

# brite\* Parent Information

## Unit 2-Lesson 3: Jacob and Esau (Genesis 25, 27-28)

**brite\* Idea:** God has a plan for His people.

God gave Abraham and Sarah a baby in their old age. He grew up and married Rebekah, and they had twin sons named Jacob and Esau. Esau traded his birthright to Jacob for a bowl of stew. Later Jacob tricked Isaac and pretended to be his brother Esau to get his father's blessing. God still had a plan for Jacob and Esau, and He re-established the Abrahamic covenant with Jacob.

### He We Me Questions

This story helps us address 3 kinds of questions that kids may have. They are our He (God question), our We (people question), and our Me (purpose question) for this week.

- Our **He** Question about God: Does God care what happens to us?
  - We learned that God has a plan for His people.
- Our **We** Question about people: Can our mistakes mess up God's plan?
  - We learned our mistakes have consequences, we need to be careful how we treat each other, but God's plan is always bigger.
- Our **Me** Question about our purpose: When I feel mad about how people are unfair, what should I do?
  - We learned I can look at stories from the Bible, like Jacob and Esau, and trust that God has a plan for His people.

### Memory Verse

Proverbs 3:5-6— ***Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.***

### Discipleship Conversation Starters For Parents

1: Has there ever been a time you had to skip some pages of a book because you didn't have enough time to read all of it or you just couldn't wait to see how it ends? What book was it?

2: In one of the movies you've seen, is there a part that didn't end the way it seemed like it would at the start? Do you think God knows all the pieces of your story or does He know only parts of it? Why?

3: God knows all things. God sees what is behind and what is ahead. Does that make it easier or harder for you to do things God's way instead of your way? Tell more.

## Encouragement for parents:

***Abraham and Lot were family.***

*Like many families, a quarrel arose between them. From the quarrel came two distinct outcomes. After both looked ahead to their future, Lot chose for himself while Abraham chose after hearing from God. They were from the same family, but had different levels of faithfulness. We parents can model our faith in God by showing our kids how we ask God first before moving ahead with a decision. We want our kids to have faith in God, because then the best outcome surfaces—the ability for our kids to live out God's greatness with confidence!*