

Child's Name: _____

Genesis 25:19-34

¹⁹This *is* the genealogy of Isaac, Abraham's son. Abraham begot Isaac. ²⁰Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah as wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padan Aram, the sister of Laban the Syrian. ²¹Now Isaac pleaded with the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his plea, and Rebekah his wife conceived. ²²But the children struggled together within her; and she said, "If *all is well*, why *am I like this?*" So she went to inquire of the LORD.

²³And the LORD said to her: "Two nations *are* in your womb, Two peoples shall be separated from your body; *One* people shall be stronger than the other, And the older shall serve the younger."

²⁴So when her days were fulfilled *for her* to give birth, indeed *there were* twins in her womb. ²⁵And the first came out red. *He was* like a hairy garment all over; so they called his name Esau. ²⁶Afterward his brother came out, and his hand took hold of Esau's heel; so his name was called Jacob. Isaac *was* sixty years old when she bore them.

²⁷So the boys grew. And Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field; but Jacob was a mild man, dwelling in tents. ²⁸And Isaac loved Esau because he ate *of his* game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

²⁹Now Jacob cooked a stew; and Esau came in from the field, and he *was* weary. ³⁰And Esau said to Jacob, "Please feed me with that same red *stew*, for I *am* weary." Therefore his name was called Edom.

³¹But Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright as of this day."

³²And Esau said, "Look, I *am* about to die; so what *is* this birthright to me?"

³³Then Jacob said, "Swear to me as of this day."

So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴And Jacob gave Esau bread and stew of lentils; then he ate and drank, arose, and went his way. Thus 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

(Look carefully) lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright.

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, *And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.*

The important truth I learned this week is:

I can apply that truth by:

My prayer to God is:

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?

Genesis 25:23: ²³ And the LORD said to her: "Two nations *are* in your womb, Two peoples shall be separated from your body; *One* people shall be stronger than the other, And the older shall 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?

Genesis 27:34-36: ³⁴ When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with an exceedingly great and bitter cry, and said to his father, "Bless me—me also, O my father!" ³⁵ But he said, "Your brother came with deceit and has taken away your blessing." ³⁶ And *Esau* said, "Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has supplanted me these two times. He took away my birthright, and now look, he has taken away my blessing!" And he said, "Have you not reserved a 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?

Genesis 27:32-33: ³² And his father Isaac said to him, "Who *are* you?" So he said, "I *am* your son, your firstborn, Esau."
³³ Then Isaac trembled exceedingly, and said, "Who? Where *is* the one who hunted game and brought *it* to me? I ate all *of it* before you came, and I have blessed him—*and* indeed he shall 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?

Genesis 25:25-26: ²⁵ And the first came out red. *He* was like a hairy garment all over; so they called his name Esau. ²⁶ Afterward his brother came out, and his hand took hold of Esau's heel; so his name was called Jacob. Isaac *was* sixty years old when she bore 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?

Genesis 25:29-32: ²⁹ Now Jacob cooked a stew; and Esau came in from the field, and he *was* weary. ³⁰ And Esau said to Jacob, "Please feed me with that same red *stew*, for I *am* weary." Therefore his name was called Edom. ³¹ But Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright as of this day."
³² And Esau said, "Look, I *am* about to die; so what *is* this birthright to me?"

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?

Genesis 25:33-34: ³³ Then Jacob said, "Swear to me as of this day." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴ And Jacob gave Esau bread and stew of lentils; then he ate and drank, arose, and went his way. Thus Esau despised *his* birthright.