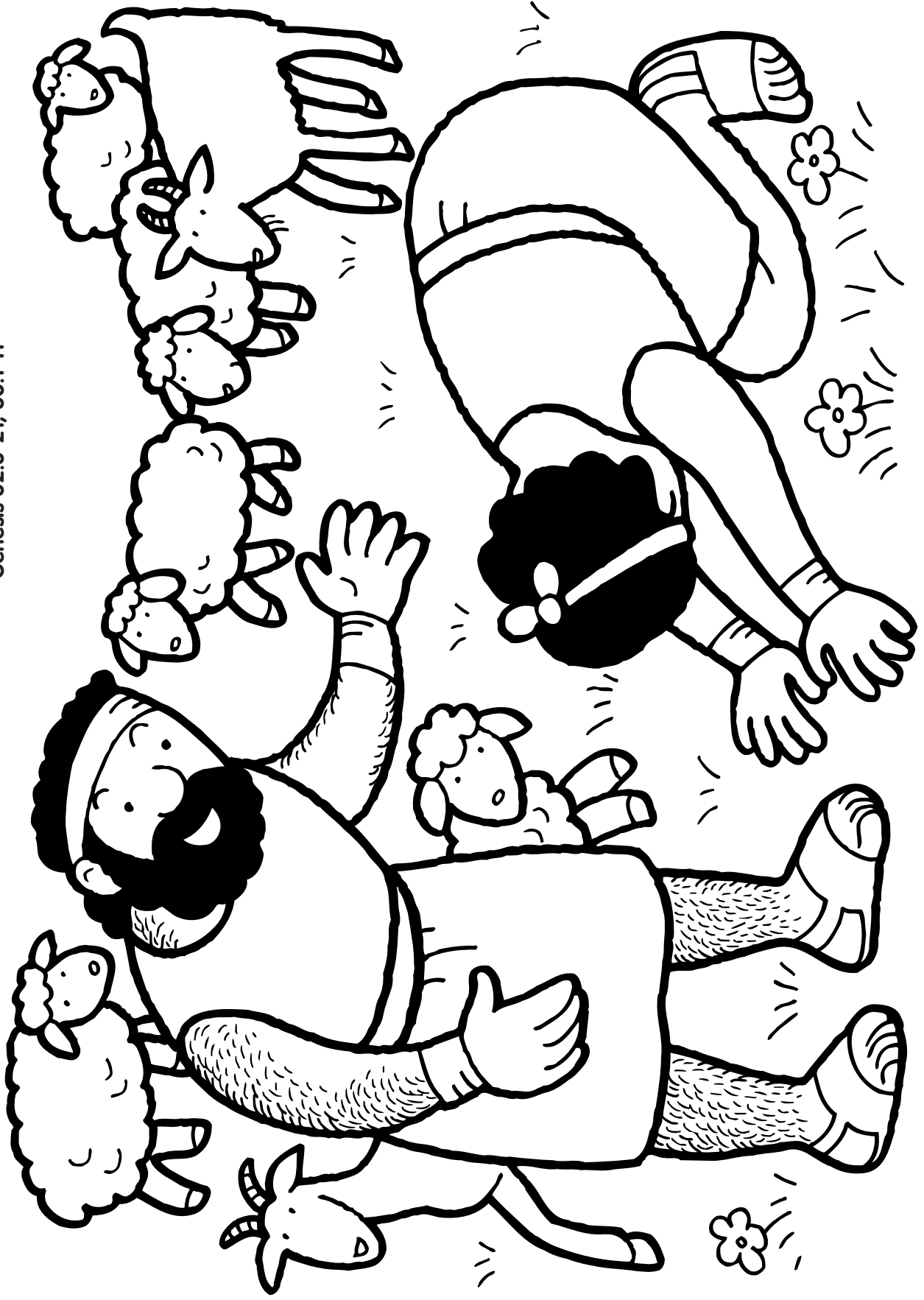


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Jacob and Esau were brothers. Jacob had tricked their father, Isaac, and took important things that were Esau's. Esau was angry with Jacob, so Jacob ran far away! He stayed for many years, got married and had many children in that faraway place.

One day God told Jacob to go back home. Jacob and his family packed their belongings and started out on the long trip. Jacob was worried that Esau was still angry. So Jacob sent some of his helpers to tell Esau he was coming home. The helpers came back and told Jacob, "Esau is coming to meet you. He has 400 men with him!"

Jacob was afraid. Four hundred men sounded like an army! Jacob prayed. He asked God to keep him and his family safe. Then Jacob sent Esau a gift of many animals. Jacob and his family walked far behind the animals. Finally, they could see Esau and his 400 men coming.

As Jacob walked toward Esau, Jacob bowed low, over and over again. Jacob was sorry for the wrong things he had done. Esau began to run toward Jacob. Esau came up to Jacob and hugged him! Esau forgave Jacob! The two brothers cried and hugged each other some more. They were friends again.