



WEEK 3 7/24/24

LESSON

Staycation!

BIG IDEA

We can trust God when it's hard to trust each other.

BIBLE

Jacob and Esau: Genesis 25:19-34;
Romans 8:1-11

Welcome to week three of *Staycation!* We've already heard some pretty incredible stories about Abraham and people in his family. Today, we are going to talk about a family conflict that arises and how God is trustworthy even when other people may let us down.

QUESTION | If you had the opportunity to keep one thing in your life the same . . .

The "stay" part of *Staycation!* indicates that even though we're having fun together, we didn't go anywhere new or exotic. Sometimes it is really nice to have a change of scenery, but other times, we love staying where we feel most comfortable.

If you had the opportunity to keep one thing in your life the same forever, what would it be? Why?

Lesson | Genesis 25:19-34 (Jacob and Esau)

Sometimes the best part of *Staycations!* is when we get to hear family stories. Let's dive into another family story today. *[Show video from phone/ipad or tell story the video refers to.]*

INSTRUCTIONS: Show [this video](#) then continue teaching the story from Genesis 25:19-34.
Youtube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hGs1WfRKIoM>

How many of you have brothers or sisters? How many of you get along perfectly with your siblings all of the time? No one, right? Even in the Bible, we see family members who struggled to get along.

[Read Genesis 25:19-34.]

Jacob and Esau were twin brothers who fought from the very beginning — even while in their mom Rebekah's belly!

Jacob and Esau were very different than each other and they liked different things. But the tension of their relationship escalated when Jacob tricked Esau into giving him something really valuable — his birthright.

A birthright was a very special gift given to the firstborn child. It was an honor and gift that would have set him up for success for the rest of his life.

Unfortunately, Esau let hunger get the best of him, and he traded this valuable gift for a bowl of soup.

Jacob put his needs above his brother's needs. He saw Esau's moment of weakness and unfortunately, he used it for his own gain.

Even though these brothers had some major issues, God didn't run away. Even though they had made mistakes, God remained with them and helped them.

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MEMORY VERSE | Galatians 6:10 (NIV)

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."

DISCUSSION

What were the names of Isaac's children?

How were Isaac's children different from each other?

How did one of the brothers end up losing his birthright?

Have you ever let down someone in your family? What did you do or what could you have done to make it right?

What good or important gifts have we been given, like Esau's birthright, that we take for granted?

What do you think is needed for two people to trust each other? How do we know we can trust God?

PRAYER

Dear God, even when we mess up or when other people break our trust, thank you for sticking with us. Thank you that we can trust you when it's hard to trust each other. Thank you for your steady love toward us on the good days and the hard days. We can count on you. Amen.

If Extra Time...

1. Work on memorizing books of the bible

2. Extra SCRIPTURE | Romans 8:1-11

INSTRUCTIONS: *Read Romans 8:1-11.*

Today we heard about two brothers who were at odds with each other. Jacob stole Esau's birthright because he thought his life and future were more important than Esau's.

This passage in Romans tells us that Jesus came to set us free from the selfishness in the world. Selfishness drives us to try to fight to protect ourselves, but when we trust in Jesus, we realize that it is God who makes our future hopeful and secure.

Even when there is conflict and tension around us, **we can trust God when it's hard to trust each other.**

Discussion Question: Read Romans 8:5. What do you think it means to have your mind set on the flesh or the Spirit?