



**At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9**  
**God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua**  
**Unit 7, Lesson 36**

## Jacob and Esau

**Lesson Aim: To understand the role of God's mercy in the lives of those He chooses to use in His plans.**

### THE WELCOME

**MEET & GREET: What is the best trick you have ever seen?**

**GAME:** Family Fray

### THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO KEEPS HIS PROMISES

Read Worship Scripture: Psalm 32:1-2.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform High Seas Adventures script or read storybook.

### THE WORD JACOB TAKES ESAU'S BIRTHRIGHT AND BLESSING

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God helped the servant fulfill his mission and find Rebekah.

**Rebekah and Isaac had twin boys named Jacob and Esau.** Point to Jacob and Esau (Circa 1900 B.C.). **Esau, being the firstborn, would receive a double inheritance, his "birthright." He would receive most of what his father owned after his father's death.** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Genesis 25:29-33; 27:19-23, 32-36. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Genesis 27:23. Pray.

Read Genesis 25:29-33. **When Isaac was very old and blind, he asked Esau to go hunting and prepare his favorite food. He was going to give Esau the special blessing. In the meantime, Rebekah chose to help Jacob trick his father into giving it to him. She gave him Esau's clothes and covered his hands and neck with goatskins so he would be hairy like Esau. Jacob brought Isaac's favorite food.** Read Genesis 27:19-23. **Isaac gave him the special blessing. When Esau returned, it was too late.** Read Genesis 27:32-36. **Esau was very angry, so Jacob was afraid and ran away to Haran.** Point to Haran.

### THE WAY GOD CHOOSES US FOR HIS PLAN

**When Esau asked for some stew, what did Jacob do?** (He would not give it to him unless Esau sold him his birthright, his inheritance.) **Jacob**

**tricked Esau into giving him his special inheritance for a bowl of stew. How do you think Esau felt?** (Angry, cheated.)

**When Isaac was old, what did Rebekah and Jacob do?** (Tricked Isaac into giving Jacob the family's special blessing.) **Jacob tricked his father and brother. He received the birthright and the family blessing. What did Esau do?** (Begged his father bless him. He was very angry.) **Jacob suffered the consequences of his sin—he had to run away because Esau threatened to kill him for what he had done.**

**Do you think God knew Jacob sinned?** (Yes. He sees everything.) **Do you think Jacob deserved to keep the blessing?** **Since God hates sin, it is hard to understand why He would allow Jacob's sin to move His perfect plan forward. In Isaiah 55:8, God tells us His thoughts are not our thoughts, and our ways are not His ways. God chose to show mercy to Jacob; to forgive and show undeserved kindness.**

**Even though Jacob lied and cheated, God did not reject him. Seeing Jacob's sins reminds us that God is full of mercy toward us. He uses us in His plans, even though we do not deserve it.**

### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

**Almost 2000 years later, Paul explains one reason God shows us His mercy. Before believing in Jesus, Paul (then Saul) was a violent man determined to hurt those who followed Jesus. Check out what Paul said.** Reveal 1 Timothy 1:15-16. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

**This is true for all of us because we all sin (do wrong in God's eyes). God chose to forgive and use sinners like Jacob and Paul to build His kingdom. God will use us to build His kingdom, too.**

**THE GOLDEN BOWL:** Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

### **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: Lentil bean
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Jacob receiving the blessing from his father
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

### GOT TIME?

**SNACK:** Fruit Stew

**GAME:** Family Support

**CRAFT:** Chosen and Forgiven

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** Scrambled Promise, Understanding the Promise

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**