

Kidmax at Home

Big Idea: God keeps his promises.

Bible Story: Jacob & Esau (script printout)

Supplies needed: cards printout x2, puppet printouts, craft sticks, scissors, glue, optional yarn or string

Music: "Books of the Bible" (Meeting House Kids)

Start: Match the Twin

Supplies: cards printout x2, scissors

- **Prep:** cut out the twins cards and place facedown on a table.
- Take turns looking for a match by turning over two cards at a time. If you find a set, keep them turned over. If they're not a set, turn them back and have the next person go. Keep going until you've found all the pairs.
- As you play, talk about how Esau and Jacob were twin brothers who were very different from each other.
- Remind everyone that **God keeps his promises!**

Video: watch this week's video at www.themeetinghouse.com/kidmax

Pray & Discuss:

- What was your favorite part of the video/story?
- **Pray:** "Dear God, thank you for keeping your promises. Thank you for sending Jesus. Thank you for your love. Thank you for your promise that we will be with you forever. We love you! Amen."

Craft: Twin Puppets

Supplies: puppet printouts, craft sticks, scissors, glue, optional yarn or string

- Color the Jacob and Esau puppets before cutting them out. Then attach the puppets onto craft sticks.
- Use yarn or string to give Esau lots of hair
- Review the Bible Story and the Big Idea as you work on your craft.

Additional Activities

Small Group

Supplies: paper, marker

- Briefly review the Jacob & Esau story with everyone.
- Make two columns on the paper. Write "Esau" at the top of one and "Jacob" at the top of the other.
- Brainstorm a list of differences between Jacob and Esau. Write ideas down on the paper.

Act it Out

Supplies: optional props to help tell the story (tent, stew, fire); or use the Jacob & Esau puppets

- Invite a family to be your actors for this story (or possibly more than one family if they can remain physically distant from one another).
- Have everyone choose what role they'll have (Jacob, Esau, Isaac, Rebekah).
- Retell the story, and have the actors act as you talk. You can use the script, a children's Bible, or from memory.
- After the story, remind everyone of this month's Big Idea: **God keeps his promises.**

Draw Your Family

Supplies: paper and markers for each family

- Have each family draw their own family portrait.
- As they draw, remind everyone that this week's story from the Bible is about a family that included twin brothers named Jacob and Esau. Their Dad was Isaac and their Mom was Rebekah. God kept his promises to this family. Remember, **God keeps his promises!**

Bible Story: Preschool October 18, 2020

Supplies: craft stick puppets

- Ask if anyone remembers last week's story about Abraham. Remind them that God promised to turn Abraham's family into a great nation of people!
- Explain that Abraham had a son named Isaac. Today's story from the Bible is about Isaac's twin sons, Jacob and Esau. God grew Abraham's family through them just as he promised.
- Read the following script and use the puppets to help tell the story:

There once was a man named Isaac. He married Rebekah. God promised them that they would have a big family, which would be a blessing to everyone.

Isaac and Rebekah had twin sons—that's two babies— named Esau and Jacob. [hold up Esau and Jacob puppets and use throughout story]

Esau was very hairy! He loved to hunt in the fields. Esau and his dad loved each other very much.

Jacob was very different from Esau. He liked to stay near his home, help his mother, and cook. Jacob and his mother loved each other very much.

Esau was slightly older, so he would get to take care of everything the family owned when his dad died. One day, Esau came in from hunting. Jacob was cooking a stew. Esau was so hungry he promised that Jacob could have everything Isaac would pass down to him someday if Jacob would give him some stew!

Jacob traded Esau some yummy stew for all that their dad owned.

Later, when Isaac was very old, he asked his son Esau to hunt for some meat and cook it for him to eat. Then he would bless Esau.

Esau and Jacob's mom, Rebekah, heard what Isaac said. She told Jacob to take his father some meat and pretend to be Esau so he could get Esau's blessing.

"But, mom," Jacob said, "I'm not hairy like Esau. Dad will know I'm not him!"

Rebekah put goat's fur on Jacob and gave him some meat to take to his father. Jacob did this, and Isaac asked God to bless Jacob and his family.

Guess what? God did it! Remember, **God keeps his promises**. The big family that God promised got bigger and bigger.