

Week of October 20, 2019

# Family

## DEVOTIONAL SHEET



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## Esau Sells His Birthright

### Lesson Summary

In the book of Genesis, we've seen that God planned from the beginning to send a Savior, Jesus, to save us from our sins. He promised the Savior to Adam and Eve and then to Abraham. From Abraham, the promise passed to his son Isaac. Abraham had to have a son to carry on the promise of many descendants and a Savior, and Isaac needed a son, too.

When he saw that his wife, Rebekah, was barren, Isaac prayed to the Lord. The Lord heard his prayer, and soon Rebekah was pregnant with twins. As she inquired of the Lord, he told her that the older son would serve the younger. Esau was born first and then Jacob. As they grew, Esau became a hunter and was Isaac's favorite, while Jacob was a quiet man who liked to stay close to home—he was Rebekah's favorite.

As the firstborn, Esau had the birthright, which included a double portion of his father's inheritance and the re-

sponsibility to lead the family and make decisions. But Scripture tells us that Esau despised his birthright and sold it to his brother for a bowl of lentil stew.

As New Testament Christians, we have an inherited “birthright” status through Jesus Christ as the firstborn Son of God. As God’s only begotten Son, Jesus received the kingdom from his Father and is Lord of all. Christ promises to share with us his kingdom and inheritance.

**Monday — Read Romans 8:29; Colossians 1:15; Revelation 1:5**

1. What do these verses tell us about Christ?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What does it mean that he’s the “firstborn”?

**Tuesday — Read Acts 2:36; Philippians 2:9-11; Revelation 19:16**

1. What do these verses tell us about Christ?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What is his status and role?

**Wednesday — Read Hebrews 1:2; Psalm 2:7-8; Matthew 28:18**

1. Who is the ultimate heir of all things?
2. What is his inheritance?

**Thursday — Read Romans 4:13; Galatians 3:29; Ephesians 1:18**

1. What was Abraham to inherit according to Romans 4:13?
2. Who are heirs along with Abraham?
3. What is the inheritance of the saints?

## Friday — Romans 8:17; Galatians 3:29; Titus 3:7

1. What is true of us as believers?

2. What is our eternal inheritance?

### Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family each night.

**Proverbs 3:5-6** Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

**Prayer** - Thank God for the amazing inheritance that is reserved for you in heaven. Thank him for sending his Son, Jesus, to purchase your redemption and to make you his adopted son, a joint heir with Christ. Ask him to strengthen you so that you may live worthy of the calling that you have received.

*Family Prayer Requests:*