

Jacob and Esau

Genesis 25:19-28

Isaac Prays

Isaac and Rebekah were married. Isaac and Rebekah loved God. For a long time, they had no children. That must have made Isaac and Rebekah sad. Isaac prayed to God. He asked God to give them a baby.

God Answers Prayer

God answered Isaac's prayer. Soon, Rebekah was going to have a baby! Then God told Rebekah she was going to have twins. Isaac and Rebekah were going to have TWO babies!

Two Babies Are Born

Finally, it was time for the babies to be born. The twins were both boys. But they were very different from each other.

The first boy was very red when he was born. He had lots of hair. His name was Esau.

The other baby had smooth skin. He didn't have a lot of hair. His name was Jacob.

Twins Grow Up

As Esau and Jacob grew up, they still were very different. They didn't look like each other. They didn't act like each other.

Esau liked to be outdoors. He loved to hunt with a bow and arrow. Isaac loved his big, strong boy, Esau.

Jacob liked to stay home near the tents where his family lived. He liked to cook. His mother, Rebekah, loved her quiet, helpful boy, Jacob.

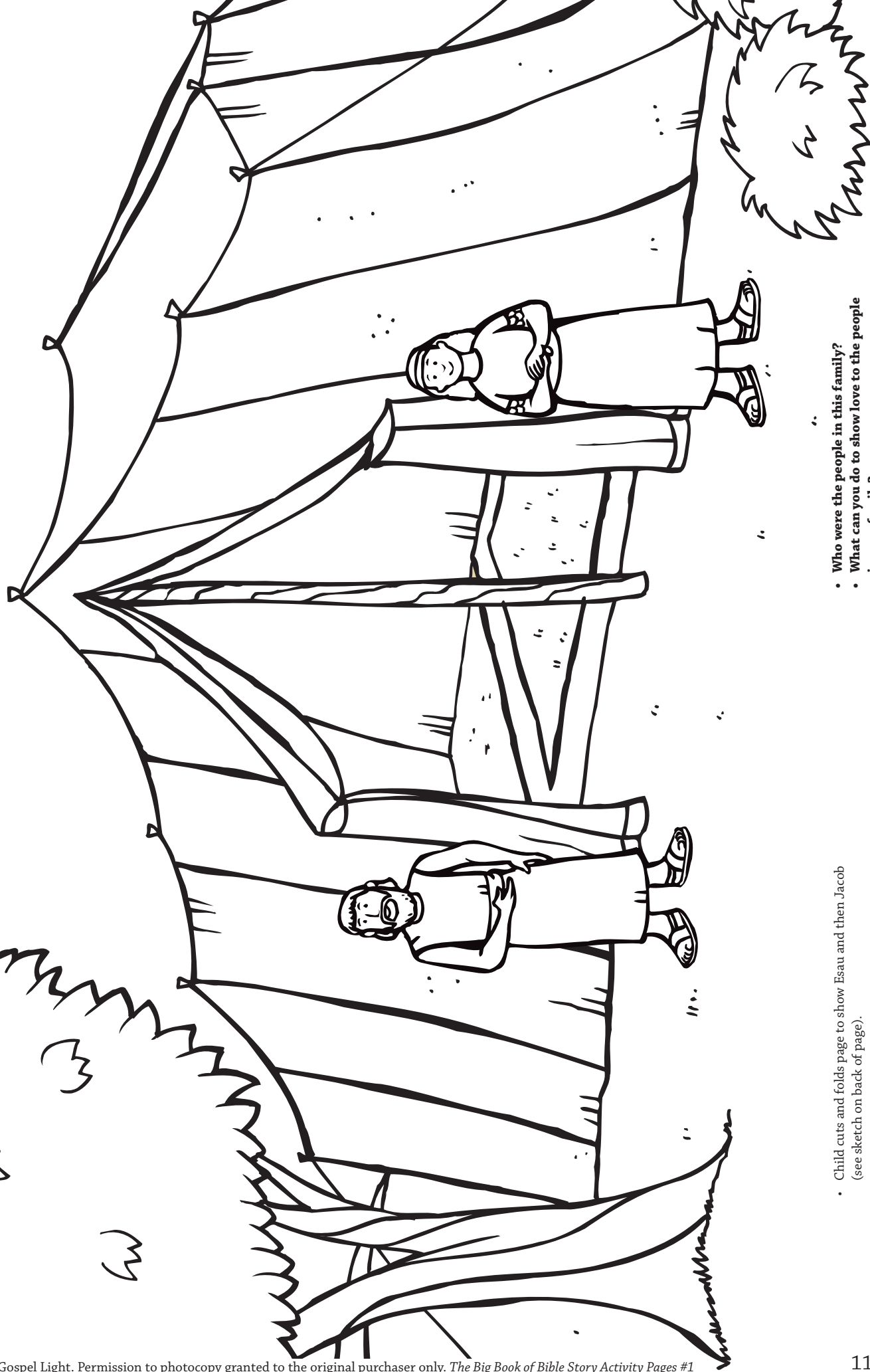
Isaac and Rebekah were very happy that God gave them two boys to love.

Conclusion

God made Isaac and Rebekah and their two sons. God made the people in our families, too. God loves the people in our families. We can show God's love to the people in our families.

“Let us love one another.” 1 John 4:7

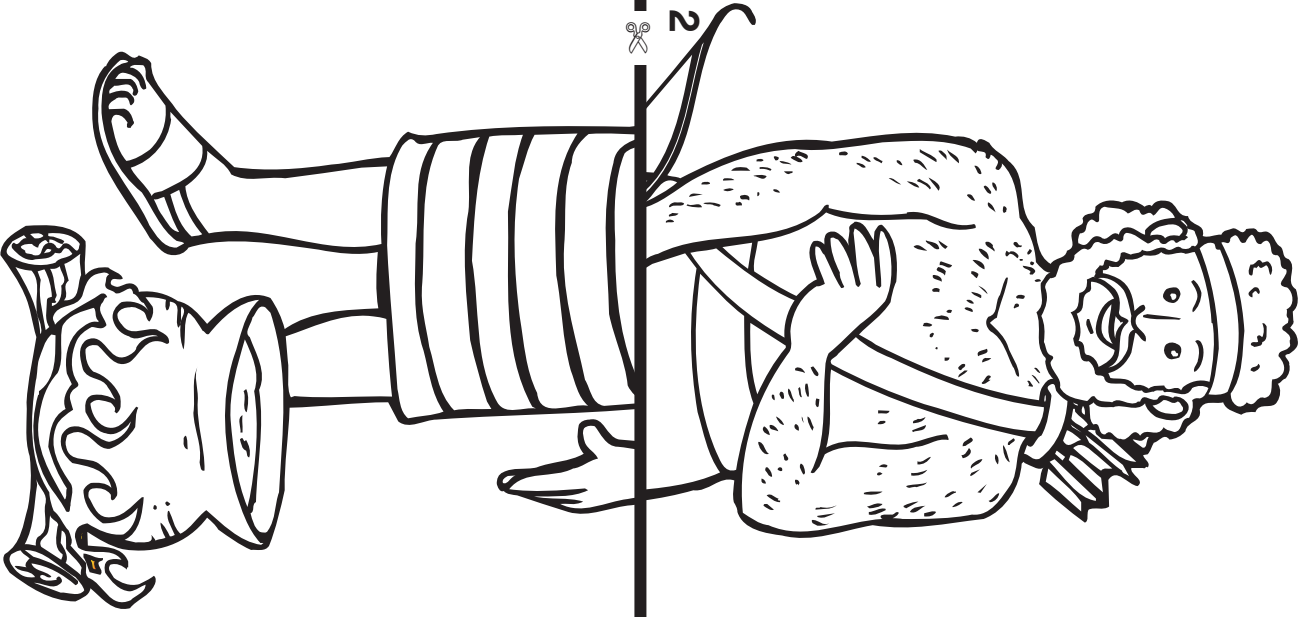
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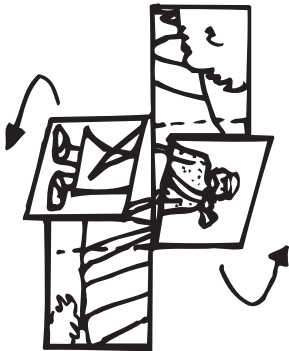
- Who were the people in this family?
- What can you do to show love to the people in your family?

- Child cuts and folds page to show Esau and then Jacob (see sketch on back of page).

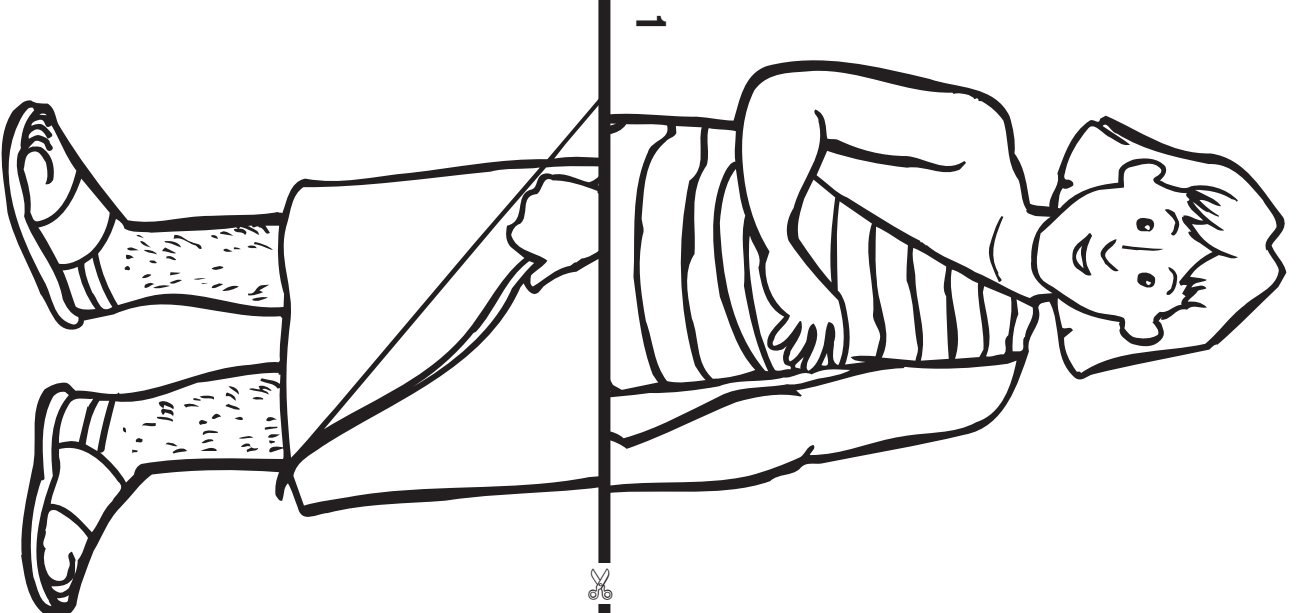
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An Unfair Trade

Genesis 25:27-34

Two Brothers

Jacob and Esau were brothers. Isaac was their father. Rebekah was their mother. Some brothers look alike. But these brothers were not alike at all!

Esau liked to be outdoors. He liked to hunt with a bow and arrow to find food. Jacob was different from Esau. He did not like to go hunting. He did not like to be outdoors. He liked to cook.

Special Gifts

Esau was born before Jacob. That meant that one day Esau would be the family's leader. He would also be given most of the things his father, Isaac, owned. Jacob would only get half as much as Esau. Jacob wanted to get more.

A Hungry Hunter

The boys grew to be men. One day Esau went hunting and was gone a long time. When he got home, he was tired and very hungry! He could smell good food cooking.

Jacob was stirring a pot of stew. Esau said, "Give me some of that stew!"

Jacob did not want to share his stew. He said to Esau, "I'll give you stew, but first, you have to make me a promise. Promise me that I can be the family's leader."

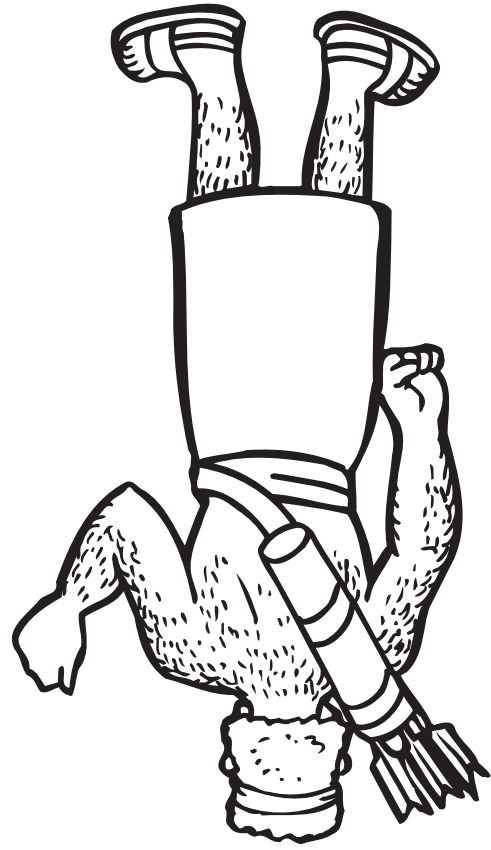
Esau's Trade

Esau smelled the stew. He was hungry. All he could think about was getting food to eat. He said, "I'm going to die if I don't get some food. You can be the leader of the family. Now give me some stew!" Now Esau would not be the family leader. He would not get more of his father's gifts than Jacob.

Jacob knew the trade was not fair. And Jacob knew he had been unkind to his brother, but he did not care. Jacob did not show love as God wants us to do.

Conclusion

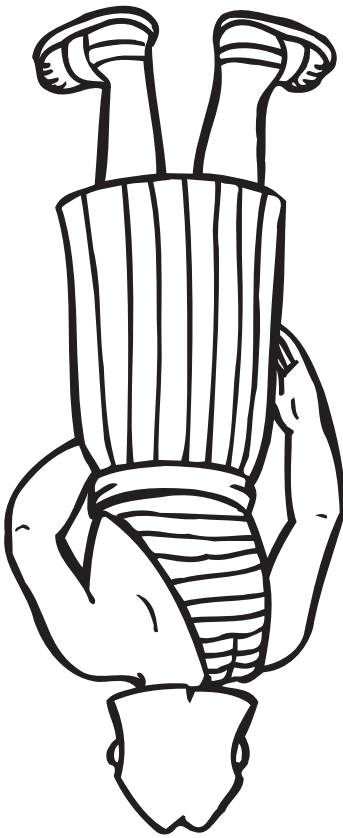
We can choose if we are going to be kind or unkind to the people in our families. God wants us to show His love to others by being kind to them.



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1 Thessalonians 5:15



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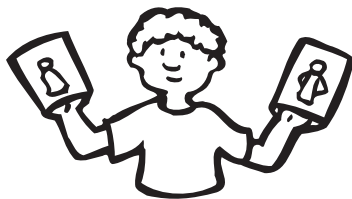


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- Teacher cuts and pre-folds page.
- Child colors puppets and then folds puppets.
- Teacher assists child in taping sides of puppets.
- Child places hands into bottom of puppets and uses puppets to act out story.



- **What did Jacob do that was unkind?**
- **What can you do to be kind to the people in your family?**