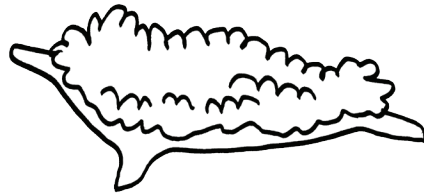


Jacob and Esau

Genesis 25:19–34; 27:1–40



Jacob and Esau were twin brothers. From the very beginning of their lives, they always competed with one another. Their biggest competition was to win the blessing of their father, Isaac. Esau was bigger and stronger, but Jacob was more clever. Along with his mother, Rebekah, Jacob tricked their father and stole Isaac's blessing for himself.

Take a Look

Here are some of the people and things in today's story. What can your child tell you about them?



Esau was the firstborn of the twins who was “a skillful hunter, a man of the field” (Gen. 25:27).



Jacob was the second born of Isaac and Rebekah's twins, described as “a quiet man, living in tents” (Gen. 25:27).



God told **Rebekah**, while she was still pregnant, that Esau would serve Jacob (Gen. 25:23).

About the Video

In the Holy Moly video, Jacob and Esau showed sibling rivalry even in their mother's womb. This rivalry caused conflict throughout their lives. Ultimately, Jacob—and his mother Rebekah!—tricked Isaac into giving Jacob the blessing meant for Esau, the firstborn son.

- How did Jacob show conflict with his brother? How did he trick his father?
- Why do you think Rebekah helped her son get Isaac's blessing?
- When have you seen someone get what they didn't deserve? What happened next?

Try This!

Does your family know any twins? Learn more about twins: how they are the same and how they are different.

Prayer

God of love, you are with us when life is fair and when it is unfair. You loved Jacob, the second son. You loved Esau, the first son, too. It is good to know you love us all the time. Amen!