

## Group 1: Genesis 25:19–34



The account of Jacob and Esau began when they were about to be born. Their father \_\_\_\_\_ and their mother \_\_\_\_\_ were there, and when the twin boys were wrestling inside her, the Lord said to her, “Two nations are in your womb … and the \_\_\_\_\_ will serve the \_\_\_\_\_. ” When Esau was born, he was red and \_\_\_\_\_. When Jacob was born, he was grasping Esau’s \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 25:21–26). This is the first picture of the kind of person Jacob was. He was a fighter and a wrestler.

When the boys grew up, they worked in the field. One day, Jacob was cooking some \_\_\_\_\_. Esau came in from the fields and was really hungry! He asked Jacob if he could have some, but Jacob said, “First sell me your \_\_\_\_\_” (Genesis 25:29–34). A birthright was something families did to give the firstborn son a double portion of the family’s money, land, and animals. Esau was so hungry that he said, “What good is the birthright to me?” Wow! Jacob tricked Esau into giving him his birthright!

## Group 2: Genesis 27:1–41; 28:10–22



At this time, Isaac was really old and about to die. He wanted to give the family blessing to the oldest child, \_\_\_\_\_. Jacob found out about this and decided to trick his dad into giving him the blessing instead. So he dressed up like Esau, put \_\_\_\_\_ on his arms and neck, and cooked some meat just like his brother would make. He brought the meat in to Isaac and tried to sound like Esau. Isaac said, “My son, bring me some of your \_\_\_\_\_ to eat, so that I may give you my \_\_\_\_\_. ” Well, Jacob fooled his father, who couldn’t see very well, and he got the family blessing. Wow! That wasn’t very nice, huh? Esau came in right after the blessing had been given and wanted a blessing too, but Isaac said, “Your brother came \_\_\_\_\_ and took your \_\_\_\_\_” (Genesis 27:25–35). Esau was so mad he wanted to kill his brother. When Jacob heard this, he left home and went to live with his uncle up north.

As he was traveling, Jacob stopped for the night. While he slept, Jacob had a dream where he saw a ladder with its top reaching to \_\_\_\_\_ and angels climbing up and down on it. God told Jacob that He would bless him and give him what He had promised to his grandfather Abraham. God said: “All peoples on earth will be \_\_\_\_\_ through you.” By saying this, God entrusted Jacob with the same covenant promise that He’d given to his forefather Abraham! Jacob named that place \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 28:10–19). What an amazing dream!

After Jacob got to his uncle’s house, he married a young woman named Rachel, and they lived there for about 20 years. Jacob learned more from God about the importance of the blessing he had received from his father. It was the same covenant blessing his forefather Abraham had received!

## Group 3: Genesis 32:1–33:11

After 20 years of living with his uncle, Jacob headed home. He was really nervous because he knew Esau would be waiting for him. He didn't know if Esau was still mad or not. So the night before he met Esau, Jacob went off by himself, and the Bible says that a man came up and wrestled with Jacob until \_\_\_\_\_. Now that's strange, isn't it? But it turns out that it was actually God who wrestled with him! And the Man changed Jacob's name. He said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but \_\_\_\_\_. Jacob called the place \_\_\_\_\_, saying, "It is because I saw \_\_\_\_\_ face to face, and yet my \_\_\_\_\_ was spared" (Genesis 32:24–30).

After this night Jacob was a different man. God had given him a new name, \_\_\_\_\_, which means "one who struggles with God." Jacob realized what God's blessing truly meant—a relationship with the God of the universe, who had the power to change him inside and out, to save him, and to bring him into the family of God. Jacob later passed on his faith—and the covenant blessing—to his children.

