

# LEARNER TAKE-HOME SHEET: JACOB AND ESAU

Genesis 25–36



Take this sheet home and keep it someplace near the dinner table like on the fridge. At least three times next week at dinner, use Prayer Time and one other family activity to make your confirmation learning come alive!

## PRAYER TIME

**God of the ages, please be with us as we wrestle with your word, seeking its truth and blessing. Help us know that it's okay to struggle with you, calling out with our questions and emptiness. You do not run from challenges, O God. Help us also learn to stay and deal with one another. Amen**

## TALK TIME

- Approach the subject of sibling rivalry in a lighthearted way to try to hear any feelings of unfair treatment in your family. But know that feelings of resentment can run deep. Encourage family members to talk it out, write it out, basketball it out, get help—whatever it takes to get resentments on the table.
- Imagine how your lives would be different at this very moment if you lived in a culture that honored only first-born children or males. Recall God's commitment to marginalized people throughout Scripture.
- If you have a young child in your family who is struggling with bad dreams, talk to her or him about God's presence with people in the light and dark. Using fabric paint and a clean pillowcase, help the child create a "Jesus Loves Me" pillowcase that could provide comfort.
- Over a bowl of soup, retell the adventures of Jacob and Esau. Name other famous sibling rivalries. Share your funniest dreams. Notice how this Bible adventure engages all the senses (smell of the soup, sound of wrestling, sight of the ladder, and so forth).

## WEB TIME

Gather around the family computer and use an Internet search engine to search for the key words listed on the right. Do the sites mention the biblical context for the words?

## RITUAL TIME

Traditionally, people wish one another "sweet dreams" before they go to bed. In honor of the Jacob and Esau story, start wishing one another "holy dreams" before bed. Surprise family members by putting a small stone under their pillows, a reminder of God visiting Jacob at Bethel.



## KEY WORDS

Keep a family white board someplace near the dinner table, and write these words on it. Try writing a family definition for each one during the week.

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