

# Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?



## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What is a birthright, and why was it important?
- Why do you think God reminded Isaac of His promise?
- What do believers in Jesus inherit as a "birthright"? (See Gal. 3:29; Heb. 11:16; Titus 3:7.)

## God's Promise to Isaac

Genesis 25–26

STORY POINT: GOD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM CONTINUED  
WITH ISAAC'S FAMILY.

Abraham's son Isaac was married to Rebekah. Isaac prayed and asked God for a child. God blessed Isaac and answered his prayer. Rebekah became pregnant with twins, but the two babies fought inside of her, and Rebekah was worried.

"Why is this happening?" Rebekah asked the Lord. The Lord told Rebekah part of His plan.

When Rebekah's babies were born, the first brother was named Esau. The younger brother was named Jacob.

When the boys grew up, Jacob was cooking a stew when Esau came in from the field. "Let me eat some of that," he said.

Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau did not care about his birthright, so he agreed to give it to Jacob.

Some time later, there was a famine in the land. The Lord appeared to Isaac and said, "Live in the land I will tell you about. I will be with you and bless you. I will keep the promise I made to your father Abraham."

God said He would give Isaac a large family—as numerous as the stars—and land for his family. "All the nations of the earth will be blessed because of your family," God said. "I will do this because Abraham listened to Me and kept My commands."

*Christ Connection: God's covenant with Abraham continued to the next generation. Esau sold his birthright, giving Jacob the right to the wonderful blessings God promised to his father Abraham. Through Jacob's family, God would send the promised Savior to bring blessing and salvation to the world.*



# Hidden Items

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Use the key to find and circle items that do not belong in the stew.



*Preschool Activity Pages*

## Unit 2 • Session 4

### God's Promise to Isaac

#### **BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:**

- God told Rebekah her sons would grow into two nations and the older son would serve the younger.
- Esau gave Jacob his birthright for some bread and stew.
- God reminded Isaac about His promises.

**KEY PASSAGE:** Galatians 3:29

#### **BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

- Why can we trust God? We can trust God because He is faithful.

#### **FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

- Why was it strange that God said the older son would serve the younger?
- Talk about what makes each family member unique and different.
- How does God bless us through Isaac's family?

#### **FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

- Look online for a recipe for red lentil stew. Make the stew together as a family. Review the Bible story.
- Offer to babysit for a family friend's baby. Give each family member a specific task to care for the baby. Talk about what it would be like to care for two babies at once.



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# Friendly Reminders

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Draw pictures or write notes to remember some of the promises God has made.



*Younger Kids Activity Pages*  
**Unit 2 • Session 4**  
**God's Promise to Isaac**

**BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:**

- Isaac and Rebekah had twin sons, Jacob and Esau.
- God told Rebekah before they were born that Esau would serve Jacob.
- Esau sold his birthright to Jacob for a bowl of stew.
- God's covenant with Abraham continued with Isaac's family.

**KEY PASSAGE:** Galatians 3:29

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

- Why can we trust God? We can trust God because He is faithful and does everything for His glory and our good.

**FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

- What is a birthright, and why was it important?
- What was unusual about Esau serving Jacob?
- What do people who believe in Jesus inherit as a "birthright"?

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

- Contact a family in your church or community who has a newborn baby. Schedule a time for your family to meet the baby. Discuss how God's family grows as people trust Jesus and are "born again."



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**STORY POINT: GOD REMINDED ISAAC ABOUT HIS PROMISES.**

*God's Promise to Isaac*  
Genesis 25–26



# DOWNTOWN ZOO QUESTIONS

*After watching our video and reading the provided Bible passage go through these questions as a family. These are great questions to discuss as a family. Don't just have your child answer, answer them together and discuss the lesson.*

1. What did Isaac ask God for?
2. Who were Isaac and Rebekah's sons?
3. What did Esau give up his birthright for?
4. What did God promise Isaac?

## UPTOWN KIDS QUESTIONS (LIGHTHOUSE & THRIVE)

1. What was especially interesting about the birth of Esau and Jacob?
2. What did Jacob demand before giving Esau a bowl of stew?
3. What promise to God reaffirm to Isaac?
4. Why do you think God chose to have Esau serve Jacob?
5. What happens when we fail to obey God? Does our disobedience ruin God's plan?
6. If you believe in Jesus, what is your "birthright"?