

Genesis 27-32 - Jacob and Esau

1. How many brothers and sisters do you have in your family? Are you the oldest? The youngest? In the middle? An only child? How do you feel about that?

2. Read **Genesis 27:1-45**. Do the following phrases refer to Jacob or to Esau? Put a "J" or an "E" in the correct blanks.

_____ the older boy	_____ the younger boy
_____ his name means "heel"	_____ his name means "red"
_____ hairy skinned	_____ sooth skinned
_____ outdoors type	_____ stay-at-home type
_____ mother's favorite	_____ father's favorite
_____ came home really hungry	_____ served stew to his brother
_____ deserved father's blessing	_____ received father's blessing
_____ served meal to his father	_____ cried before his father
_____ vowed to kill his brother	_____ fled away from his brother

3. What do you think of Isaac? Of Rebekah?

4. Read **Genesis 28:10-22**. Jacob is running away from Esau. When he stops for the night he falls asleep and dreams. What does he see in his dream? What does the Lord tell him?

5. Is this a good dream? Or is it more like a nightmare?

6. By the way, what does "Beth-El" mean? _____

7. Read **Genesis 29:1-30**. Do these phrases refer to Leah or to Rachel?

Put an "L" or an "R" in the correct blanks.

_____ the girl Jacob kissed at the well

_____ Laban's older daughter

_____ Laban's younger daughter

_____ the daughter Jacob loved

_____ the daughter he married first

_____ Zilpah's mistress

_____ Bilhah's mistress

_____ the barren wife

_____ the fertile wife

8. According to **Genesis 29:31-30:24 & 35:16-21** Jacob's family was complicated by competing wives and children. List the sons born to each woman and number them in the order of their births.

LEAH

ZILPAH

RACHEL

BILHAH

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9. Read **Genesis 34:1-31** and tell what happened to Jacob's daughter Dinah.

10. Just as God promised at BethEl, Jacob was blessed. Twenty years later he had eleven children and had become a rich man in the land of Haran. Eventually he returned home to face his brother Esau. On the way, he had a strange encounter in the middle of the night. Read **Genesis 32:22-32**. Whom did Jacob meet? What did Jacob want his opponent to do?

11. His name was changed from Jacob to _____,
which means _____.

12. And he called that place _____,
which means _____.