

Roots

WBS Kids' Lesson #16

Genesis 25:23-26 and 27:1-40

Hook: If you have a brother or sister or even a cousin or friend that you play with, do you always get along? Have you ever fought with your sister or argued with a friend who is like family to you?

Book: Well, Isaac and Rebekah had twin boys named Esau and Jacob and the Bible tells us that they didn't always get along. They were very different from one another—Esau loved to be outside and hunt and Jacob liked to stay at home. Esau's skin was covered with hair, but Jacob had smooth skin. As Isaac was old and knew he would die soon, he wanted to give Esau (he was born first) his blessing for a good, successful life. He told him to go out and hunt for some meat and make him a stew; then he would give him his blessing. But while Esau was hunting, Rebekah told Jacob to fool Isaac by pretending to be Jacob. Isaac was blind by this time and couldn't see his sons. Rebekah made some stew and Jacob wore Esau's clothes so he'd smell like him. Rebekah covered his arms with goat skin so if Isaac touched him he would feel "hairy" skin and think it was Esau. Their trick worked and Isaac ended up giving his final blessing to Jacob instead of Esau. When Esau found out what happened he was furious and heartbroken. He asked his father to bless him, too, **"But Isaac said, 'Your brother was here, and he tricked me. He has taken away your blessing'."**

Look: This story is full of lies and anger and heartbreak. Esau was so mad at Jacob that he wanted to kill him. So Jacob fled to another part of the country to get away from Esau. This is not how the Lord wanted this family to treat each other, but even though their behavior was wrong, God would still be faithful to the promise He made to Isaac's father Abraham. The promise continued on to Isaac, that the Lord was with him and his family and He would bless them.

Took: Share some ways you can be loving and kind to your family members. Which of these things do you plan on doing today?

Bible Verse: **"I am the God of your father, Abraham," he said. "Do not be afraid, for I am with you and will bless you." Genesis 26:24 NLT**

Prayer: "Lord, thank You that You are faithful to Your promises even we are not always faithful to You. Help us to treat our family and friends well because this is Your will for us. Amen."

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what we learned

Today we learned the story of Esau and Jacob. This part of their story is full of lies, anger and heartbreak. Esau was so mad at Jacob for stealing his blessing that he wanted to kill him. So Jacob fled to another part of the country to get away from Esau. This is not how the Lord wanted this family to treat each other, but even though their behavior was wrong, God would still be faithful to the promise He made to Isaac's father Abraham. The promise continued on to Isaac, that the Lord was with him and his family and He would bless them.



memory verse

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parent/child activity

Talk with your child about ways both of you can be loving and kind to family members. Then, come up with a simple plan of how you both will show love and kindness before the day is over! When you see your child carrying out his plan, encourage him by letting him know that you've noticed. Remind him of how pleasing that is to the Lord and to everyone in your home.



daily prayer

“Lord, thank You that You are faithful to Your promises even we are not always faithful to You. Help us to treat our family and friends well because this is Your will for us. Amen.”