

# JACOB TRICKS ESAU

## *Genesis 25:19-34*

### Genesis 25

<sup>19</sup>This is the account of Abraham's son Isaac.

Abraham became the father of Isaac, <sup>20</sup>and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Paddan Aram and sister of Laban the Aramean.

<sup>21</sup>Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was barren. The LORD answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. <sup>22</sup>The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, "Why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the LORD.

<sup>23</sup>The LORD said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,  
and two peoples from within you  
will be separated;  
one people will be stronger than  
the other,  
and the older will serve the  
younger."

<sup>24</sup>When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb. <sup>25</sup>The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau. <sup>26</sup>After this, his brother came

out, with his hand grasping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them.

<sup>27</sup>The boys grew up, and Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was a quiet man, staying among the tents.

<sup>28</sup>Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

<sup>29</sup>Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. <sup>30</sup>He said to Jacob, "Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!" (That is why he was also called Edom. )

<sup>31</sup>Jacob replied, "First sell me your birthright."

<sup>32</sup>"Look, I am about to die," Esau said. "What good is the birthright to me?"

<sup>33</sup>But Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob.

<sup>34</sup>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.



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| POSSIBLE POINTS | MY POINTS | QUESTIONS  |
|-----------------|-----------|--|
| 5               |           | 1.) What did Esau want from Jacob?                   |
| 5               |           | 2.) What did the stew cost Esau?                     |
| 5               |           | 3.) Why did Esau sell his birthright? (Verse 32)     |
| 5               |           | 4.) Why do you think Jacob wanted Esau's birthright? |

| POSSIBLE POINTS | MY POINTS | MEMORY VERSE  |
|-----------------|-----------|---|
| 10              |           | "The Lord detests men of perverse heart but he delights in those whose ways are blameless."<br>Proverbs 11:20 |

| POSSIBLE POINTS | MY POINTS | HOME CONNECTION  | PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE |
|-----------------|-----------|--|---------------------------|
| 5               |           | <i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>      |                           |
| 5               |           | <i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>      |                           |
| 10              |           | <i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i> |                           |

| TOTAL POINTS | CLUB CONNECTION                        |
|--------------|--|
|              | LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE __/__/__ |

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## CRAFT/ACTIVITY: MEMORY VERSE STEW

Students will color and cut out parts for their “Memory Verse Stew” and try to put the verse back together in the correct order.

### MATERIALS

1. Copies of the vegetable page printed on 67lb cardstock
2. Crayons
3. Scissors
4. Foam bowls
5. 67lb white cardstock (thick paper that can run through many copy machines)



### DIRECTIONS

1. Pass out a copy of the vegetable page with the words for the memory verse on it.
2. Allow students time to color the vegetables.
3. Have students cut out each vegetable and put it in their bowls.
4. Once all students have placed their “vegetables” in their bowls, have them race to put the vegetables in order beginning with the first word in the verse and ending with the scripture reference.
5. Once all students have put their verses together in order, have them flip over several random “vegetables”.
6. Allow students to read the verse and guess at the words that are flipped over.
7. Flip over a few more vegetables and have them read the verse again. Repeat.... Repeat....
8. Eventually all of the vegetables will be flipped over and many students will be able to recite the memory verse.

### FOR DISCUSSION

As students are coloring their “vegetables”, discuss the importance of a birthright. Without the birthright, a son would not inherit his father’s possessions at death. The birthright gave the eldest son rights to his father’s estate. Jacob, being younger, would not have received the birthright had he not traded it for a bowl of stew and some bread when his elder brother was hungry. His elder brother Esau did not fully realize the magnitude of his decision until Jacob, with the help of his mother, tricked Isaac into giving him the blessing. With the blessing that Isaac would eventually give Jacob, Esau was no longer in line for the estate. Discuss how this week’s memory verse ties into the story of Jacob and Esau.

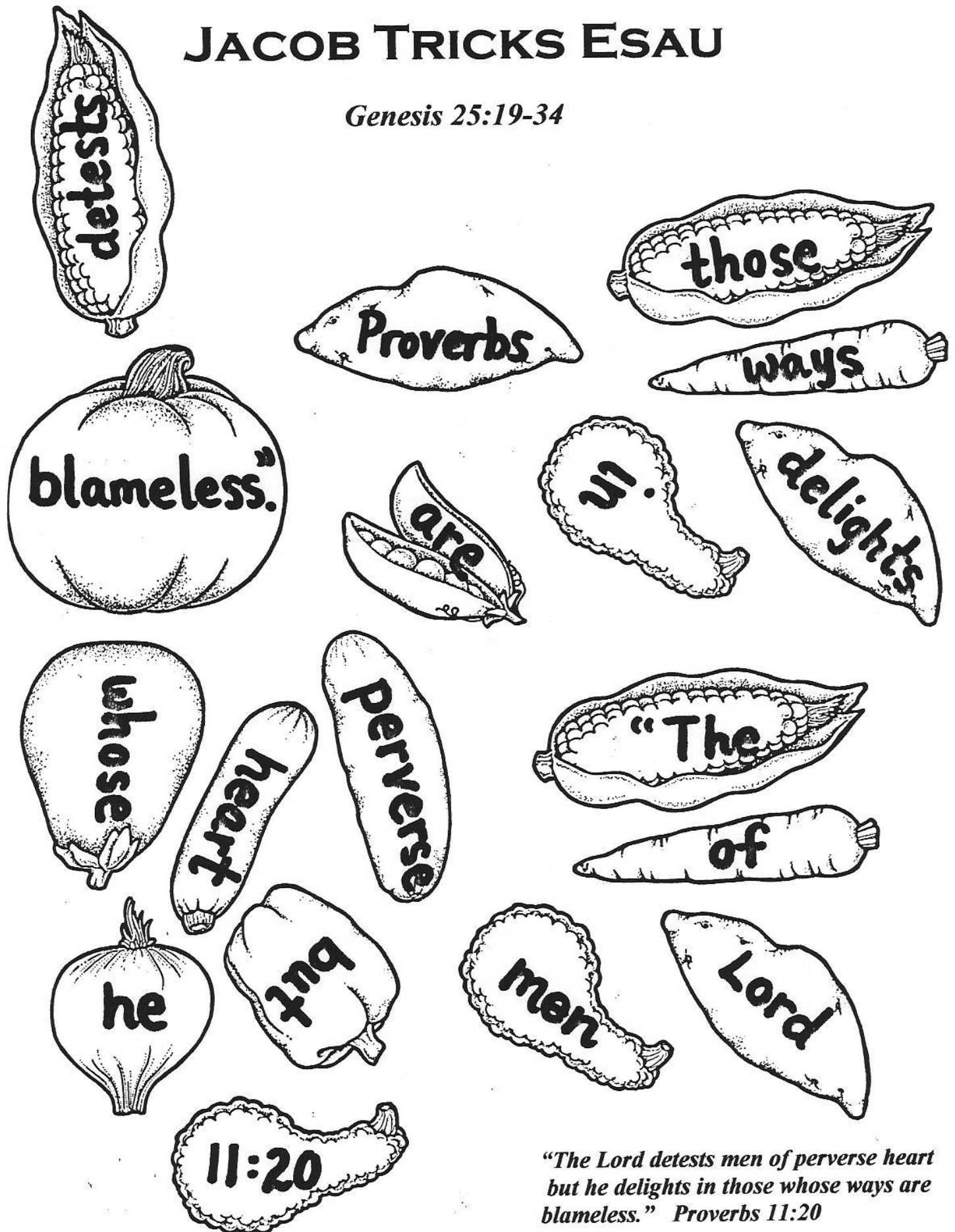
**TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:** Approximately 30 minutes

### MEMORY VERSE

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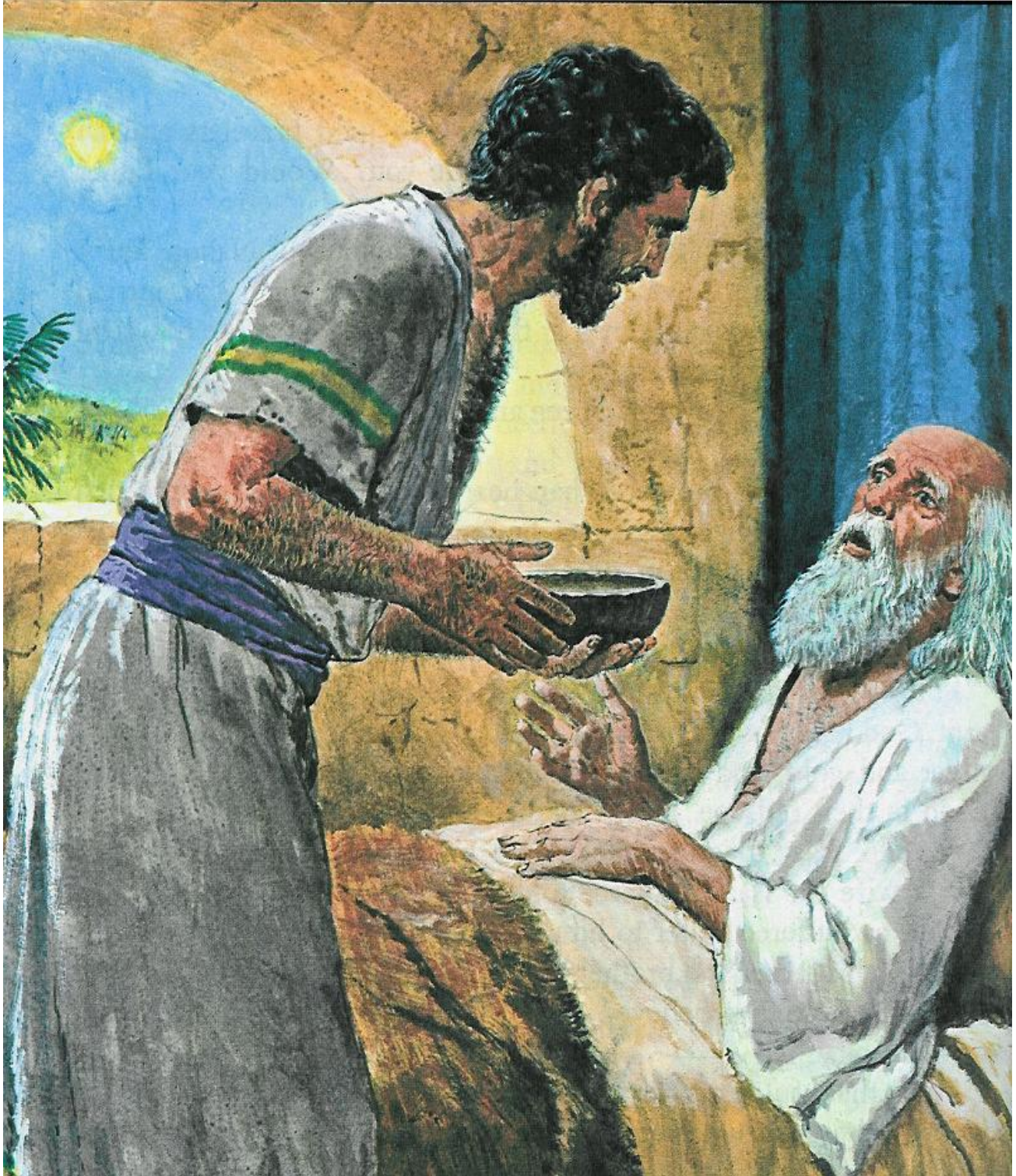


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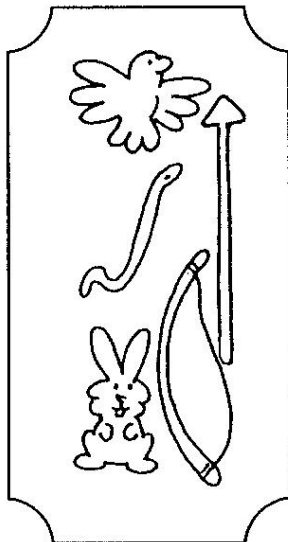


*Esau sells his birthright to Jacob for some stew*

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**Find the hidden  
items in the  
picture.**



Esau was older than his twin brother, Jacob, so the family birthright belonged to him. That meant he would someday be the family leader. One day Esau was very hungry. He wanted some of the stew Jacob made, so he traded his birthright for a bowl of Jacob's stew.



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Directions: Make a code key by numbering the letters of the alphabet in sequence from 1-26. Let A = 1 and Z = 26. Then use the code key to translate the message.

Esau traded his birthright to Isaac for food. By decoding the following sequence of numbers, you will discover what a birthright meant in Old Testament times.

2 9 18 20 8 18 9 7 8 20 :

1 4 15 21 2 12 5 19 8 1 18 5

15 6 20 8 5 9 14 8 5 18 9 20 1 14 3 5

1 14 4 12 5 1 4 5 18 19 8 9 16

15 6 20 8 5 3 12 1 14

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When Isaac was 40 years old, he married Rebekah.

Isaac prayed to the Lord for a baby. Rebekah could not have a baby. The Lord answered Isaac's prayer.

When the two babies moved inside of her, Rebekah asked the Lord what was happening. The Lord said that the two boys would be in charge of two nations. The older son would have to listen to the younger son.

Rebekah gave birth to twins. The oldest son was red and very hairy. They named him Esau. His brother came out holding onto Esau's heel. They named him Jacob.

Isaac loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Jacob was cooking some stew one day. Esau asked Jacob for some stew because he was starving. Jacob told Esau to sell him his birthright. Esau agreed. Jacob had tricked his brother Esau. Now Jacob had the right to receive his brother's inheritance from their father Isaac.

Jacob gave stew to his brother Esau in trade for his birthright.

To find out more details about this story, read Genesis 25:19-34 in your Bible.

## QUESTIONS

1. How did the Lord answer Isaac's prayer?
2. Which son would be in charge of the other?
3. What did Jacob trade stew for?
4. Why do you think Esau traded his birthright for stew?

## MEMORY VERSE

"The Lord detests men of perverse heart but he delights in those whose ways are blameless." Proverbs 11:20

## WORD SCRAMBLE

|       |            |      |
|-------|------------|------|
| ISAAC | REBEKAH    | ESAU |
| JACOB | BIRTHRIGHT | STEW |

WSTE \_\_\_\_\_

CASAI \_\_\_\_\_

THGIRHTRIB \_\_\_\_\_

UEAS \_\_\_\_\_

BJACO \_\_\_\_\_

HREBKEA \_\_\_\_\_