

Today we're going to be thinking about what God was doing in the hearts of Jacob's family.

This is important because it is the same thing God can do in our hearts too!

What do we know about the people who lived in the land of Canaan? Connect the dots to correctly complete the sentences:

The Canaanites
worshipped...

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• God

They did not follow...

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• idols

Do you remember what we read about Esau two weeks ago?

(Look back at Genesis 36v2 if you need a reminder)

Esau married a Canaanite _____ (He actually married two!)
(iefw)

Esau _____ away from God
(eunrdt)

Sadly, Esau was not the only one who was tempted to turn away from God. Judah was too.

Judah also married a Canaanite wife. It seemed he too did not love God very much.

Like Judah, when we do, say or think wrong things, it is because our hearts are turned away from God.

This is called _____
(isn)

Have you ever done something wrong?

Is there anyone who has never done wrong?

Here's what the Bible says in the New Testament book of Romans.

- Underline the word that tells us how many people have done wrong

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Romans 3 verse 23

Because of our sin, we deserve to be punished. But there is good news too - all because of who God is.

Circle the words below that describe our wonderful God:

cruel

not
listening

ready
to forgive

loving

short
tempered

patient

unfair

holy

strict

God can change people's hearts!

He works in our lives to **show** us our sin

to help us **turn** back to him.

There is a helpful word for this:

To turn from our sin and turn
back to God is to

repent



When we realise we have done wrong, what should we say as
we pray to God?

Here is another helpful verse from the New Testament that
tells us God's promise to us if we repent:

**"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and
just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us
from all unrighteousness."**

1 John 1 verse 9

This verse tells us one thing that we do and two things God
promises to do. What are they?

If we _____ - this means if we speak to God
about how we are truly sorry for our sin

God promises to:

_____ us

and _____ us

This is great news! God can change sinful hearts!
He can do this for us, and he did this for Judah.

Use the words in the box to complete the sentences:

good	hearts	plan	brothers
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Judah and his _____ were not _____ people.

But God still had a _____ for them. He was working in
their _____.

Let's see what God had planned for Judah and Judah's
family. Can you find Genesis chapter 49 in your Bible?
Read Genesis 49 verses 8 to 12.

Is this a punishment for Judah or a blessing? _____

These special words speak of the special plan God had for
Judah's family! In God's amazing plan:

King David would come from Judah's family

King Jesus would come from Judah's family!

Pray to God and say sorry for how we often do not obey
him. Thank him for his promise to forgive us and cleanse us.

Remember see if you can learn one or both of today's verses