

FAMILY FARM LESSON 1

"YOU GET WHAT YOU PLANT"

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POWER VERSE

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(God's Word Translation)

BIG IDEA

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Leader's Info

Families are a lot like farms. On a farm, we plant seeds, then we water them, take care of them, and much later we get a harvest of amazing stuff. If you plant corn seeds, you get a harvest of corn. If you plant tomato seeds, you get a harvest of tomato. Whatever seeds you plant, that is what you're going to get in the harvest down the road.

It's the same way in a family. If you want to reap a harvest of love, then you have to plant the seeds of love in your family. If you want parents who honor you, you must plant seeds of trust in your family. Whatever seeds you plant, that's the harvest you are going to get!

In this lesson, the children will learn to plant the RIGHT kinds of seeds in their family so they will reap an amazing harvest.

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Character: Country Courtney *(An aspiring country music songwriter whose songs never seem to make any sense)*

(Play Country Courtney's theme music on the Music CD Track #5)

(Courtney enters carrying a shovel)

Leader: WHOAH! Hold on there, girl!

Courtney: *(is confused, points to her shovel)* This is NOT a girl, this is a shovel! But if you want me to I shall hold onto it anyway.

Leader: I KNOW that's a shovel! I'm asking you to hold on a second.

Courtney: If you say so. *(looks off into the air, almost like she's watching a fly buzz around)* ONE MISSISSIPPI! *(snatches at the air)* TWO MISSISSIPPI! *(snatches at the air again)* This is purdy difficult.

Leader: What are you doing now??

Courtney: I'm trying to do what you told me by holding onto a second, but they are very fast and I can't seem to grab one!

Leader: Okay...let's try this again. I'm trying to get your attention because I'm sure the kids want to know who in the WORLD you are and WHY you're carrying a shovel in church!

Courtney: Ohhhhhh! Well I am from the country. My name is Courtney. So, my friends call me Country Courtney.

Leader: Your name is Country Courtney?

Courtney: Who told you? It was Farmer Brown wasn't it. Listen, that chicken farmer couldn't prove NOTHING!

Leader: You're making my brain hurt.

Courtney: That happens to me every time I try to do math.

Leader: *(sighs, trying not to be frustrated)* Could you PLEASE tell us why you have that shovel??

Courtney: Oh! This thingy! Well, I am off to go plant my little brother.

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CHARACTER SKIT (CONTINUED)

Leader: WHAT?!

Courtney: Yes! It is exciting! You see, I heard someone talking about how the family is like a farm, and whatever seeds you plant is what will grow. Well, I want another little brother! When you want to grow something on a farm, you plant it! So, I will get my little brother, plant him in the sandbox in our backyard, and BOOM, a little brother tree will sprout up!

Leader: It sounds to me like you misheard what we're talking about, BIG TIME!

Courtney: What do you mean?

Leader: Yes, a family is LIKE a farm, but you don't grow them like PLANTS, silly! When we talk about planting seeds, we're talking about putting GOOD things into our family! Like love, patience, and kindness! If you want to have a happier family, plant some happiness! If your family is rude all the time, maybe that's because you've been planting some bad attitudes! Whatever you plant is what you'll get, so we only need to plant the best stuff!

Courtney: Oh my goodness, that sounds way easier than trying to water my little brother every day. Hey—that reminds me of a song I wrote the other day. You wanna hear it?

Leader: I guess so.

Courtney: All right, here goes! (*sings the song in whatever melody you choose*) I once had a cat, her name was Fluffy, but then I found out not to plant my little brother. If I want to do right, then I guess I better goooooo.

Leader: Why do you have to go?

Courtney: Because I also wanted another kitty, so I planted Fluffy in the backyard. (*runs offstage*) I'M COMING FLUFFY!!

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GAME TIME

"FARM FACTS"

Items Needed For Game: the Data CD;
open the PowerPoint Presentation
for Lesson 1; begin with the slide titled
"Farm Facts"



How To Play: Choose three boys and three girls to compete. Each slide has a question about farms. The first one to "buzz in" and get the answer correct gets a point. If a contestant buzzes in first, but gets it wrong, the other team gets a point. The team to earn the most points during the game wins.

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ILLUSTRATED MESSAGE

"YOU GET WHAT YOU PLANT"

Materials Needed: The Data CD; two packets of seeds; some dirt; planting tools

Preparation: Open the PowerPoint presentation on the Data CD titled "Lesson One," begin with the slide titled "You Get What You Plant"; on one of the seed packets, write the word "carrots" and on the other write "corn"; familiarize yourself with the Bible Story found in **Genesis 27 & 29**

The Message: *(title slide)*



(walk up with the seeds, dirt, and tools) I am pretty excited today. I am going to work on a very cool project, and you all get to help me. I love carrots, and I am going to plant some carrots to grow so I can eat them whenever I want. Pretty cool, huh? Well, I brought my seeds *(pick up the seed packet that has the word "corn" on it; hold it up for all to see)* and am going to go ahead and plant them. *(the kids will probably notice that you have the wrong packet)* I'm going to plant THESE seeds and grow me some carrots. Think that's a good idea? *(play it up for a while)*

You guys are pretty smart. I can't plant "corn" seeds and expect to get "carrots" to grow, can I? Of course not. I would be a pretty wacky farmer to believe that I could grow something different than the seeds I plant, right? Well...



1) The Family Is Like A Farm *(slide)*

In our families, we are a lot like a farm. I don't mean that you have cows and chickens living in your house. What I mean is, some of the same principles of "planting seeds" can apply to our families just like they do to the farm. We are all "planting seeds" in our families every day. With every word we say, action we take, way we treat and react to our parents and siblings—we are planting seeds in our family that will reap a harvest.

2) Whatever "Seeds" You Plant Is The Harvest You Will Reap *(slide)*



If you plant seeds of kindness and forgiveness, then that is what will grow in your family. If you
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plant seeds of anger, lies, or unforgiveness—then that is what you will grow in your family. Those are the things that you will “reap.” You have to understand that you can’t harvest Love, Joy, and Happiness if the only seeds you have planted are Disobedience, Anger, and Lies, right? It doesn’t work that way on a farm and it doesn’t work that way in a Family. Whatever you plant is what you reap in the harvest.

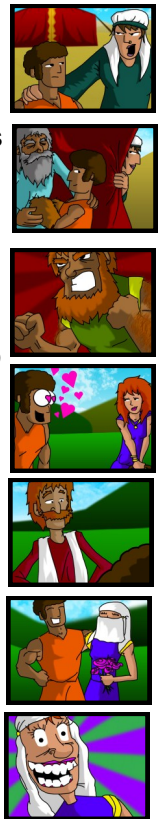
Someone who found this out the hard way was a young man named Jacob. We find his story in the book of Genesis, chapter 27. Jacob had a twin brother named Esau. Esau was bigger, stronger, and harrier than Jacob. Esau was also the first-born. Back in those days, the first-born would go before their father and receive a blessing called the “birthright.” This was when the father would pass down ALL of the money and possessions to the first-born.

Jacob was his mother’s favorite son. She wanted Jacob to have the money and possessions instead of Esau. So, she and Jacob hatched a plan. (show pic) Jacob’s father, Isaac was old and blind. So, Jacob took some fur from some wild animals and strapped it on his arms. This made him feel hairy like his brother, Esau.

Jacob went in with the fur on his arm and lied to his father. He tricked him into giving HIM the birthright blessing instead of Esau. Were these good seeds to plant in his family? No! He was planting seeds of lies and trickery. That’s not good. How do you think Esau reacted when he heard what Jacob had done? (show pic) That’s right! He was VERY angry! He was so angry that he made a vow to kill Jacob the first time he saw him. Jacob got scared and ran for his life.

Jacob ended up running to a whole other country where his Uncle Laban lived. Jacob met Laban’s daughter, Rachel, and fell in love with her. (show pic) She was beautiful! He promised Laban that he would work for 7 whole years as a servant if Laban would allow him to marry Rachel. (show pic) Laban agreed. So, Jacob worked for free—for seven years!

The day came for him to marry Rachel. Jacob was so excited. (show pic) The wedding ceremony was performed. In those days, it was a custom for the bride to wear a veil covering her face. This way, the husband could have the privilege of removing the veil after the wedding and see his bride for the first time. After the wedding, Jacob took his bride back to his home. He was so excited to remove the veil and gaze upon the beautiful face of Rachel. He reached up, removed the veil, and got a BIG surprise. (show pic) He didn’t see the face of Rachel. He saw the face of her ugly sister, Leah.



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ILLUSTRATED MESSAGE

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As you can imagine, Jacob was very angry! He went back to Laban and said, "How could you have tricked me and lied to me like this? I worked for seven years for you so that I could marry Rachel. You tricked me into marrying Leah." At that moment, Jacob was reaping the harvest for the seeds he had sown years before. He had planted the seeds of lies and deceit. He ended up getting that harvest much later. It is sad when this happens in a family. That is why it so important for us to...

3) Plant Only The BEST "Seeds" In Your Family *(slide)*



We must work hard to make sure that the seeds we are planting in our family are the best seeds. Seeds of love, forgiveness, honor, obedience, faith, commitment, and more. Those are the things we want to grow in our families. Those are the things we want to reap in the harvest. Today, we must make a decision to do OUR part to plant the BEST seeds in our families.

ALTAR RESPONSE *(play soft music)*

Pray for the children to always plant the best seeds in their families. Pray for God's help to know what the best seeds are. Remind them that we will be learning all about how to plant the right seeds in our families over the next few weeks.

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REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What was today's Big Idea?
Answer: *"Whatever You Plant Is What You'll Get!"*
2. What was the name of the country singer who visited us today?
Answer: *Country Courtney*
3. What was the name of the person who taught us our Power Verse?
Answer: *Scarecrow*
4. What was the name of the young man in the Bible who lied to his brother and father?
Answer: *Jacob*
5. Who ended up lying to Jacob and tricking him into marrying the wrong girl?
Answer: *Uncle Laban*
6. According to our lesson today, "The Family Is Like A _____."
Answer: *Farm*
7. According to our lesson today, "Whatever _____ You Plant Is The Harvest You Will Reap."
Answer: *Seeds*
8. According to our lesson today we should, "Plant Only The _____ Seeds In Your Family."
Answer: *Best*
9. Did Jacob end up reaping what he planted?
Answer: *Yes*
10. Where was our Power Verse found?
Answer: *Galatians 6:7*