



### **Lesson Overview:**

This Sunday we continue our series on Identity. In this series we will be looking at the fundamental fact that all our identity needs are to be found in Christ first. Only by finding our core identity in Christ can we live, influence, and love those around us. This week's message titled "3rd Word" takes a look at the third word we use to describe ourselves. "I AM \_\_\_\_" is a powerful statement which reveals the identity we currently have of ourselves. Allowing God to speak this third word to us instead of someone else is critical in developing a Christ focused identity.

### **Lesson Prep for Leaders:**

Main Bible Passage: Genesis 25 - 27, 32:24- 28

### **Questions for Leaders to ask yourself:**

- Jacob's name means "deceiver or supplanter". How did this word impact how Jacob lived his life?
- How did the changing of Jacob's name to Israel impact his choices?
- What third words have you believed about yourself? How have you finished this sentence "I AM \_\_\_\_\_".



**Icebreaker** (5 Min): What is your favorite thing about fall and the next few months? (Thanksgiving, Christmas)

**Students Lead** (5 Min): What stood out to you about the name change Jacob had and how it impacted his life?

**Discussion Questions** (10 Min):

- How have you finished this sentence... "I AM \_\_\_\_\_." Where have these third words come from? Who has spoken them to you?
- How can we recognize the third words we believe about ourselves?
- How can we change our third words to align with what God says about us? What does Jesus say about you?
- Why is it important to allow God to speak our third words to us over other people?

**Next Steps** (2 Min): Have each student fill out a provided "I AM \_\_\_\_\_" card, and fill in the blank with what they believe GOD says about them.

**Prayer** (2 Min): Close your time in Prayer