

Week of November 3, 2019

Family

DEVOTIONAL SHEET



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Jacob's Family Grows

Lesson Summary

Last week we saw the account of Rebekah and Jacob who wanted to see God's prophecy fulfilled, but took matters into their own hands to get the blessing for Jacob. They plotted to deceive his father, Isaac. They dressed Jacob like Esau and even put goat skins on his hands and neck so that he would feel hairy. Rebekah prepared Isaac's favorite food, and Jacob took it to him. Jacob lied to his father, and Isaac was tricked into blessing Jacob instead of Esau. The blessing that Jacob stole made him master over his brother and the inheritor of his father's wealth.

Esau was so angry that he talked about killing Jacob. Rebekah didn't want this to happen, so she told Jacob to flee to her brother Laban. Isaac agreed to send Jacob away to find a wife from Rebekah's relatives, and so Jacob left with his father's blessing.

This week, we see the blessing of God upon Jacob, despite his sinful actions. God promises to bless him in the

same way that he promised to bless Abraham and Isaac before him. And God gives him many sons who will become the twelve tribes of Israel.

Monday — Read Genesis 28:1-9

1. What did Isaac command his son Jacob to do?
2. What was Isaac's prayer for Jacob (v. 4)?
3. What did the "blessing of Abraham" that Isaac referred to include (see Genesis 12:1-3; 15:1-6; 15:18-21; 17:1-8)?

Tuesday — Read Genesis 28:10-22

1. What did Jacob dream about?
2. What do you think was the significance of the ladder with angels?
3. What were all the things that God promised to Jacob in his dream?

4. How did Jacob reply?

5. What was the vow that Jacob made?

Wednesday — Read Genesis 29:31-35

1. After Jacob had married Leah and Rachel, who were the first children born?

2. Who had them? Why?

Thursday — Read Genesis 30:1-13

1. What was the relationship like between Leah and Rachel?

2. How did Rachel take matters in to her own hands in order to have a child on her behalf?

3. How does the jealousy continue to be seen between Leah and Rachel?

Friday — Read Genesis 30:14-24

1. Who was the eleventh son born to Jacob (vv. 22-24)?
2. By the end of the chapter, how many sons and daughters did Jacob have?
3. How were these events part of the fulfillment of God's promises to Abraham?

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 - Praise God that he is faithful to keep his promises, even using sinful, imperfect people to do so. Thank him for the many promises he has made to you in Christ. Ask him to help you share the good news of the gospel with those around you.

Family Prayer Requests: