





# The BIBLE Story

## God's Promise to Isaac

*Genesis 25–26*

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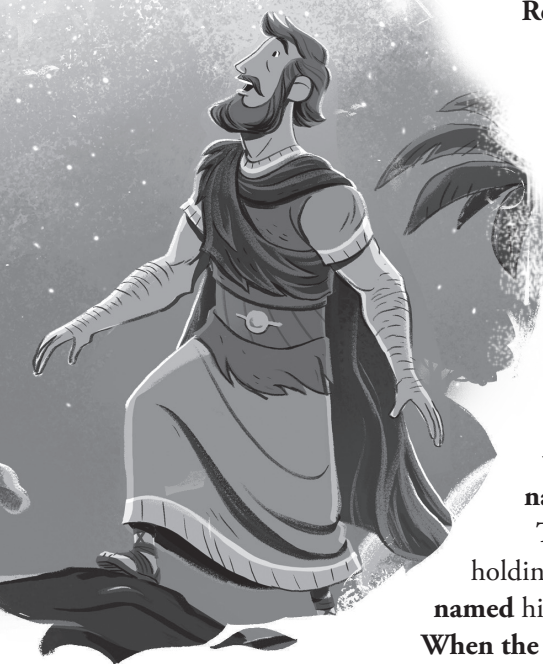
“Two people will come from you. They will grow up and have families who will be two separate nations. One nation will be stronger than the other, and the older child will serve the younger.”

When Rebekah's babies were born, the first brother was red-looking and hairy. They named him Esau (EE saw).

The younger brother was born holding onto Esau's heel, and they named him Jacob.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a hunter and Jacob stayed at home. One day, Jacob was cooking a stew when Esau came in from the field. He was exhausted. “Let me eat some of that,” he said.

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about his birthright, so he agreed to give it to Jacob for some bread and stew.

**Some time later, there was a famine in the land.** Isaac went to Gerar (geh RAHR). **The Lord appeared to Isaac and said, “Live in the land I will tell you about. I will be with you and bless you.** I will give all these lands to you and your descendants. **I will keep the promise I made to your father Abraham.”**

**God said He would give Isaac a large family—as numerous as the stars—and land for his family. “All the nations of the earth will be blessed because of your family,” God said. “I will do this because Abraham listened to Me and kept My commands.”** So Isaac settled in Gerar.

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## **Bible Storytelling Tips**

- **Use dramatic conversation:** Shift the position of your body to portray various people. Stand in one place when Rebekah speaks, in another for Jacob, and in a third for Esau.
- **Display art:** Show the Bible story picture or use a flannelgraph to depict the story as you tell it.

# Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?



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### FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What is a birthright, and why was it important?
- Why do you think God reminded Isaac of His promise?
- What do believers in Jesus inherit as a "birthright"? (See Gal. 3:29; Heb. 11:16; Titus 3:7.)



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# Starry Sky I

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## Promises, Promises

Circle the promises God gave to Isaac. Cross out the promises God did not give to Isaac. Read Genesis 26:1-5 to check your answers.

- I will give all these lands to you and your family.
- I will take away your home and give you an island.
- I will give you an easy life with no suffering.
- I will make your family as numerous as the stars of the sky.
- I will bring the Messiah in the next year.
- All the nations of the earth will be blessed by your family.