

Jacob and Esau

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Isaac, the son of Abraham, had twin boys, Jacob and Esau. Esau was born first, meaning he was the eldest. All of the possessions and promises God gave to Abraham, he gave to Isaac, and they should have then gone to Esau. But Esau traded away his birthright (all the possessions he was owed as the eldest son) to Jacob for some lentil stew. Also, before the boys were born, God told Rebekah, their mother, that the older son would serve the younger. So she helped Jacob trick Isaac into blessing Jacob instead of Esau. So now, everything that should have been Esau's (all the possessions and the promises originally given to Abraham) now belonged to Jacob. Esau didn't care about God's blessings. Jacob, on the other hand, did everything he could to get those blessings. We shouldn't lie or cheat like Jacob did, but we should absolutely pursue God's blessings with everything we've got!



Family Time Questions

- What did Esau think of his Birthright and blessing?
- How should we be like Jacob?
- How should we NOT be like Jacob?
- How has Jesus blessed you?

Bible Verses

- Genesis 25:19-24 - Jacob and Esau
- Genesis 27 - Jacob steals Esau's blessing
- Genesis 32 - Jacob prepares to meet Esau
- Genesis 33 - Jacob returns

Prayer

"Dear God, thank You for Your incredible blessings. Please help us to never take them for granted. In Jesus' name, Amen."