# Origin Story — When Our Story with God Begins

### DAY 1

Visit the Parent Cue app (available for iOS and Android) to watch this week's Bible story.

Download it for free at parentcue.org/app.

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

After watching So&So, write one thing that:

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## 2. You learned:

## 3. You'd like to know:

### DAY 2

## Read Genesis 25:19-26

God's family continued! Now we meet Abraham's grandsons, Jacob and Esau.

Here's a question for you: Have you ever gotten so used to hearing about Bible stories that you kind of forget that they were real people? They had real stories, real struggles, and even had...family drama, yep.

We see this play out with Jacob and Esau!

When you read the story in Genesis (above), you see that

before they were even born, these twins were struggling with each other. Have you ever not gotten along with a sibling, cousin, or friend? Jacob and Esau can relate for sure.

This family had a lot of family drama. But drama doesn't scare God. He still shows up for us.

While we were still sinners, Jesus died for us. Not when we were perfect—that's impossible to be perfect. He died for us when we were sinners.

### DAY 3

## Read Genesis 25:27-34

The drama continues into today's reading. Imagine sitting here watching this story happen live in person!

Here, we see two brothers, both really good at things and both with some things they need to work on.

Jacob is good at tricks and lying.

Esau seems to do things suddenly without thinking about them carefully first. Recipe for disaster!

Jacob tricked Esau into selling his birthright (being the oldest), all because Esau wanted a bowl of stew!

It's so easy to see something we want RIGHT NOW instead of trusting God's plan that is best for us.

Today, ask God to help you trust in Him, even if it means waiting.

### DAY 4

## **Read Genesis 27**

Jacob tricked Esau into selling his birthright. But Esau still had a chance of getting his father's blessing.

Jacob's mother got involved and got this plan together for Jacob to pretend to be Esau! More lying and tricking...

It ended up that Jacob got Esau's blessing, Esau was very mad, and Rebekah, their mom, told Jacob to get out of town!

Do you think God was surprised by this? No, but He wants what's best for us, and He knows how and when to give it. We should always want God's best in how we go about things. We should always go to God to ask what to do. Colossians 3:2 says, "Think about things that are in heaven. Don't think about things that are only on earth."

Talk to God today, asking Him for His best for you!

### DAY 5

## Read Genesis 28:10-22

Wow, we have seen a lot of ups and downs in this family, but God had a plan all along!

While on the run, Jacob finds himself in such a difficult place. He's at such a low point that the only pillow he has is a rock! It's not a good night's sleep for sure, but Jacob doesn't realize that it's about to be one of the biggest moments of his life!

God showed him amazing things in a dream. The same message he gave to his grandpa Abraham and his dad Isaac, God showed him the same promise: that many, many people would come from him. This was God's promise.

God had always been watching over Jacob, and now Jacob got to see His presence.

This week, we read about a lot of drama and mess-ups, but even then, God did not abandon them; God had a plan. If you ever feel surrounded by lots of tough situations, bad choices, or hurt, go to God with them.

### Journal

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent

What helps you remember that God is vith you?		

AUGUST WEEK FOUR

## Preteen



## Live It Out: Discover how to love like Jesus

With Jesus we can help change the world.



### **MEMORY VERSE**

Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1, NIrV

### **Talk About the Bible Story**

Open the Bible together and read Genesis 28:10-22 (Supporting: Genesis 25:19-34; 27) or watch the video together on the Parent Cue app.

### **Engagement Questions**

- ► Have you ever had times when you felt like you were by yourself?
- ► What helps you remember that God is with you?
- ► How often do you read God's word, the Bible?

### **Faith and Character Activity**

Scan the QR code below for activities to guide kids at every phase to trust Jesus in a way that changes how they see God, themselves, and the rest of the world.

Scan the QR code to get started



## **Prayer**

"Dear God, we are so thankful that we are never alone. You are with us. Please help us always to remember that. We thank you that you are a good father. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

### **Weekly Parent Cues**

## Preteen

#### ENGAGE IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS TOGETHER



## **Morning Time**

As your kid starts their day, remind me that whatever happens this week, God is with them and You love them so much.



### **Meal Time**

At a meal this week, have everyone at the table answer this question: "What helps you remember that God is with you?"



## **Drive Time**

While on the go, ask your kid: "When you have a rough day, who do you like to talk to or what do you like to do?"



### **Bed Time**

Pray for each other: "God, sometimes it feels like we're all alone. But You promised us that we are never alone. Help us to remember that is true."

More Ways to Engage with Your Kid



Faith &

Character

**Activities** 

Worship Song of the Month



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