

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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CONVERSATION

Jacob and Esau Reconciled

GENESIS 25:27-34; 27; 32; 33

Jacob and Esau were twin brothers. Esau, the older one, was an expert hunter and outdoorsman. Jacob liked to stay at home. Their father, Isaac, loved Esau, but their mother, Rebekah, loved Jacob.

When Isaac grew old and could not see well, he called for his older son, Esau, and said, “Go hunting and then make me a delicious meal that I love. Bring it to me so that I can bless you before I die.”

When Rebekah heard this, she came up with her own plan. She instructed Jacob to bring her two goats so that she could make a meal for her husband. Then she told Jacob to bring the food to Isaac and to pretend to be Esau so that he would receive his father’s special blessing instead of his older brother.

Jacob did exactly as his mother instructed. When Esau learned what happened, he cried out, “Jacob has cheated me!”

Esau decided that he would kill his brother, but Rachel told Jacob to go and stay in another land with his uncle, Laban, until Esau was no longer angry. Jacob stayed with his uncle many years.

One day God told Jacob to go back to the land of his father, Isaac. Jacob was afraid that Esau would still be angry with him for stealing his blessing, so Jacob gathered gifts of camels, goats, and donkeys for Esau. Jacob sent messengers ahead of him to meet Esau.

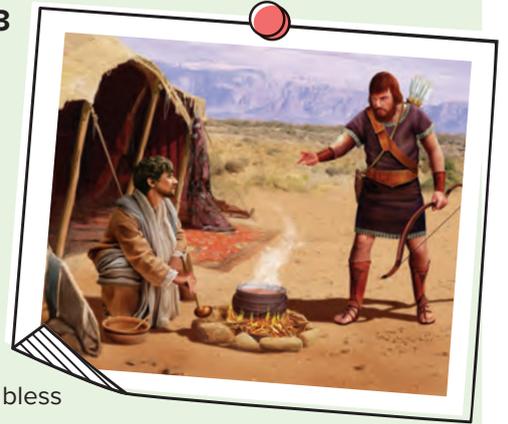
When the messengers returned to Jacob, they said, “Your brother Esau is coming to meet you with 400 men.”

Jacob became even more afraid. He cried out to God, “Please rescue me and my family from the hand of my brother, Esau.” Then he reminded God of His promise saying, “You have said, ‘I will cause you to prosper, and I will make your offspring like the sand in the sea which cannot be counted.’”

Jacob looked up and saw Esau coming with his men. As Jacob approached Esau, he bowed to the ground seven times. Esau ran to meet Jacob. Instead of greeting his brother with anger, he threw his arms around him, and together they wept. Jacob told Esau, “Seeing your face is like seeing God’s face because you have accepted and forgiven me.”

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: Colossians 3:13

LIFE POINT: Family members can ask for forgiveness when they hurt others.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, today your child heard that family members can ask for forgiveness when they hurt others. After Jacob lived many years away from home, he returned to Canaan. Jacob asked for and received forgiveness from his brother.

LIVE IT OUT

Help your child use a concordance to find verses about *forgiveness*. Write the verses on paper and discuss each one. Help your child remember that people should forgive others because God first forgave each of us.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God loves families even when family members sin. God is always ready to forgive.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Colossians 3:13

Monday: Luke 6:37

Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 2:7-8

Wednesday: Romans 12:20

Thursday: Ephesians 4:32

Friday: Matthew 18:21-22

Saturday: Proverbs 17:9

TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out the *Jacob and Esau Reconciled* section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.

SUMMER 2020

Unit 2, Session 5

CONNECTION POINT:

We strengthen one another to live as God desires.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: It's dangerous and foolish to lift heavy objects without help. Those who do strength training with weights know the value of a "spotter," a person who supports you to do more than you think you can and is quick to intervene or assist as needed. Christians do that for one another. As God works through us, He uses us to strengthen one another in the face of a world that calls us to follow a different path.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to take his or her faith and Live It Out.

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: Genesis 1:27-28; 3:20; 4:1-2

Live It Out: Review the Bible story. Work together to care for God's creation by spending time outside picking up trash in your neighborhood.

God made a beautiful world. He made everything in it. The last thing He made was people.

God made a man named Adam and a woman named Eve. First Adam and Eve lived in a garden. Later they had to leave the garden and live in another place.

Eve had a baby boy. She named him Cain. Later she had another baby boy. She named him Abel.

The boys grew up to be men. Abel became a shepherd. He took care of sheep. Cain became a farmer. He grew food from the ground.

Adam and Eve were the first people. They had children. They were the first family. God planned for people to live in families.

KIDS

Scripture: Genesis 25:27-34; 27; 32-33

Live It Out: Help your child find verses about forgiveness. Write the verses on paper and discuss each one. Remind your child to forgive others because God first forgave him.

Esau loved the outdoors. Jacob liked to stay home. One day Esau came back from the field. Jacob was cooking stew. Esau wanted some of Jacob's stew, but Jacob demanded Esau's birthright. Esau agreed.

Later, Rebekah helped Jacob trick his father and got his father's blessing that should have been for Esau. Esau was angry, and Jacob left live with his uncle far away.

After a long time, Jacob wanted to go back home. Jacob sent men with gifts to Esau. He sent a message, "I have many animals and servants to give you. I want you to forgive me."

When Esau saw Jacob, Esau ran to him. He hugged Jacob. He threw his arms around him and hugged and kissed him. Jacob was forgiven!

STUDENTS

Scripture: Ephesians 5:8-21

- What are some ways our culture calls the light darkness and darkness the light?
- How can a biblical view of eternity impact how you view your time?
- What are some of the results of being filled with the Spirit?

Live It Out: Living in relationship with Jesus involves our being totally transformed—not just making a few changes. We are called to be like Jesus. It's not enough simply for us to reject evil. We're to go one step further in exposing darkness, so others can see the truth.

With your student, consider any areas of your lives that don't reflect Christ. How can you stop those sins and move closer to God? Be sure that as you confess your sins to each other that you commit to ending those bad habits and commit to moving closer to God. Stand in your fight against temptation together and be quick to encourage your student when he or she is struggling.