

Overview of November Segment 3 lessons



UNIT THEME: Bible History

This month the lessons are about Bible history. The focus is on happenings in the life of the Bible patriarch . Predominantly Isaac son Jacob and Jacob’s son Joseph

Maybe you’ve heard of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. We read about them often in the Old Testament . With so much attention paid to them, they must be pretty important, right? But you may be asking yourself, “Why do men who lived thousands of years ago matter today?” Well, the key to that answer lies in the eternal covenants and promised blessings God gave them. Abraham was a great prophet. He was righteous and obedient to God’s commandments.

God made a covenant with Abraham that his posterity would be great and would have the same blessings he had received. They would take the fulness of the gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations of the earth.

Isaac was promised the same blessings as Abraham.

Joseph, in the Old Testament , **son of the patriarch Jacob and wife Rachel** receive the same blessing. As Jacob’s name became synonymous with all Israel, so that of Joseph was eventually equated with all the tribes that made up the northern kingdom . According to tradition, his bones were buried at Shechem, oldest of the northern shrines (Joshua 24:32). www.britannica.com/biography/Joseph-biblical-figure

As a member of the Church, you are part of the posterity of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The covenant they made with God applies to you! It is hoped that these lessons will stir and strengthen your own faith in God and will inspire your student to develop a relationship with a God recognize that they too have the blessing of Abraham and responsibility to bear your testimony of the Savior and share the gospel.

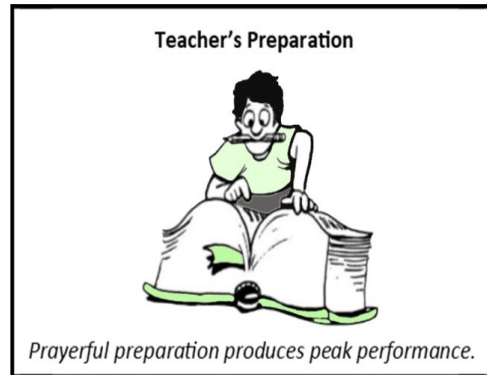
November Segment 3 Lessons

- 1st Sunday The Birth of Ishmael: God needs no help.
- 2nd Sunday Sodom and Gomorrah
- 3rd Sunday The instruction to sacrifice Isaac
- 4th Sunday Isaac gets married

LESSON

Children 12 years and under

November 1st Sunday



November 1st Sunday.... Esau and Jacob

Topic: Esau and Jacob

Main Text: Genesis 25-28:7

Central focus: Hold fast to what is truly important, even if it means denying the appetites of the flesh.

Golden Text: **Genesis 25:33** - Then Jacob said, “Swear to me as of this day.” So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob.

Specific Objective/Learning Outcome

Cognitive Domain– Knowledge (What will students know?)

- The Golden Text
- The birth of Esau and Jacob
- Jacob talked Esau into swapping his birth right
- Jacob tricked Isaac and received his Blessing

Psychomotor Domain - Skills (What will students do?)

Learn the Golden Text

Affective Domain- Attitudes (What will students feel /experience?)

Today we should feel determined to live for God no matter what.

Materials:

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GENERATIONS

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Teacher's Inspiration

As you prepare to teach your students, may you be inspired by the following information;



Jacob's name meant "supplanter." This account shows us how Jacob lived up to that name. Esau, as the firstborn twin, was to be the recipient of the birthright blessing from his father Isaac. But Jacob, understanding the value of the birthright more than Esau did, desired the birthright for himself and his descendants. Jacob schemed to get the birthright blessing from his brother.

On a particular day, Jacob was cooking a stew when Esau came in from the fields very hungry. He was so hungry that he felt physically weak and desired food immediately (verse 29). Jacob, seizing on Esau's moment of weakness, offered to feed him in return for Esau's birthright blessing. Esau, being driven by his hunger and emotion, foolishly reasoned that he would die without Jacob's stew—and what good would the birthright be to a dead man?

Esau then swore to sell his birthright to Jacob in return for the stew (verse 33). We are told that Esau "despised his birthright" (verse 34). This does not mean that Esau *hated* his birthright—later we will see that it did have value to him (Genesis 27:38). This means that Esau did not place a high enough value on the birthright. He allowed his momentary hunger to cloud his judgment and did not think past the feeling in his belly to grasp what he was truly giving up and how it would affect his descendants.

The book of Hebrews draws a spiritual lesson from Esau's action. Esau is used as an example of someone who falls from God's way and becomes bitter and spiritually defiled (Hebrews 12:15). We are warned not to be a "profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright" (verse 16).

The point for Christians today is that we must value our spiritual inheritance as the most precious thing in our lives and not give it up for anything! We are called to inherit the spiritual promises made to Abraham (Galatians 3:29). Our inheritance is eternal life in the Kingdom of God (Romans 8:17; Titus 3:7; James 2:5).

We should not regard anything—neither food nor any care of this life—as more valuable than that inheritance!

To learn more about the inheritance you were destined to receive, read our article on the purpose of life.

Ref: <https://lifehopeandtruth.com/bible/blog/esau-sells-his-birthright/>



OPENING ACTIVITIES

- Welcome** Greet each child
- Devotion:** Foster the Holy Spirit's Presence: Song –Prayer
- Topic:** Esau and Jacob
- Main Text:** Genesis 25-28:7
- Central focus:** Hold fast to what is truly important, even if it means denying the appetites of the flesh.
- Golden Text:** Genesis 25:33 - Then Jacob said, "Swear to me as of this day." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob.

Learn present Golden Text:

Memorization activity:

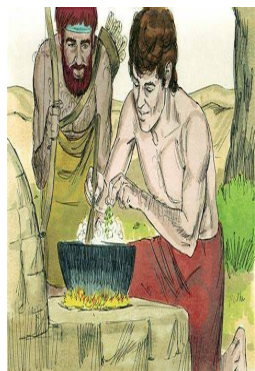
Read it	Record/write it	Recite it
Register/hear it	Rehearse it	Relate/share it

LESSON

INTRODUCTION

The Imaginative Learner

Why do I need to know this lesson?



Today we're looking at another interesting topic in the History of Israel— Jacob and Esau, the sons of Isaac the grand sons of Abraham.

The relationship between Jacob and Esau is, no doubt, one of the more colorful stories of Scripture. The twins are continually seen at odds, with Jacob winning out over his older brother time and again.

In this lesson Esau lost his blessing and traded his birthright to his brother Jacob. For something far less valuable and insignificant.

Let's look at the story of the Old Rug

Well, several years ago at the University of Cambridge in the chaplain's house, there was an old rug and it was a very big rug. the rug had been there for many years. several years ago the people said, "Hey, we want to get rid of this rug. It is old, it is gross, it is out of date, and we want to just scrap it."

As they were getting ready to do that they did some research on the rug. And they found out that the rug was an Old Persian rug. It was a very rare rug. It was worth \$4,000 a square meter. They had a rug that was worth \$250,000 dollars, a great treasure, something so very valuable, but they didn't know what they had. And because they didn't know what they had, they misused it, and they abused it, and they took it for granted. They wiped their feet on it. They spilled food on it. They didn't realize that they had such a treasure in that Persian rug.

Jeff Schreve, Rich Man Poor Man.

Ref: <https://thepastorsworkshop.com/sermon-illustrations-on-value/>

It is the same today. People something without knowing the use of a thing, treat it badly, only to regret when they realize the value.

One of the most valuable thing we can ever posses today is salvation, knowing that Jesus died to save us. Much more expensive and precious that a Persian rug. It cost Jesus his life. But today people trample on that gift, they reject Him.

This lesson is very important for you to know as it teaches us not to be like Easu who instead of cherishing that which is valuable, swaped it for little than nothing. The lesson encourages us to hold fast to what is truly important, even if it means denying the appetites of the flesh.

The topics to be covered are:

- The birth of Eau and Jacob
- Jacob talked Esau into swapping his birth right
- Jacob tricked Isaac and received his Blessing

BODY

The Analytic Learner

What do I need to know?



- **The birth of Eau and Jacob** (Genesis 25:21-26).

Isaac and his wife Rebecca were childless for many years, just as Abraham and Sarah were. Finally, she was expecting a baby. After nine difficult months, Rebecca gave birth. To two sons the first twin recorded in the Bible.

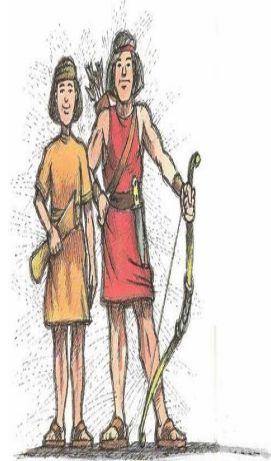
It was a difficult pregnancy as Even before they were born, they were struggling together in the womb of their mother. This struggle was a sign of things to come.

The two children were complete opposite.

- ⇒ Esau The first child that came out was red, hairy and fully developed. They named him Esau, which means hairy; his nick name was Edom.” Esau grew up to become a skillful hunter. He was the favourite of his father
- ⇒ Jacob the other of the twin who appeared shortly after, was a fair-skinned smooth baby . He was born gripping/grasping his older brother’s ankle in a bid to emerge first He was thus named Jacob, meaning “ankle.” He was the more domesticated type and was the favourite of his mother Rachel. His name would later be changed to Israel.

This struggled together in Rebekah's womb, was a foreshadowing of their troubled relationship which continues to this day Genesis 25:21-26).. Esau was born first and thereby became legal heir to the family birthright which included, among other things, being heir to the Covenant between God and Abraham. This birthright was a link in the line of descent through which the Promised Messiah was to come (Numbers 24:17-19).

Thus, the two brothers occupy an important place in God’s cultivation of a chosen nation. Scripture testifies that the two twins, born of Rebekah, represent two opposing nations (Genesis 25:23). Jacob’s descendants become known as the Israelites, that is he was the father of the 12 tribes; while Esau’s descendants are termed “Edomites” Although Esau is the older of the two, God’s redemptive activity follows Jacob’s line. “The elder will serve the younger.”

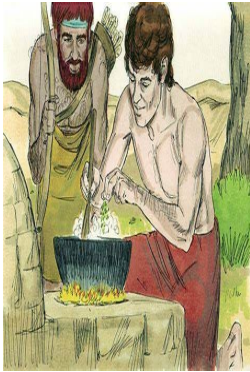


Ref: <https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/bible-study/surprising-lessons-from-the-story-of-jacob-and-esau.html>

BODY

The Common Sense Learner

How does it work?



- **Jacob talked Esau into swapping his birth right (Genesis 25:27–34)**

Once, when Esau went out hunting for a long time, he didn't catch anything. He finally gave up and came back home because he was so hungry. Jacob was cooking some stew and Esau said, "Jacob, give me some of that red stew you're cooking! I'm so hungry, I'm about to die."

Jacob said, "Okay, but first you have to give me your birthright."

What do you think a birthright is?

The birthright is the privilege that the oldest child in a family got back then. When the parents in a family died, the oldest child inherited a double portion of his fathers inheritance and became the leader of the family.

Esau had no interest in spiritual things so he agreed, saying: I am at the point (about) to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me? (25:32-34). Esau could not have been at the point to die by missing one meal but he revealed how worthless he considered the birthright. So Esau accepted some of the stew in exchange for his birthright.

- **Jacob tricked Isaac and received his Blessing (Genesis 27:1 - 28:7)**

As years passed Isaac grew old and lost his sight. When Isaac was close to death it became time to give Esau his blessings. Isaac asked Esau to go hunt for a special meal after which he would pass the blessing. Rebekah his mother overhead and helped Jacob disguise himself while his brother went hunting. This is what her scheme looked and sounded, she said, "Put some of Esau's clothes on and cook some food for your father and go in and act like you're Esau so your father will bless you instead of Esau. Your father won't know that you're not Esau because he is blind and can't see who you really are." But what if my father touches me?" Jacob asked. "Esau is hairy and I'm not. If my father touches me and feels that I'm not hairy, he'll know that I'm trying to trick him and he will curse me instead of blessing me."



So Rebekah put goat hair on Jacob's hands and on his neck so that he would feel hairy and would trick Isaac.

Jacob went in and gave Isaac the food he had made, while his brother was still out hunting. "I hunted this food for you, father," Jacob lied. "Now please give me your blessing."

"How did you hunt the food so quickly?" Isaac asked.

"God helped me find it," Jacob answered.

"Come here and let me touch you," Isaac said. Jacob let his father touch his hands and Isaac said, "You sound like Jacob, but you feel hairy like Esau. I guess you really are Esau." Then, Isaac said, "Here is my blessing for you: God will give you lots of food and you will be the ruler of your brother."

BODY

The Common Sense Learner

How does it work?



- **Jacob tricked Isaac and received his Blessing** (Genesis 27:1 - 28:7) cont'd

Then Jacob left and Esau came in. "I'm back, father," Esau said. "I hunted you some food and now you can give me your blessing."

Then, Isaac realized what had happened. "Your brother came," Isaac said, "and tricked me. I already gave him the blessing. I gave him lots of food and made him ruler over you."

"What about me?" Esau cried. "Bless me too!"

Then Isaac said, "Jacob will be your ruler, but eventually, you will break free from him."

Esau went back out and said, "Jacob has done two things wrong to me. He took my birthright when I was so hungry and now he's stolen my blessing, too. When my father, Isaac, dies, I will kill my brother, Jacob, for what he has done to me."

Rebekah heard Esau say that he was going to kill Jacob, so Rebekah went and told Jacob, "You have to run away from here because Esau is going to kill you." So Jacob ran away from home and headed toward the country where his grandfather, Abraham, had grown up with the intention to live with his uncle Laban

Years later, Jacob and Esau met and were reconciled (Genesis 33).

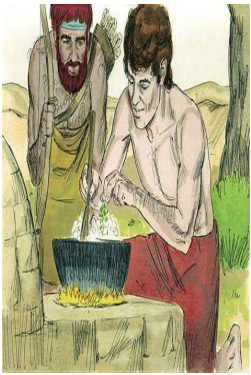


BODY

The Dynamic Learner

What can I do with what I have learnt?

(Application)



Remember this birth right was the special honor that older sons possessed which gave him the right to a double portion of his father’s inheritance. Regrettably, Esau got caught up in the moment, the need for instant gratification and satisfaction, and could not see the long-term view because of the short-term struggle. The devil is good at illusions. He’s good at making us believe something that is less important is actually the most important at the time.

In the New Testament, Esau’s choice to sell his birthright is used as an example of ungodliness—a “godless” person who will put physical desires over spiritual blessings (Hebrews 12:15-17). By his negative example, Esau teaches us to hold fast to what is truly important, even if it means denying the appetites of the flesh.

⇒ List five most important things in your life

⇒ What would you give these up for

As children who are Christians to indicate, then ask? *“What would you give away Jesus for: at the crucifixion of Jesus the crowd preferred a thief Barabbas instead of Jesus, they said, “Away with Jesus, give us Barabbas”.*

The choice is your today. You have Jesus. Will you give him up to serve the devil?

CONCLUSION

Our lesson today was about Esau and Jacob.

At first Esau put his temporary, physical needs over his God-given blessing and sold his birthright to Jacob (Genesis 25:27-34).

After that Jacob again aided by his mother Rebekah tricked his father in order to steal the blessing that Esau should have gotten.

When Esau found that his blessing had been given to Jacob, he was enraged and threatened to kill his brother, and Jacob had to run away to save his life (Genesis 27:1 - 28:7)

One lesson to be learned in the case of Esau who swap his birthright for a bowl of stew is that we should not put physical desires over spiritual blessings

ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS

Cognitive Domain– Knowledge...

1. Who robbed who of his birthright [(Jacob robed Esau b]
2. Who were the parents of Jacob and Esau [Isaac and Rebekah]
3. Who was the first of the twin [Esau]
4. How were Esau and Jacob different? [Esau was hairy and liked the outdoors (his father’s favourite). Jacob liked the indoors and was his mother’s favourite.]
5. What was the thing that Esau traded his birthright for? [A bowl of stew.]
6. To which brother was the family blessing supposed to have gone? [Esau]
7. How did Rebekah and Jacob trick Isaac into giving the blessing to Jacob? [Cooked goat meat to taste like wild game, tied goatskin to Jacob’s arms and neck to feel like Esau’s hairy skin, and put Esau’s clothes on Jacob. Isaac was blind and he was fooled into giving Esau’s blessing to Jacob.]

Psychomotor Domain – Skills... (What the students should do to reinforce what they have learnt.)

Recite Golden Text _____

CLOSING ACTIVITY

Affective Domain- Attitudes - (What the students should feel /experience.)

How does today’s lesson make you feel?

What attitude or behavior does it make you want to change?

Today we should feel determined to live for God no matter what.

Let’s pray and ask God to help us to experience this feeling and to change any attitude or behavior that this lesson features as being displeasing to Him.

Prayer

Next lesson

Activity: Colouring—Jacob’s Sons

Let the children identify the characters in the picture below and then have fun colouring same.

