

The Twin Brothers

A Bible Story for Kids

Find it in the Bible: Genesis 25:19-34

Characters: Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob, Esau

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ISAAC AND REBEKAH wanted children. Isaac prayed, and God answered! Rebekah was going to have twins!

But even before they were born, the babies kicked and pushed inside her tummy. God told Rebekah, 'You have two very different boys. The older one will serve the younger one someday.'

The first baby born was red and hairy. They named him Esau. The second baby came out holding Esau's heel! They named him Jacob.

The twins were SO different! Esau loved hunting and being outside. He was rough and tough. Their dad Isaac liked Esau best.

Jacob was quieter and liked staying home. He was good at cooking. Their mom Rebekah liked Jacob best.

One day, Jacob made a big pot of yummy stew. Esau came home from hunting, super hungry.

'Give me some of that stew!' Esau demanded. 'I'm STARVING!'

Jacob had an idea. 'I'll trade you. Give me your birthright, and I'll give you stew.'

The birthright was special. The firstborn son got extra stuff and was the leader of the family. It was really important!

But Esau just wanted food. 'Fine! What good is a birthright if I'm hungry? Take it!'

So Esau ate the stew and gave away his birthright. Just like that.

This was a bad choice. Esau traded something super important for something that was gone in a few minutes. We should always remember that God's gifts are more valuable than anything else!