

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Genesis 25:19-34

<sup>19</sup> This is the account of Abraham's son Isaac. Abraham became the father of Isaac, <sup>20</sup> and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Paddan Aram and sister of Laban the Aramean.

<sup>21</sup> Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was barren. The LORD answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. <sup>22</sup> The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, "Why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the LORD.

<sup>23</sup> The LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger."

<sup>24</sup> When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb. <sup>25</sup> The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau. <sup>26</sup> After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them.

<sup>27</sup> The boys grew up, and Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was a quiet man, staying among the tents. <sup>28</sup> Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

<sup>29</sup> Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. <sup>30</sup> He said to Jacob, "Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!" (That is why he was also called Edom.)

<sup>31</sup> Jacob replied, "First sell me your birthright."

<sup>32</sup> "Look, I am about to die," Esau said. "What good is the birthright to me?"

<sup>33</sup> But Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob.

<sup>34</sup> Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left.

So Esau despised his birthright.



### LESSON 39



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

### THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION

**Why did Esau give up his birthright?**

### MEMORY VERSE

## Hebrews 12:16

*(See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son.)*

# Thinking It Through

## Level 3—Parent Notes:

- **Daily Reading:** Depending on the age and ability of the child, or parent preference, the child may do the work in this journal independently or read with and dictate an answer to the parent. After reading the day’s rhyme and the Bible verse, the child should draw a picture that relates to that day’s reading and answer the question at the bottom of the page. Have the child answer questions about the day’s reading from the **Daily Reading Questions** at the back of the booklet. Personal ideas and additional questions from the parent can also be included.
- **Lesson Verse:** The lesson verse which answers the week’s big question should be practiced daily. One way to do this is to black out words in the verse each day and say the verse inserting the correct word. By the end of the week the whole verse would be blacked out and recited by memory. Depending on the age and/or ability of the child, either the whole verse or the part of the verse between brackets on the cover can be memorized.
- **Concluding Lesson:** The parent should discuss with the child the **Thinking it Through** questions: What important truth did you learn this week? How can you apply that truth in your life? After discussing the questions the child should write down (or dictate to the parent) the answers and a prayer at the end of the booklet. The child can then complete the other activities.
- **Completion:** If the student brings this booklet back to the teacher on Sunday, with each day’s work completed and the lesson verse memorized, the student will receive acknowledgement of a job well done.
- **Way to go, parents!** Your faithfulness in teaching your children the deed and statutes of the Lord isn’t always easy, but it honors God and will have an eternal impact. Keep up the good work! Remember Galatians 6:9, *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

The important truth I learned this week is:

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I can apply that truth by:

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My prayer to God is:

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## Daily Reading Questions

Day 1: Who was Isaac? What did God say about the twins Isaac's wife Rebekah would have?

Day 2: What was Jacob like? What was Esau like? To whom would God's promise pass? To whom should it have passed? Why?

Day 3: What is the birthright of the firstborn? What does it mean to scorn? How did Esau scorn his birthright?

Day 4: How did Jacob take advantage of his brother?

Day 5: What did Jacob trick his father into doing? Who had his father wanted to bless? Why do you think that was?

Day 6: How did Jacob get what belonged to Esau? What did God still do for Jacob?

## Concluding Lesson

Review: What was Jacob like? What was Esau like? To whom would God's promise pass? To whom should it have passed? Why? How did Esau scorn his birthright? How did Jacob get what belonged to Esau? What did God still do for Jacob?

Prayer: Thank God that his goodness towards us does not depend on what we do. Pray that you would want to do what pleases him and in that bring honor to him.

Application: Compare the difference between what God is faithful to do for people and what people fail to do for God.

Thinking It Through: Have the child write or dictate what important truth was learned from the lesson, how he/she can apply that truth, and a prayer to God.

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## Why did Esau give up his birthright?



Esau was godless and lived for the moment.

## Day 1 Draw a picture of Isaac and his twin sons.

Abraham's son was Isaac  
to whom twin sons were born.  
When they were in the womb,  
God their mother did forewarn.  
God said between the two of them  
fighting there would be.  
One was quite deceptive,  
the other was carefree.

What does the verse mean?

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Genesis 25:23: <sup>23</sup> The LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger."

## Day 6 Draw a picture of Jacob with his family.

So Isaac gave to Jacob,  
what to Esau did belong.  
Cause Jacob was a trickster  
and plotted what was wrong.  
God faithfully would bless him,  
though Jacob chose to sin .  
It was through the sons of Jacob,  
the Jewish nation did begin.

What does the verse mean?

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Genesis 27:34-36: <sup>34</sup> When Esau heard his father's words, he burst out with a loud and bitter cry and said to his father, "Bless me—me too, my father!" <sup>35</sup> But he said, "Your brother came deceitfully and took your blessing." <sup>36</sup> Esau said, "Isn't he rightly named Jacob? He has deceived me these two times: He took my birthright, and now he's taken my blessing!" Then he asked, "Haven't you reserved any blessing for me?"

## Day 5

Draw a picture of Isaac blessing Jacob.

When Isaac was quite old  
and was about to die.  
He decided to bless Esau  
before he said good-bye.  
Isaac couldn't see well  
so Jacob and his mother,  
Tricked Isaac into thinking  
that Jacob was his brother.

What does the verse mean?

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Genesis 27:32-33: <sup>32</sup> His father Isaac asked him, "Who are you?" "I am your son," he answered, "your firstborn, Esau."  
<sup>33</sup> Isaac trembled violently and said, "Who was it, then, that hunted game and brought it to me? I ate it just before you came and I blessed him—and indeed he will be blessed!"

## Day 2

Draw a picture of Jacob and Esau.

Jacob was the sneaky one,  
he plotted to do wrong.  
Esau didn't think ahead,  
his feelings carried him along.  
God's promise made to Abraham,  
to Jacob would be passed.  
Though it should have gone to Esau,  
since Jacob was born last.

What does the verse mean?

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Genesis 25:25-26: <sup>25</sup> The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau. <sup>26</sup> After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them.

### Day 3 Draw a picture of Jacob giving Esau stew.

One day when Esau came home  
he was as hungry as could be.  
He saw Jacob cooking and said,  
"Give some stew to me."  
Jacob said he'd do so  
for the right of the firstborn.  
Esau was quite foolish,  
his birthright he did scorn.

What does the verse mean?

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Genesis 25:29-32: <sup>29</sup> Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. <sup>30</sup> He said to Jacob, "Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!" (That is why he was also called Edom.) <sup>31</sup> Jacob replied, "First sell me your birthright."

### Day 4 Draw a picture of Jacob and his mother.

Most of that which Isaac owned  
to Jacob then would go.  
That he wasn't very wise,  
Esau sure did show.  
Jacob was deceptive;  
he took advantage of his brother.  
Then he plotted more sin  
together with his mother.

What does the verse mean?

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Genesis 25:33-34: <sup>33</sup> But Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob. <sup>34</sup> Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright.