:

And we know

that all things
work together for good
to those who love God,
to those who are the called
according to His purpose.

Rom 8:28

Let's pray:

Father in Heaven,
I love you.
Help me to trust you
with all of my problems.
In Jesus' name I pray.
And everybody said - so be it!

CLOSING SONG: [10] Trust In The Lord [11] Get Down

