

Lesson 3: Jacob and Esau, Feuding Brothers

Sept. 11, 20

(Genesis 25: 19-34; 27; 32: 1-15; 33 1-17)

Song: Love the Lord Your God by Demidad Infinity (YouTube), or
Love the Lord Your God by Cornerstone Community Church

Media Connection: God's Story: "Jacob and Esau" by Crossroads Kids' Club (YouTube)

Faith Link: We can make peace after a fight.

Discussion:

- Esau and Jacob's parents each had a favorite son and that made the family dysfunctional.
- Although both Esau and Jacob both made mistakes and caused great hurt and suffering, there was forgiveness and reconciliation at the end.
- Reconciliation required both sacrifice and grace.
- Repairing old hurts is difficult and requires both care and intention – but it is possible to make peace after a fight.

God's Story:

- I wonder in what ways Jacob and Esau were the same.
- (Page 25, bottom left and right pictures) I wonder what Jacob and Esau were thinking in these 2 pictures.

My Story:

- I wonder when you have felt angry with someone.
- Think of a time when you told someone you were sorry.

Media Connection: The Sandwich Swap by Queen Rania (YouTube).
The Pain and the Great One by Judy Bloom (YouTube)

Prayer: Dear God, Thank You for showing us through Jacob and Esau that it is never too late to make peace after a fight. Forgive us when we do things that hurt others and help us make choices that lead to peace. Amen.