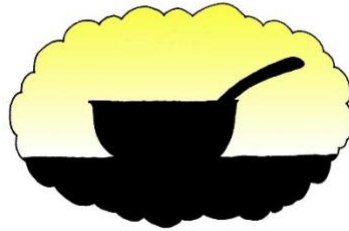


Jacob steals a Promise! A promise for a bowl of Soup!

Genesis 25:19-34

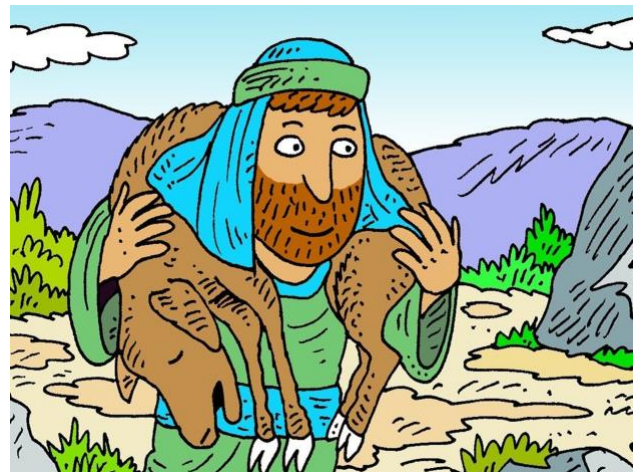


This story about twin brothers in the first book of the Bible.

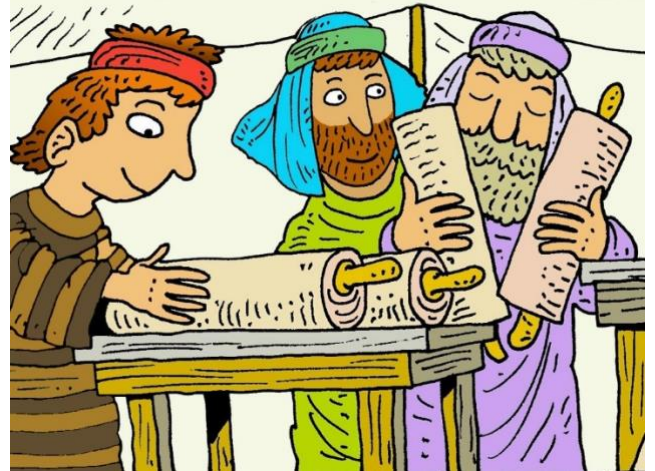
Isaac and Rebekah had twin boys. Esau had been born first. As he grew up was **very hairy**, **but Jacob wasn't hairy** like his brother!



The twin brothers were **different** in other ways too. **Esau loved to go away hunting** venison for his father Isaac's dinner, but **Jacob liked staying at home cooking**.



Isaac wanted his boys to know about **God's promise** to their ancestor, Abraham, that **their family would have God's special blessings and become great.**



'This special blessing to our family, always passes to the eldest son,' said Isaac. Jacob loved hearing about God's special promises and **wished he was the eldest son.**



One day Esau came home from hunting feeling **so hungry** that he was nearly fainting. '**Give me some of your red lentil soup,**' he said, 'before I die of hunger.'



You can only have it if you give me your special promise from God,' answered Jacob. 'Well, it is no use to me if I die,' Esau replied and **he swapped God's promise for a bowl of soup!**



After he had eaten, Esau felt much better and **he was sorry that he had given away God's special promise,** but **Jacob treasured having God's special blessing.**



Jacob and Esau were different in many ways. I wonder if you have any brothers or sisters. If so, do you think you are different from your brother or your sister too? **God made us all unique and special.**

Jacob and Esau were twins, but Esau was born first, so he was the oldest. In the past, in many countries like Israel, the first boy would get most of their father's riches, after he died. This meant he would inherit it and get God's special blessing.

Esau did not really seem to value God's promise to him as the first-born son. Jacob really wanted that promise for himself. Was Esau right to sell his special promise for a bowl of soup? Was Jacob right to ask him to swap all his father's riches for a bowl of soup? Did Jacob and Esau make good choices?

Let us ask God to help us to make good choices.

A Bible verse to remember:

"People can make many different plans. But only the Lord's plan will happen."

Proverbs 19:21

Prayer



Dear Father God,

Help us to understand that your promises are true and precious.

Thank you that your promises are wonderful, blessing us with even more valuable things than food, clothes or money! Help us to be honest and fair and not to behave like Jacob taking things that belong to other people.

Amen

Links

Videos

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hGs1WfRKIoM&ab_channel=CrossroadsKids%27Club Jacob and Esau 4 minutes

<https://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/esau-jacob/>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zhykNXjGQuA&ab_channel=Superbook Jacob and Esau 22 minutes

Puzzles

<https://www.dltk-kids.com/bible/mazes/maze-jacob.htm>

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Jacob and Esau



Jacob and Esau



Esau Sells His Birthright

Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright. Genesis 25:34

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



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JACOB	BOYS	STEW	BIRTHRIGHT
COOKING	ESAU	TWIN	HUNTER