

Year 1

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Jacob and Esau

Scriptures: Genesis 25:19-34

Key Verse: Gen 25:31 And Jacob said, “Sell me this day thy birthright.”

Key Points:

1. After many years, Rebekah became pregnant with twins.
2. God explained that the children would have very different personalities and that the one born last (Jacob) would rule over the one born first (Esau).
3. Each parent had a favorite child and this caused problems.
4. Esau traded his birthright for a pot of stew. He did not value his birthright, and did not put God first in his life.

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1. What are some examples of others who pleaded with God to become pregnant?
2. When Rebekah inquired of God, He said, "There are two nations in your womb". To what two nations is he referring?
3. According to this prophecy, what nation would serve the other?
4. Were Jacob and Esau identical twins?
5. By tradition, who was the rightful heir of Isaac? What would he receive?
6. Why did Esau sell his birthright to Jacob? Was this a good thing or was it foolish?
7. Consider Hebrews 12:16-17. Did God look favorably upon Esau's selling of the birthright? Was he able to get the inheritance back?
8. If we are a child of God, we can receive the promise of His inheritance. How could we, as children of God, lose our birthright?
9. What would be the "one morsel of food" for a Christian?



Rebecca is blessed with twins

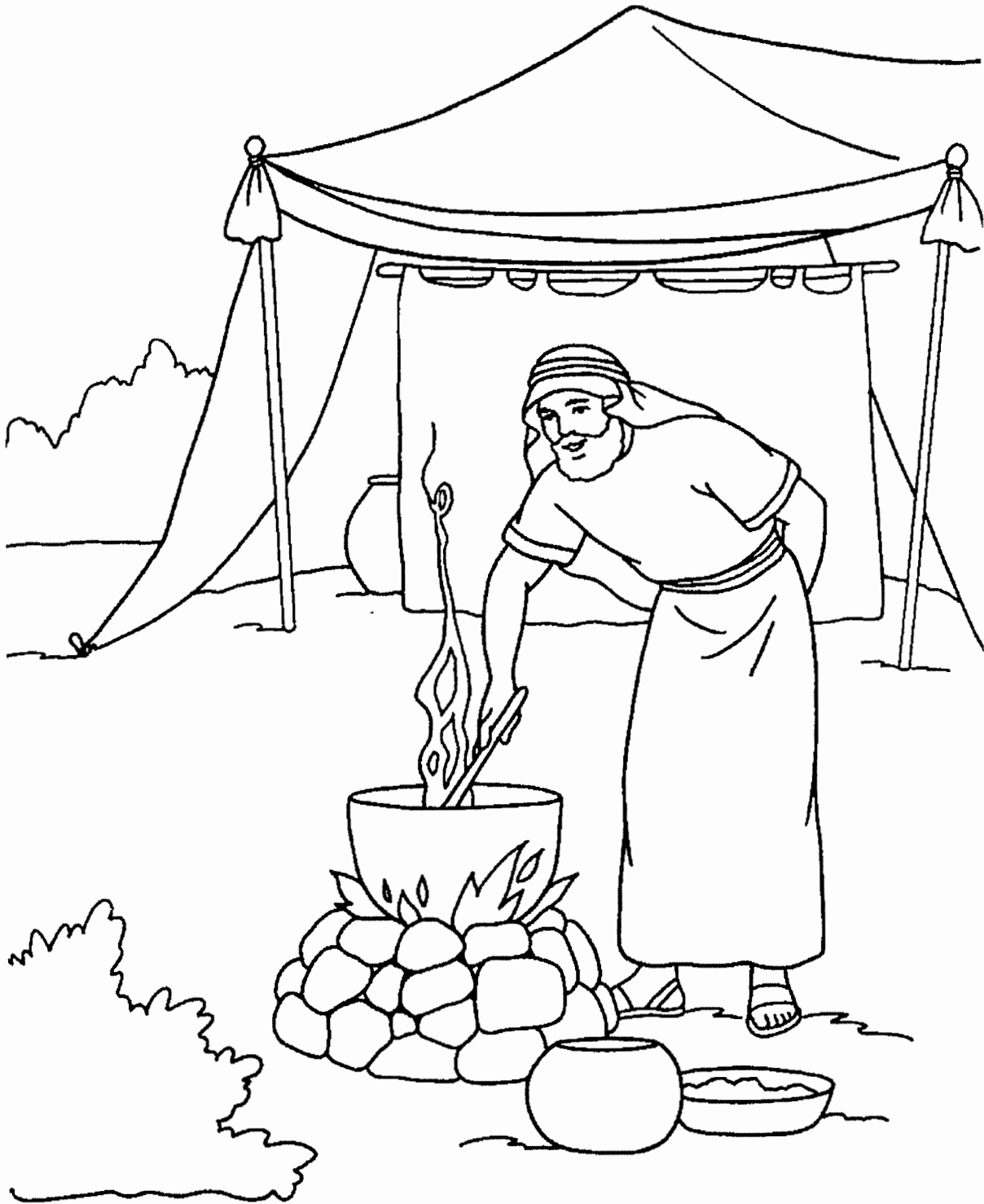
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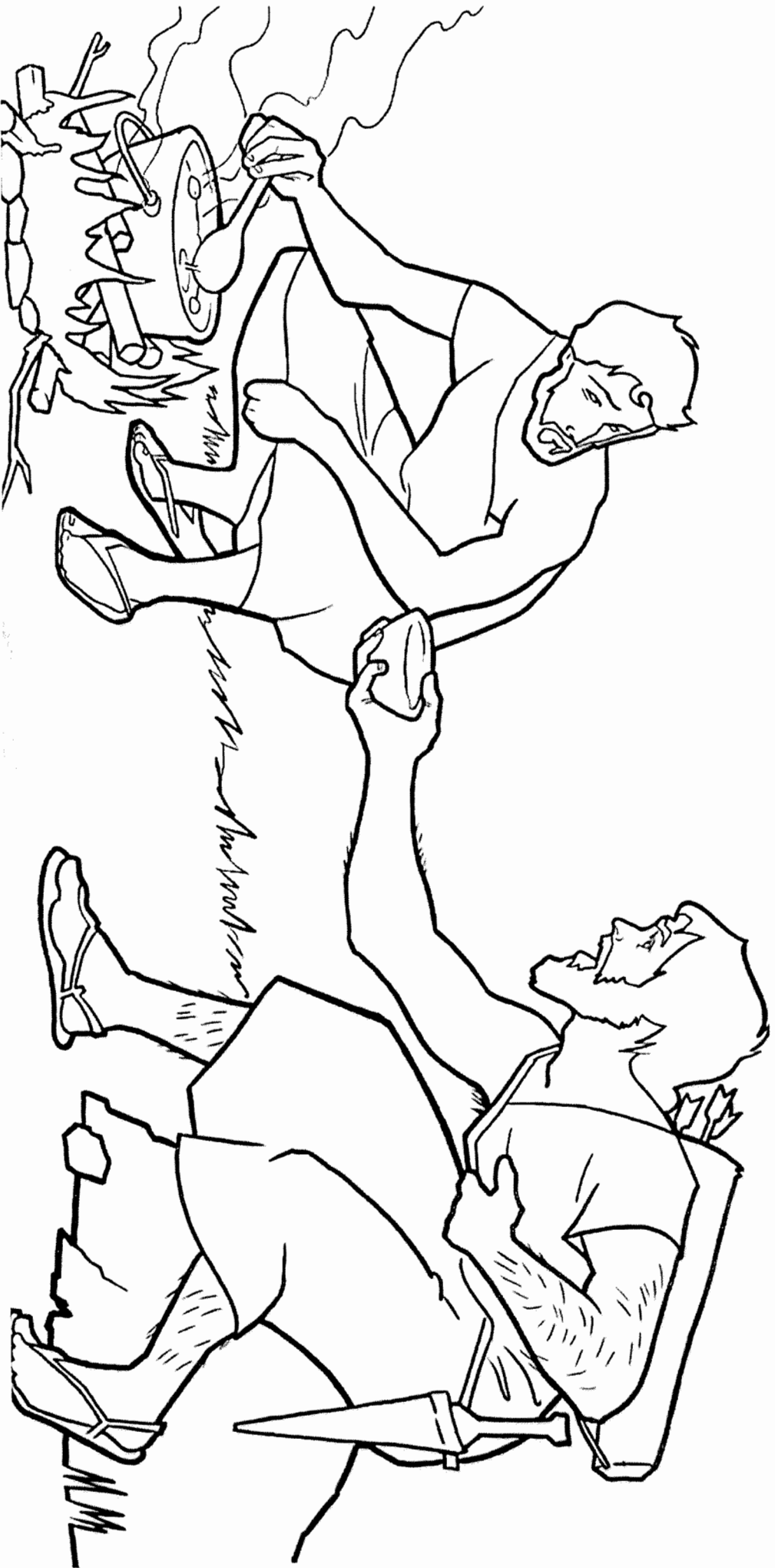
Jacob and his brother Esau

JACOB TRICKS ESAU

Genesis 25:19-34



Esau sells his birthright to Jacob for some stew



Esau sells his birthright – Genesis 25

³³ Then Jacob said, ^[b]“Swear to me as of this day.”

So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴ And Jacob gave Esau bread and stew of lentils; then he ate and drank, arose, and went his way. Thus Esau despised *his* birthright.

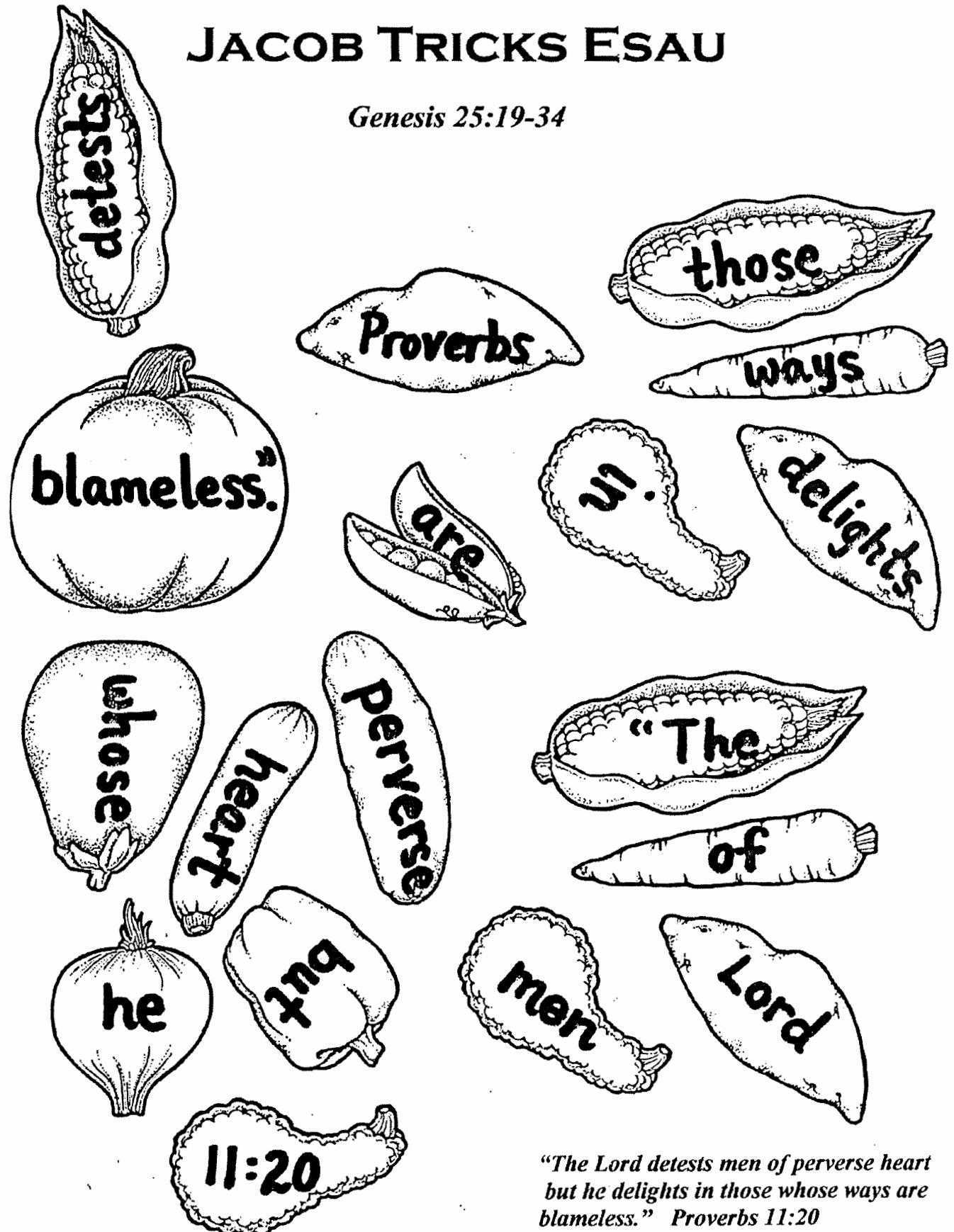


Birthright Stew

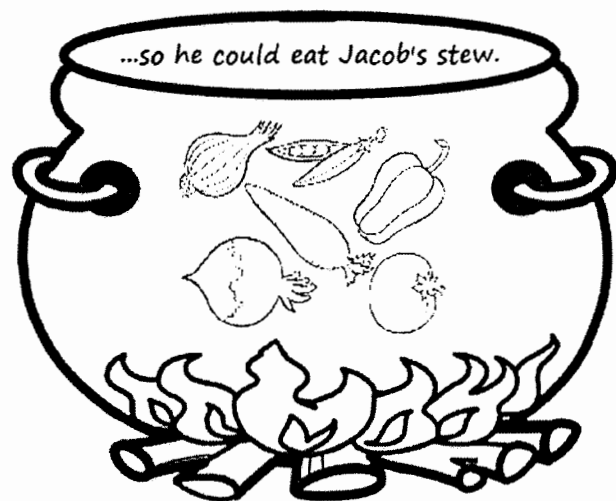
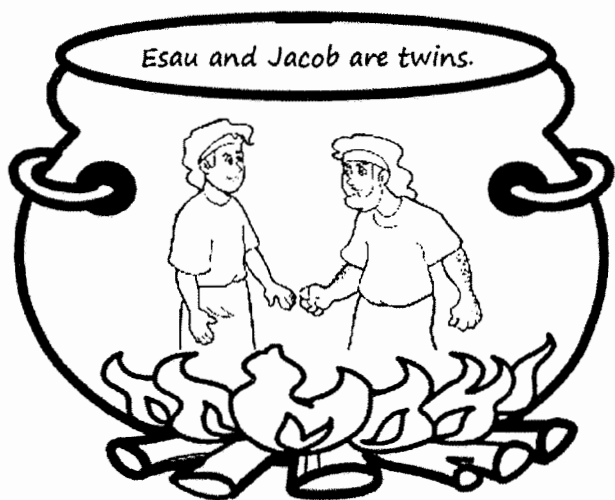
Color and cut out vegetables for stew
or have kids place stickers in pot, or cut of cardstock and
have kids glue on different kinds of dry beans.

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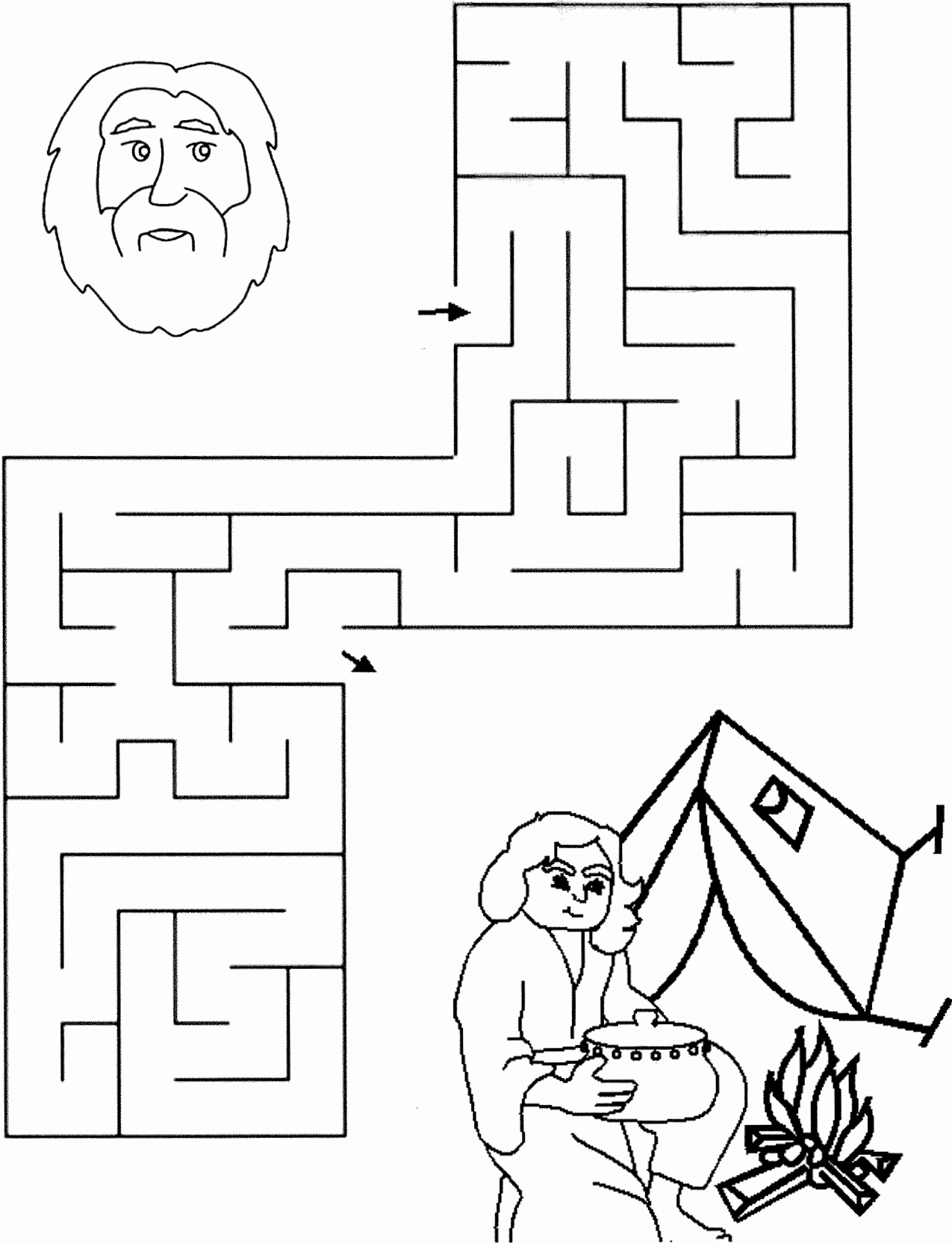


"The Lord detests men of perverse heart but he delights in those whose ways are blameless." Proverbs 11:20



Jacob and Esau Maze

Help Esau make the right choice when he gets home from hunting.



Jacob & Esau Word Search

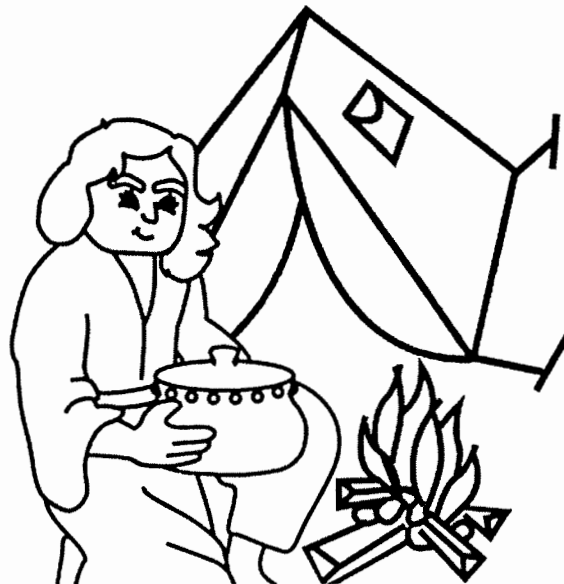
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R U N S N I W T

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**BLESS
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Genesis 25:19-34

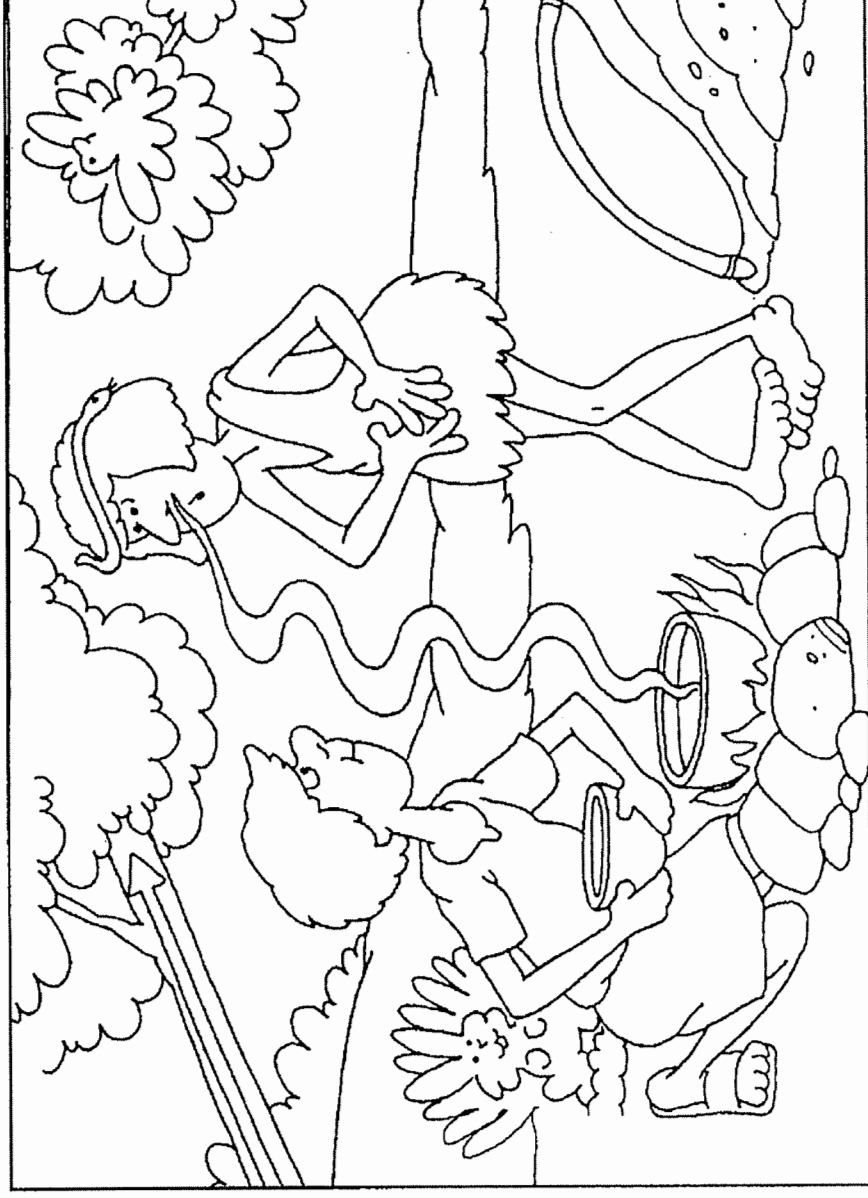
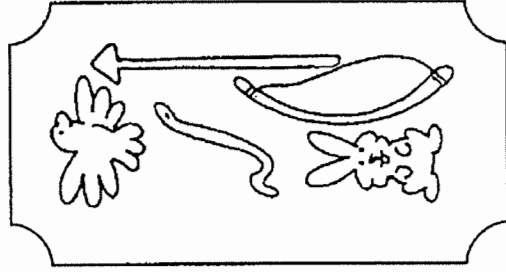


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JACOB TRICKS ESAU

Genesis 25:19-34

**Find the hidden
items in the
picture.**



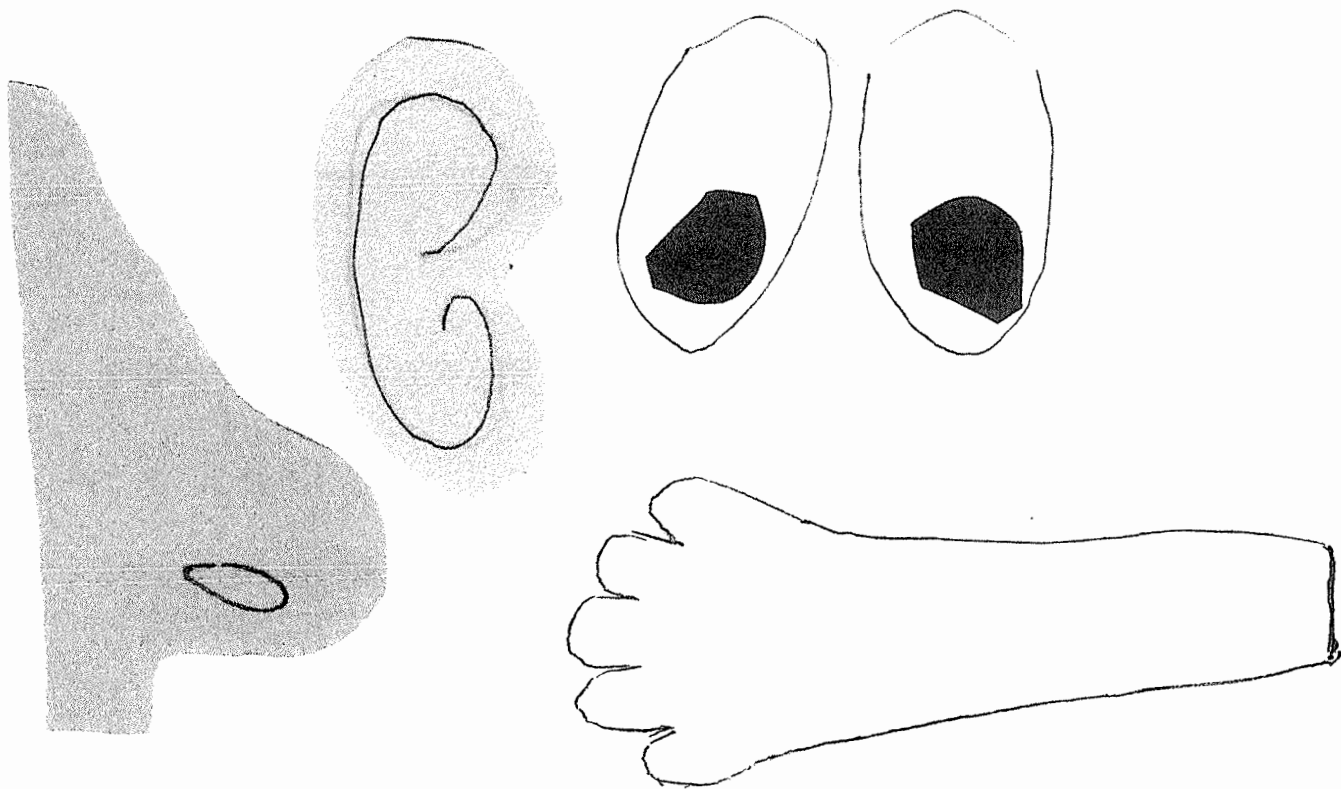
Esau was older than his twin brother, Jacob, so the family birthright belonged to him. That meant he would someday be the family leader. One day Esau was very hungry. He wanted some of the stew Jacob made, so he traded his birthright for a bowl of Jacob's stew.

Isaac could not see well

Jacob sounded like himself

Jacob smelled like Esau

Jacob felt like Esau



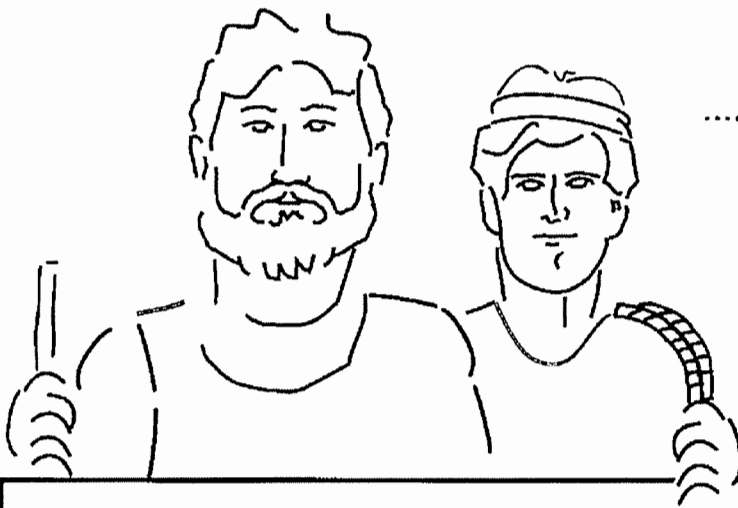
Cut out figures of eyes, ears, noses and arms from construction paper. Cut out descriptions about Jacob for each child. Glue on to construction paper. Felt or fake hair can be added to the arm if wanted.



Isaac gave his blessing to Jacob.

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Genesis 25:19-34



Directions: Make a code key by numbering the letters of the alphabet in sequence from 1-26. Let A = 1 and Z = 26. Then use the code key to translate the message.

Esau traded his birthright to Isaac for food. By decoding the following sequence of numbers, you will discover what a birthright meant in Old Testament times.

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Jacob and Esau

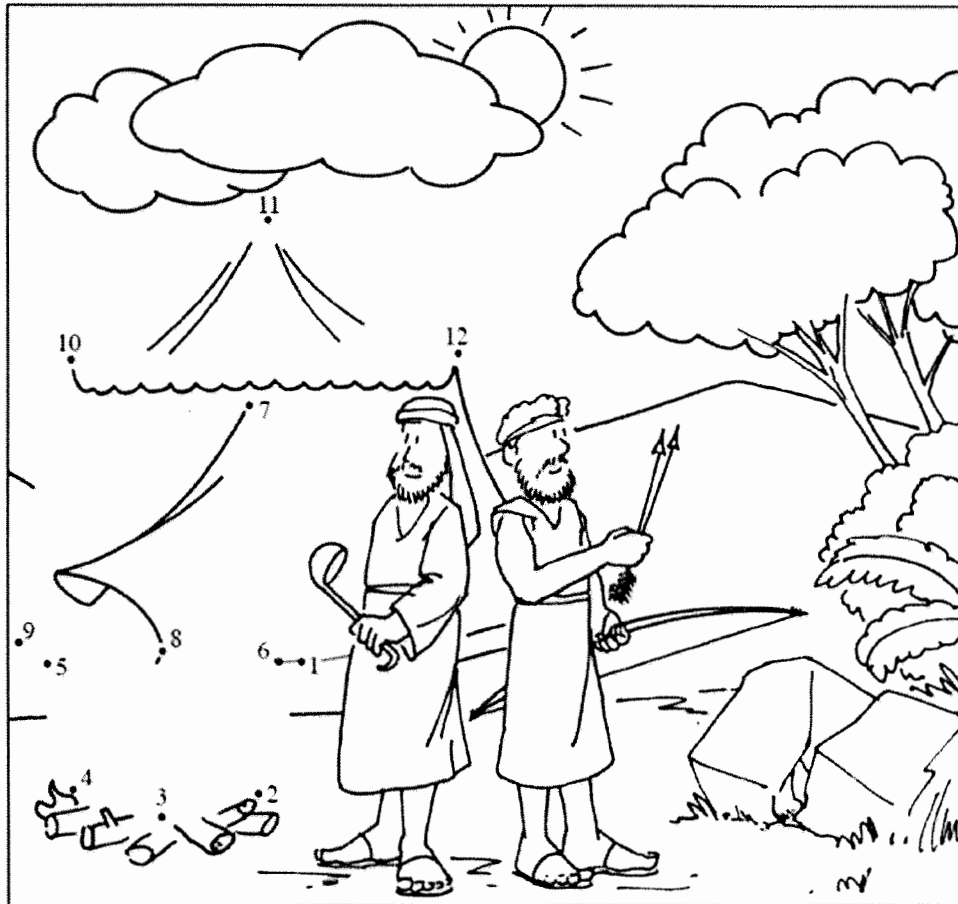
Isaac and Rebekah had twin boys. was born first.

The oldest son should have got the But Esau

traded his for a bowl of Because of this

..... got the oldest son's rights even though he was the

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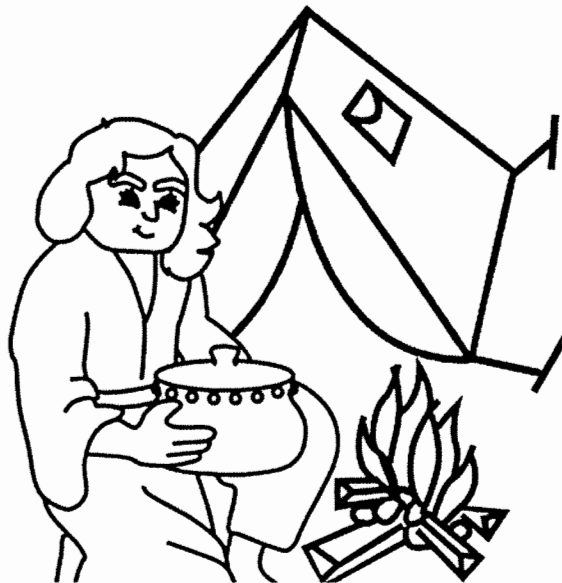
Connect the dots to complete the picture.

Jacob stew youngest Esau birthright

Jacob & Esau Word Search

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T H G I R H T R I B R E O T A
C J O V S E P U Y E E L C W Q
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F M A R C S E A O W T I J N E
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C S P D I W S X B S R G D I L
Y O U N G E S T L R B R I A H
Z Z I L T R I C K E U V K L A

**BLESSING
BIRTHRIGHT
BROTHERS
CHOICES
DISGUISE
ESAU
HAIR
HELPING
HUNTING**



**ISAAC
JACOB
LIE
RUN
SERVE
SOUP
TRICK
TWINS
YOUNGEST**

Esau Sells His Birthright

Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright. Genesis 25:34

The puzzle is based on Genesis 25:19-34



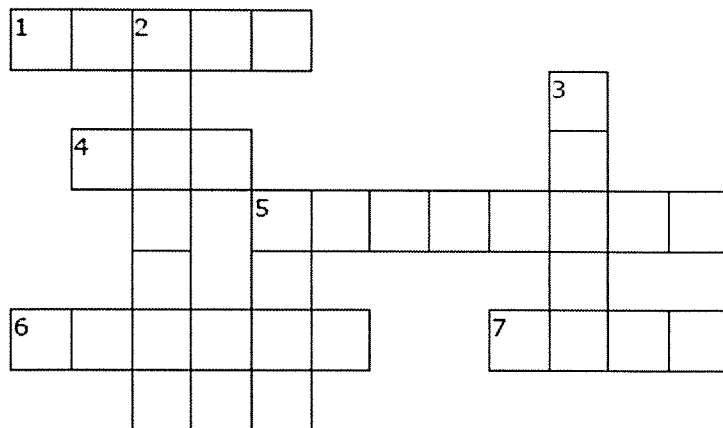
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JACOB	HUNTER	DIE	BREAD	ISAAC
BOYS	HOME	REBEKAH	STEW	ESAU
BIRTHRIGHT	COOKING	TWIN	STARVING	LENTIL

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ACROSS

1. The twin brother of Esau
4. A male child
5. Suffering from a lack of food
6. A person who likes to search for and kill wild animals
7. The oldest son of Isaac who loved to hunt

DOWN

2. Preparing food by heating it
3. Two children born to the same mother on the same occasion
5. A dish of meat and vegetables cooked slowly in liquid

COOKING	HUNTER	TWINS	STARVING
STEW	BOY	JACOB	ESAU

Very Different Twins

Jacob and Esau

Jacob

Esau

Have the students make a list of characteristics for Jacob and Esau separately and talk about their differences and choices they made

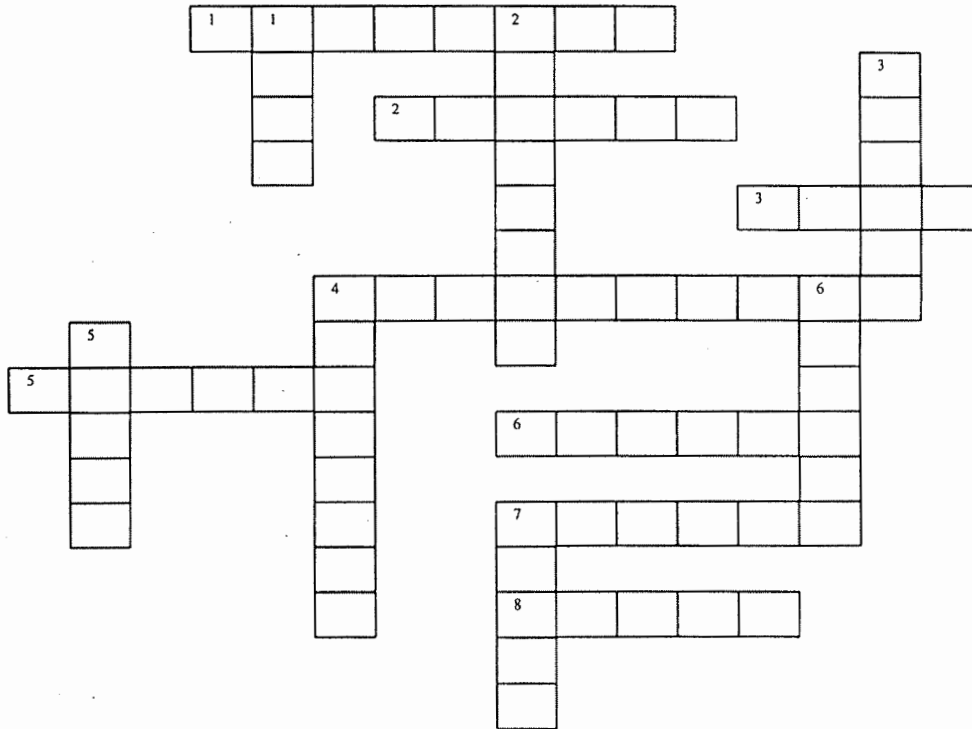
Birthright

ACROSS

1. The Bible says, Esau _____ his birthright.
2. Jacob's occupation was a _____.
3. Esau traded his birthright for a bowl of _____.
4. Esau did not value his _____.
5. Esau's inheritance included _____.
6. Compared to Jacob, Esau was very _____.
7. Esau was a mighty _____.
8. What was the name of Jacob and Esau's father?

DOWN

1. Jacob's twin brother was _____.
2. Esau's inheritance included _____.
3. Esau was the _____ brother.
4. In addition to items, Esau was to inherit his father's _____.
5. Who tricked Esau into selling his birthright for a bowl of stew?
6. Esau thought he was going to die from _____.
7. Esau's face and arms were _____.



List of Answers - Esau, Jacob, Isaac, Hunter, Farmer, Blessing, Stew, Hunger, Hairy, Strong, Birthright, Oldest, Despise, Cattle, Servants



Jacob and Esau were twin sons of Isaac. One of the twins did a very foolish thing. Discover what happened by coloring in each box whose answer does not equal 24. Then read about Jacob and Esau in Genesis 25:27-34 and Genesis 27:1-44.

$84-27=$ A	$14+10=$ E	$24 \times 0=$ O	$8 \times 3=$ S	$41-28=$ R	$28-4=$ A	$4 \times 6=$ U	$9+9=$ T
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$22+22=$ O	$30-6=$ A	$16+7=$ M	$24 \times 1=$ C	$30-5=$ L	$25-1=$ O	$23+1=$ B	$3 \times 6=$ Z

JACOB & ESAU

(GENESIS 25:19-34; 27:1-46; 33)

MEMORY VERSE:

Pursue peace with all men, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord."
HEBREWS 12:14

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

1. When the first child was born, "he was like a (HAIRY, SMOOTH) garment all over; so they called his name Esau." GENESIS 25:25
2. When his brother was born, "his hand took hold of Esau's (EAR, HEEL); so his name was called Jacob." GENESIS 25:26

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

3. "So the boys grew. And _____ was a skillful hunter, a man of the field; but _____ was a mild man, dwelling in tents." GENESIS 25:27

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