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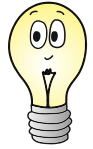
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A wise guide



Q
Bravely asks questions



Pause
Likes to stop and think



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STORY 1: Jacob deceives his brother

Being selfish



READ:
Genesis
25: 19-34

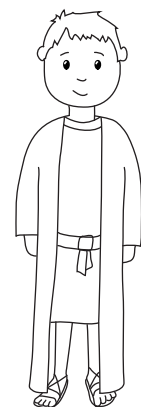


KEY VERSE:
Genesis 25: 28
Ask someone to help you find this verse.

Are you a twin? Or do you know twins? Sometimes it is difficult to tell twins apart - they look so alike. Isaac and Rebekah were very pleased when their two sons were born. Esau and Jacob were twins but they were very different. Esau was very hairy and when he grew older he loved to be outdoors, hunting animals. We don't know what Jacob looked like, but we know he was happier to stay at home.



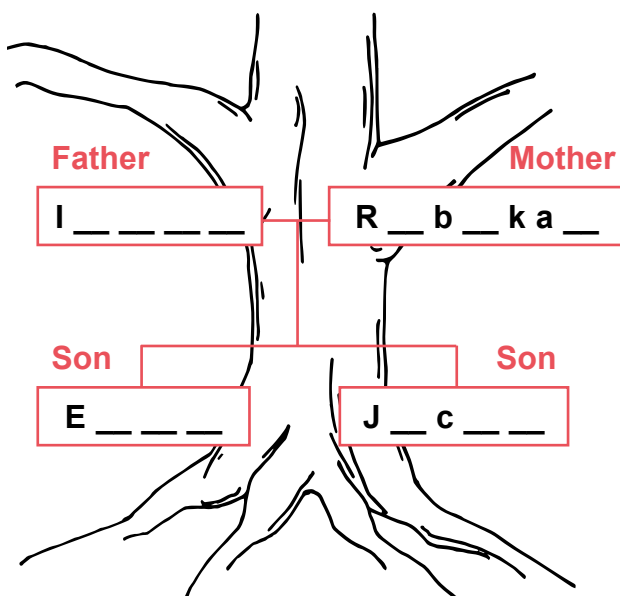
Esau



Jacob

Q: Fill in the names of the family on this 'family tree'.

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Sadly it was not a perfect family. Mother and father each had a favourite son.

Q: Fill in the missing names, by unjumbling the letters.

Isaac loved

_____ . (u s a E)

Rebekah loved

_____ . (b o c a J)

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Esau had been born first, so he had special rights; for example, he would become the head of the family when his father died. These special rights were called the **birthright**.

One day Jacob was cooking a stew when Esau came in, feeling very hungry. He had been hunting and the stew smelled so good!

“Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I’m famished!” he said.

Jacob was very crafty. He wanted something in exchange for the stew.

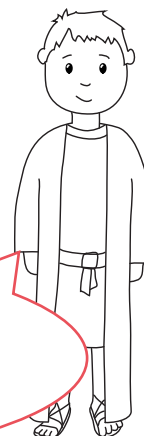
“First sell me your birthright,” Jacob replied.

Esau didn’t stop to think, he was so hungry! He didn’t think much of his birthright, did he? Jacob was no better than his brother, because he tricked Esau into giving away his birthright.

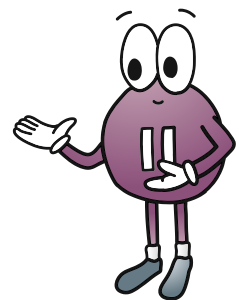
Q: Fill in the missing words in the speech bubbles.



Quick, let me have some
of that r _ _ s _ _ _ !



First sell me y _ _ _
b _ _ _ _ r _ _ _ _ .



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Sometimes we think only about ourselves and what we want, just like Esau and Jacob. This is wrong.

Q: Write down the first letter of each object to discover what the Bible calls ‘doing wrong’.



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The Bible says that we all have done wrong and need God’s forgiveness, if we want to be in Heaven. We need to believe in Jesus who died that we might be forgiven.

TOTAL:

STORY 2: Jacob deceives his father

Jacob cheats and lies



READ:
Genesis 27: 1-41



KEY VERSE:
Genesis 27: 20
*Ask someone to help
you find this verse.*



When Isaac was an old man he became blind. He wanted to bless his favourite son Esau before he died. He also wanted to enjoy a meal that had been prepared by Esau.

Isaac said to Esau, "Go out to the open country to hunt some wild game (animals) for me. Prepare me the kind of tasty food I like and bring it to me to eat, so that I may give you my blessing before I die."

Esau went hunting with his bow and arrows.

Q: Colour the picture and draw Esau's bow and arrow.

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Rebekah had been listening! She wanted her favourite son, Jacob, to have the blessing. She told Jacob to kill two goats and said she would cook a meal for Jacob to give to Isaac. Jacob thought of a problem.

Jacob said to Rebekah, his mother, "But my brother Esau is a hairy man while I have smooth skin. What if my father touches me? I would appear to be tricking him..."

"Just do what I say," said Rebekah. Jacob did as he was told. They were both planning to cheat Isaac.

Q: Put the answers to these questions in the Word Grid.

1. Who was Rebekah's favourite son?

1

J		C		
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2. What did Isaac tell Esau to do?

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H		N	
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3. Who was listening?

3

R	E			K	A	
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4. What did Esau take with him?

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A		R	O		
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5. What animals did Rebekah cook?

5

G			T	
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When the meal was ready, Rebekah covered Jacob's neck and hands with the skins from the goats. Jacob put on Esau's clothes and took the meal to Isaac!

"Who is it?" asked Isaac. "I am Esau your firstborn," said Jacob.

Q: What lie did Jacob tell his old father? Fill in the missing letters.

He said “ _ _ _ _ _
_ _ _ _ _ .”

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Q: How did Jacob cheat his blind father? Fill in the missing letters.

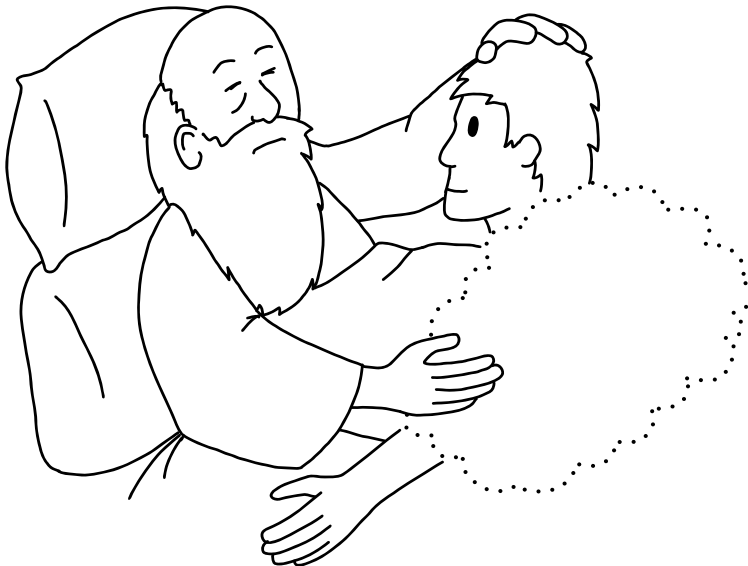
He put on E _ _ _ _ , C _ _ _ _ _ .

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Isaac was suspicious because he thought the voice sounded like Jacob’s voice, but when he touched the son in front of him, he thought he must be Esau.

Q: Join the dots to finish the picture.

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He was dressed like Esau.

He felt like Esau.

His clothes smelt like Esau’s clothes.

But who was he?

Q: Put the squares in the correct order to find out.

B 5	C 3	O 4	A 2	J 1
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1	2	3	4	5
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Isaac blessed Jacob. When Esau found out what had happened he was very upset and very cross.

When we do wrong things, such as cheating and telling lies, we upset other people, but most of all the Bible tells us we sin against God.



TOTAL:

STORY 3: Jacob meets God

God's care



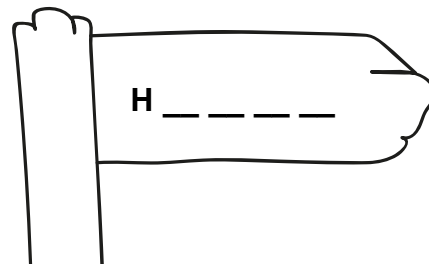
READ:
Genesis 28: 1-22



KEY VERSE:
Genesis 28: 16
*Ask someone to help
you find this verse.*

Have you always lived in the same house? Sometimes we have to move to another town or village. Isaac told his son Jacob, to go to Haran to visit his Uncle Laban and marry one of his daughters. As Jacob's twin brother Esau was planning to kill him, it was a good idea to go away for a while!

Q: Write on the signpost the name of the place to which Jacob was going.



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Q: Circle the name of Jacob's uncle.

Abraham Laban Esau

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Jacob set out on his journey. When night came he camped at a place called Luz, using a stone for a pillow.

He had a very strange dream. He dreamed he saw a stairway (or ladder). The bottom was on the ground and the top reached to Heaven.

Q: Draw Jacob sleeping on the stone pillow. Colour the picture.



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Q: Write down the first letter of each object to discover who were going up and down the stairway.

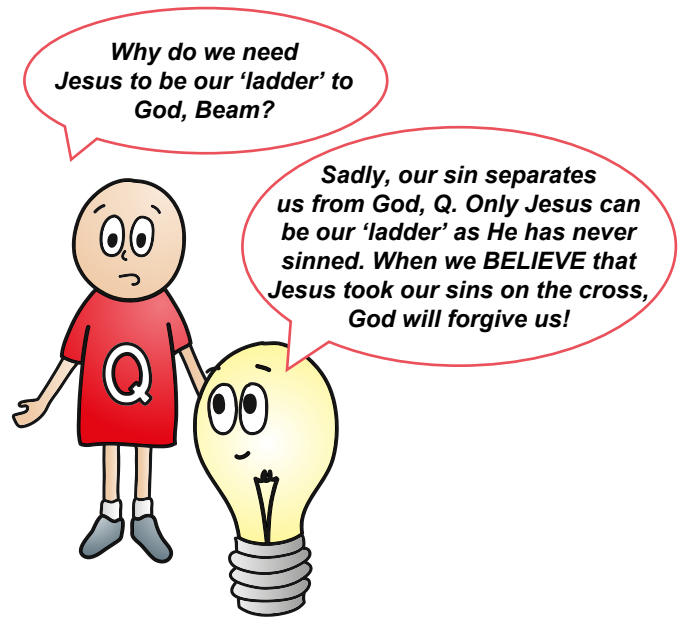


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In the dream, God spoke to Jacob. He promised to bless him and his family. He said, "I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go."

Remember all the wrong things that Jacob had done!

The Bible says that we are just like Jacob. We have done wrong things. God loves us, just as He loved Jacob. He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for us. By dying for our sins, Jesus became for us the 'ladder' from Earth to Heaven, from us to God.



Q: Put a tick (✓) or a cross (X) beside each of these statements.

1. Jacob used a cushion for his pillow.

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2. God loved Jacob.

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3. God loves us.

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4. The Bible says that Jesus died on the cross for us.

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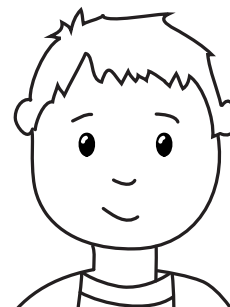
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Jacob was afraid. He began to think about God. Jacob made God a promise. He said, "If God will be with me and will watch over me... so that I return safely to my father's household, then the Lord will be my God."

Q: Fill in the missing letters to recap God's promise from verse 15:

"I am w _ _ _ you and
will w _ _ _ _ over you
wherever you go..."

Genesis 28: 15



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The Bible teaches that God always keeps His promises! This is why we should not be afraid to trust Him. Jacob had still to learn this.

TOTAL:

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STORY 4: Jacob finds a wife

Cheated by Laban



READ:
Genesis 29: 1-30



KEY VERSE:
Genesis 29: 28
*Ask someone to help
you find this verse.*

Jacob went to visit Uncle Laban and his family in Haran. He had never seen them and they didn't know he was coming.

After a long journey Jacob met some shepherds beside a well with their sheep.

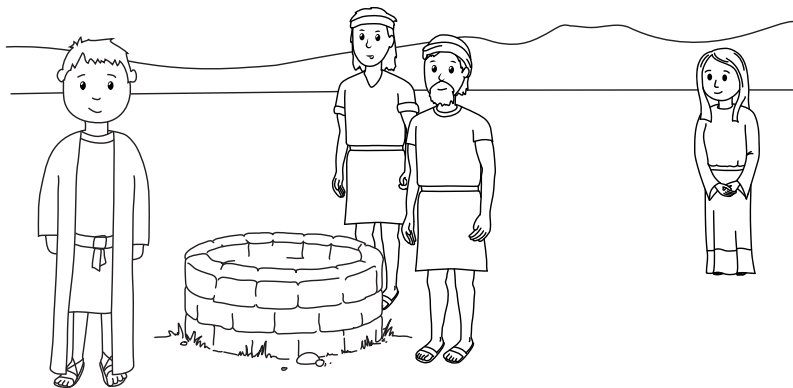
Q: Draw some sheep beside the well. Colour the picture.

"Where are you from?" he asked them.

"Haran," they replied.

"Do you know Laban?" asked Jacob.

"Yes, we know him," they answered.



Then Jacob asked them, "Is he well?"

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"Yes, he is," they said, "and here comes his daughter Rachel with the sheep."

How thrilled Jacob must have been to meet someone from his own family! God had promised to protect Jacob and God had guided him to the correct place.

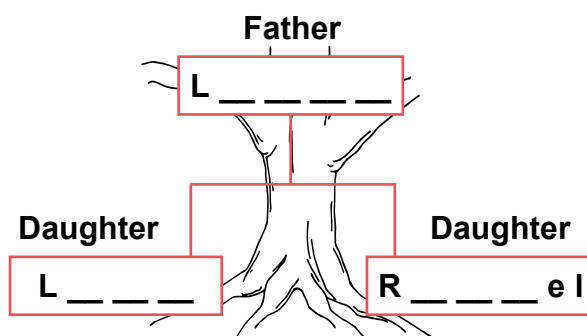
Q: Complete the names of the people in the story.

J _ _ _ _ _ R _ _ _ _ _ I S _ _ p h _ _ _ s L _ _ _ _ _

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Jacob helped Rachel to give water to the sheep. Then he told her that he was related to her. Rachel ran home and told her father.

Laban asked Jacob to stay with them, so Jacob stayed and worked for his uncle. Laban had another daughter called Leah.



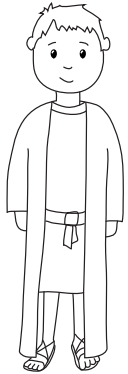
Q: Fill in the names on this 'family tree'.

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After a month had gone by, Laban said, "You shouldn't work for me without pay just because we are relatives. Tell me how much your wages should be."

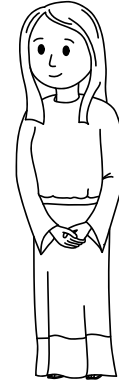
Jacob did not ask for money. He loved Rachel and said he would work for seven years, if he could marry Rachel at the end of that time.

Laban agreed, but when the seven years had passed he tricked Jacob by giving him Leah instead! Jacob did not want to marry Leah!



Q: Fill in the missing words.

"I worked for s _ _ _ _ years
to marry R _ _ _ _ I."
"Why have you tricked me?" asked Jacob.



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Laban said Leah ought to be married first because she was older than Rachel.

Many men in those days had more than one wife, although this was not God's way. A week after he married Leah, Jacob married Rachel also. He then had to work for his uncle for another seven years.

Q: Circle the answers to these questions:

How many daughters did Laban have? 1 2 3 /1

How many years did Jacob work before he married Leah? 5 6 7 /1

How many more years did Jacob work to marry Rachel? 8 7 14 /1

Poor Jacob! He had been cheated, just as he had cheated his brother Esau and his father Isaac.

How often the wrong we do to others comes back to us! The Bible says, "...be sure your sin will find you out." (Numbers 32: 23)

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