

Roots
WBS Kids' Lesson #24
Genesis 48-49

Hook: Does anyone know what I'm holding in my hand? (Hold up a scepter and listen for answers). This is a scepter—a special rod held by a king as a symbol that he rules over the people. Listen for the scepter in our story today—it will be your clue regarding the most amazing blessing ever!

Book: Near the end of Jacob's life, Joseph brought his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim to see him. Old man Jacob reminded his son Joseph that God had promised to bless and grow their family. Then he spoke wonderful blessings over his grandsons, Ephraim and Manasseh. In the future, those boys would become part of the 12 tribes of Israel along with Joseph's brothers, including one named Judah. Jacob then called all of his sons together and told them what God said would happen to them in the future. God knew what was in their hearts—so some would enjoy great blessing and favor, but others would have trouble for disobeying Him. Out of all the blessings, one stood out the most. Listen to what Jacob said about Judah: **"The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from his descendants, until the coming of the One to whom it belongs, the One whom all nations will honor."**

Look: "The One" is Jesus, of course! And that amazing blessing wasn't just for Judah's family, but for the whole family of God—including you and me! Jacob was saying that one of Judah's descendants would always be king until Jesus, the King above all Kings, would come. Jesus is the Messiah and the only forever King. He sits at God's right hand and rules over the whole world! The Bible says that one day every knee will bow to Jesus.

Took: God used the lives of many people in the book of Genesis to carry out His plan for the world. Did you know that God wants to use you to be part of His plan to tell others about Jesus and His great love? Think about someone you could talk to about Jesus. How about a friend, teacher, brother or sister? Sharing about the love of Christ would surely bless that person. Then next week come ready to tell us about how God used you to tell someone about Him!

Bible Verse: "The Scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from his descendants..." Genesis 49:10a (NLT)

Prayer: "Dear King Jesus, Thank You for leaving Your throne in heaven and coming to earth to be our King. Help us to always praise You, glorify You and tell others about Your love. Amen."

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what we
learned

Right before Jacob dies, he blesses his sons and grandsons according to God's perfect plan. The most amazing blessing of all comes when Jacob says to Judah: **"The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from his descendants, until the coming of the One to whom it belongs, the One whom all nations will honor."** God's perfect plan has come true through the life of Judah and many other people in the book of Genesis. His amazing blessing includes all who will believe that Jesus is Lord. He is the biggest blessing, the forever King!



memory
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parent/child
activity

As the family of God one of His blessings for us is that we get to bless others by sharing about His amazing love for them. Together with your child, come up with a creative way to bless someone. It could be a friend, neighbor, teacher, or maybe someone you don't even know. It could be as simple as writing cards together or more of a group project, like babysitting, making a meal or picking a bouquet of flowers from your yard to give as a gift. As you prepare the blessing together, pray the prayer below.



daily prayer

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