



JOURNAL PAGE

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



Unit 3 • Session 4

GOD CHANGED JACOB

Genesis 25–33

WHO IS IN CONTROL OF EVERYTHING? GOD IS IN CONTROL OF EVERYTHING IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH. NOTHING IS OUTSIDE OF GOD'S GOOD PLAN.

Abraham's son Isaac grew up and married Rebekah. Rebekah gave birth to twins. Esau was born first, and then Jacob. When they grew up, Isaac wanted to bless Esau. Instead, Jacob tricked Isaac and stole his brother's blessing. Esau was very angry, so Isaac and Rebekah sent Jacob away.

One night, God spoke to Jacob. God made the same covenant with Jacob as He had made with Abraham. God said, "I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go."

Years passed. Jacob got married and had a family. Finally, Jacob took his family and headed home to Canaan. He sent a large gift of animals to try to make Esau happy.

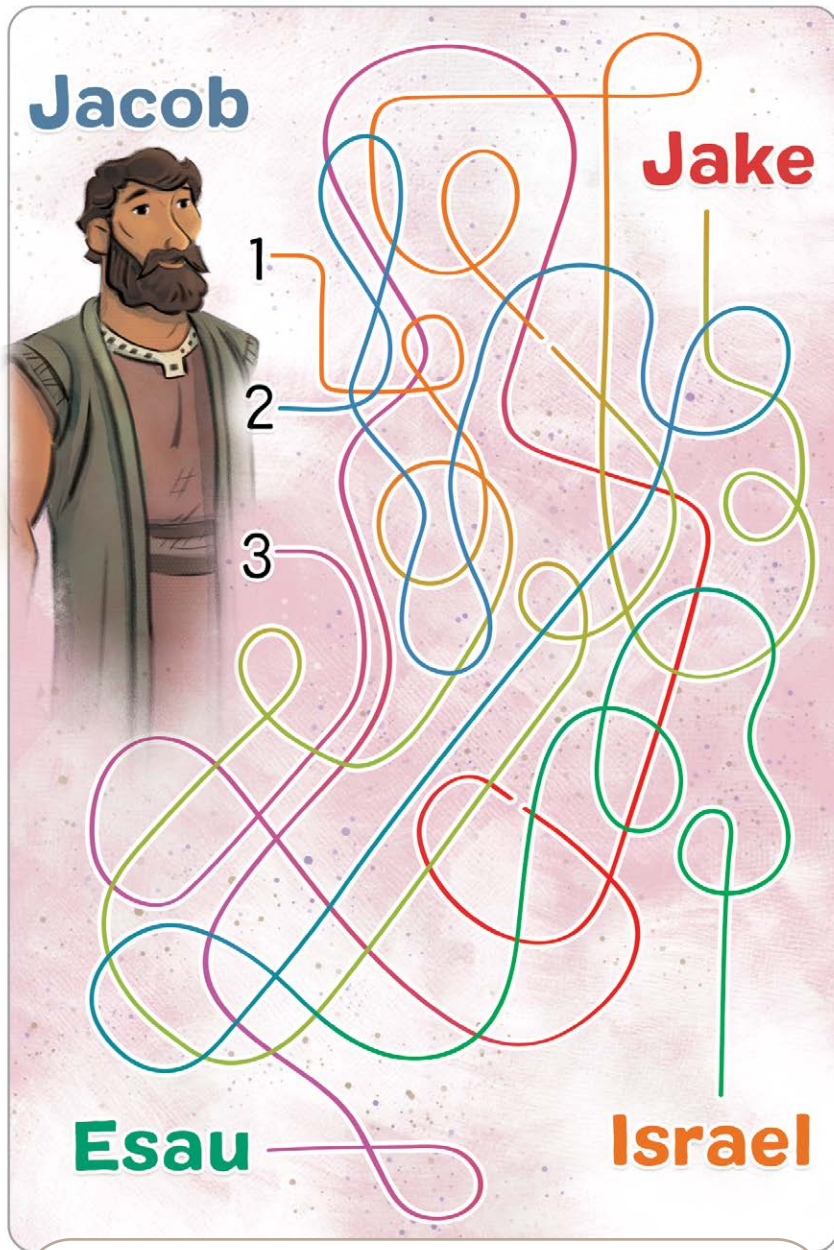
That night, a man appeared to Jacob. The man wrestled with Jacob all night. "Your name will no longer be Jacob," said the man. "Your name will be Israel because you wrestled with God and men, and you have won." The man blessed Jacob.

Now Jacob went to meet Esau. Esau ran to Jacob and hugged him. He was not angry anymore.

Jacob and his family traveled on, and Jacob bought land for them to live on. Jacob was finally home in the land God had promised him.

Christ Connection: God changed Jacob's life and gave him a new name, Israel. Jesus came so that we might have a changed life, forgiven of sin. Jesus' death and resurrection provided sinful people the way to be adopted into God's family. When we trust in Jesus, we also receive a new name—children of God.

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Jacob

Jake

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Esau

Israel

Name Change

Find the path to connect Jacob to his new name.

Jacob's Life Story | Use the template to draw Jacob's life as a comic strip. Use the five events suggested or choose your own.

- Jacob and Esau were twins, but they were different. (Genesis 25:27)
- Jacob stole his brother's blessing. (Genesis 27:35)
- God spoke to Jacob and made a covenant with him. (Genesis 28:15)
- Jacob wrestled with a man, and the man blessed him. (Genesis 32:24-28)
- Jacob met with Esau, and Esau was not angry anymore. (Genesis 33:10-11)

