

Jacob Makes Up with Esau



Bible story from Genesis 27:41—33:17

Jacob went to live far away because he had made his brother, Esau, angry. After 20 years God told Jacob to go back home. Jacob was rich and had a big family. But he was afraid Esau was still angry.

Jacob sent a message to Esau. “Tell Esau I am coming home. I hope he will forgive me.”

Jacob’s helpers came back and said, “Esau has 400 men with him!”

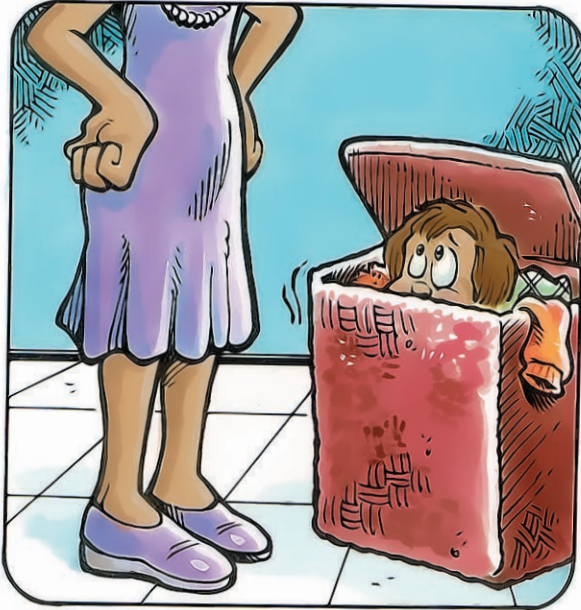
Jacob prayed, “I am afraid of Esau. Please keep my family and me safe.” Then Jacob sent Esau gifts of many animals.

Finally Esau came to meet Jacob. Esau forgave his brother! Esau and Jacob were happy again.

This Week’s Bible Memory Verse:

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:13

Getting Along



Sometimes Isabella and her brother, Justin, fight with each other.

Sometimes Justin hits Isabella. Then he tries to hide from their mother. Once he hid in the clothes hamper. But his mother found him anyway. She grounded him for hitting Isabella. Fighting always makes people end up sad.

Sometimes both Isabella and Justin want to take a shower first. But both can't be first. Now they take turns.

But even when Justin and Isabella fight, they really do love each other. They don't want to make each other sad.

Sometimes Isabella and Justin start to cry when they fight. Then one of them says something funny. They stop crying and laugh. It is more fun to laugh than to fight. Soon they forget about the fight.

Sometimes Justin and Isabella fight with other children.



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What I learned in God's Word this week: Forgiving heals hurts.

Once Justin got in a fight at school. His shirt was torn in the fight. When he got home, he ran to his room fast. He wanted to change his shirt. But his mother saw the shirt was torn. Justin got in trouble. Fighting always ends up bad.

Isabella is a girl scout. Once a girl pulled off Isabella's beanie. Isabella got mad and said they weren't friends anymore. Then they went inside for a cold drink. Soon they were friends again.

Isabella says it is a good idea to keep a chart at home. A family could put a star on the chart every day they didn't fight. Isabella says God is sad when people fight.

When Justin and Isabella get mad, they ask God to forgive them. They ask others to forgive them too. Isabella and Justin tell God everything. They ask God to help them get along.

Talk-a-Bit

- How do you feel when you are mad?
- If you had a fight with someone, how can you be friends again?



Forgiveness Code

Use the key to fill in the missing letters.

a	d	e	f	g	h	i	l	o	r	s	t	u	v	y



Family Faith Fun

Lesson Focus:

Forgiving heals hurts.

Truce Buttons

■ Explain to your child that a truce is when two people agree to stop fighting so they can talk about a way to solve their problem. Make some "truce buttons" for your family. Encourage your family to offer a truce button whenever they find themselves in the middle of an argument.

Verse Puzzle

■ Write out this week's memory verse on a large sheet of paper. Cut it apart in the shape of large jigsaw puzzle pieces. Work together to put the verse back together.

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