



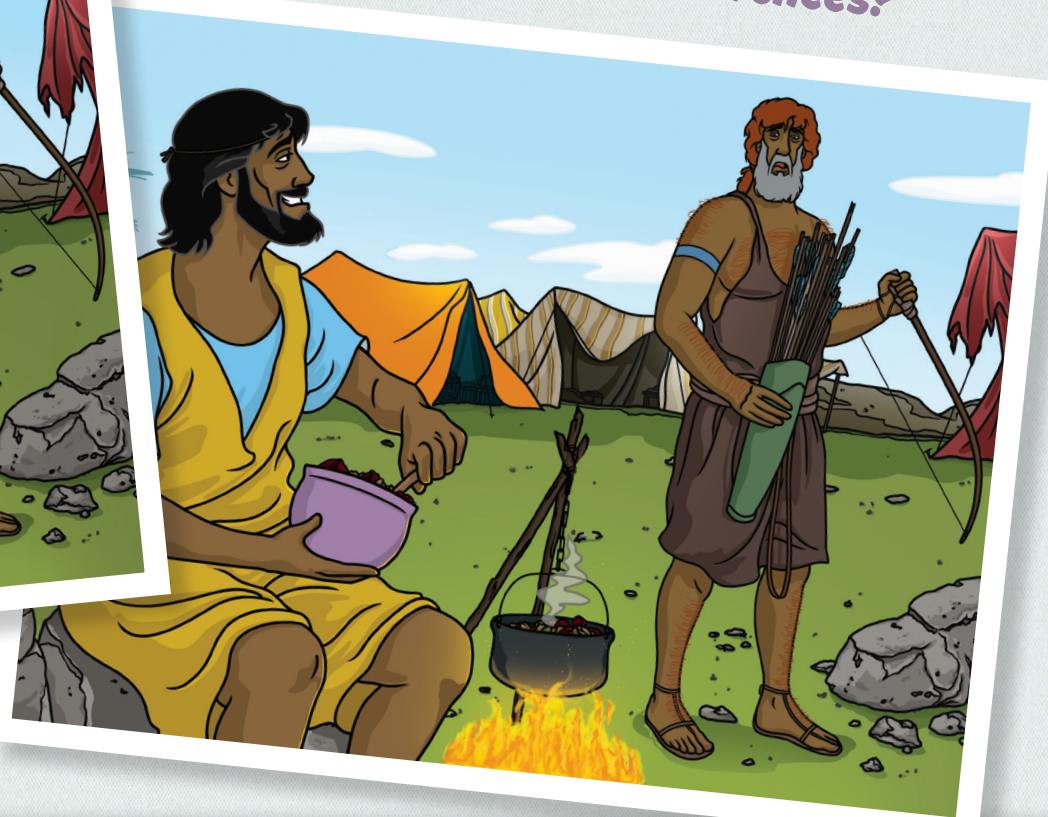
Grades 4-5 • Lesson 41

Esau Sells His Birthright

Genesis 25:21-26, 25:29-34

Name _____

Can you spot the 12 differences?



Memory Verse

Unscramble the words to complete the memory verse!

Trust in the Lord with all your _____, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your

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_____ acknowledge him, and he will make _____ your _____ . **Proverbs 3: 5-6**

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What You Heard *In the Word*

- God gave Isaac and Rebekah twin boys. God said that the older twin would serve the younger.
- Esau, the older twin, didn't care about his birthright and sold it to Jacob for a bowl of stew.

OutWord *For Family Discussion*

Suppose your friend says, "My parents won't get me a new smartphone, so I'm saving all my money to get one for myself. I'm not getting gifts for my family's birthdays or giving money to the church until I get a phone. My grandparents already gave me some money because I told them I needed a new one with more features to handle an emergency." **What could you say?**

I understand that you want to get a new phone, but you already have one that works, even in an emergency. There are other things that are more important than the latest technology, which gets outdated and eventually breaks. Caring for your family and church and being honest with your grandparents pleases the Lord—and that's something that lasts forever.



HomeWord *For Parents*

God miraculously intervened and enabled Rebekah to conceive. God also told her that she was expecting twins: each child would become a nation, but the older would serve the younger (Genesis 25:23). When the twins were born, they differed drastically in appearance. Esau, the firstborn, was red and hairy. Jacob held onto Esau's heel, earning his name, which means supplanter or deceiver. Esau, as a hunter, became Isaac's favorite son, while Rebekah favored Jacob.

One day when Esau returned from the field tired and hungry, he desired the lentil stew that Jacob was cooking. Jacob took advantage of his brother's weakness and asked him to sell his birthright for some stew. Esau sold his birthright to Jacob, ate his meal, and went his way without remorse. Genesis 25 ends with the summary, "Thus Esau despised his birthright."

Esau remains an example of a worldly person who satisfied his temporary desires and didn't immediately repent or recognize what he had lost. Hebrews 12:16 warns believers not to be "sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal." The word "unholy" in this verse implies godlessness or something common. Esau lacked the wisdom to make decisions of long-term and eternal value. He serves as a warning to us. We can easily be led astray to make poor choices based on the things of the world. Esau let the sight and smell of food lead to a terrible bargain with his brother. The double portion of Isaac's wealth was worth much more than a single meal. However, Esau ate and left without remorse. We can also fail to recognize our poor decisions and carry on as though nothing happened. But when the Holy Spirit convicts us of sin, may we be quick to repent.