

Children's Church at Home 12 July 2020

Genesis 25:19-34 and Matthew 13.

The schemer and his God-less brother and the parable of the farmer sowing seed.

Craft ingredients: 1 large stone, 4 cups water, 3 large carrots, 3 potatoes, 2 onions, 1 tin chopped tomatoes, 1 tin sweetcorn, 1 cup frozen peas, stock cube. Please feel free to vary the ingredients if there's something you can't eat ... but you do need the stone!!

Ask the children if they remember last Sunday's story (Isaac and Rebekah)

Introduction: do you have anything in your family which has been passed down from great grandparents, perhaps? A photograph or a special ornament? Have you got blue eyes like your grandma? Or perhaps you're really good at maths like your grandpa? This is a story about two brothers and what they were going to inherit.

Story: The story is in the Lion First Bible, P56-61. Or you can read the Easy to Read Version here

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis%2025%3A19%2D34>

Video: This is a delightful video made by children https://youtu.be/v_eH3zeqTIM

And this is a cartoon version of the story <https://youtu.be/hGB0CYQ0IbE>

Quiz: what were the names of the parents? What were the names of the twins? What did they look like? When they grew up, what did they prefer doing? What happened one day when Esau came home really hungry?

Think: In the days of Isaac and Rebekah, when an old man died, his eldest son inherited most of the possessions and got a special blessing too. This was what Jacob wanted, even though he was the younger son. Do you think Jacob was fair? Do you think Esau was sensible to exchange it for a bowl of soup?

Craft: see video.

Activity: play a funny ball game out of doors: try throwing a ball to someone else in a funny way, over your head, turn sideways, bounce it against a wall. (do it so they *do* have a chance of catching it!) Or try this 'twins' game: link arms with someone back to back. Now try to sit on the floor and get up again without letting go!

Prayer: Dear God, we are sorry because sometimes we do something sneaky like Jacob did. When there's something we really want, please help us to choose the right thing to do. Please help us to be generous and honest with other people. Amen.

Father God, please bless our family and friends and keep them safe (you could name them). Amen.

The Grace: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore. Amen.