

Jacob's Dream

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Genesis 28:10-22

Jacob had tricked his brother, Esau, and his father, Isaac. His mother, Rebekah, had given him the idea.

What Jacob had done to Esau was wrong. Jacob should not have taken the birthright. He should not have tricked his father into giving him the family blessing.

Esau should have thought more about the birthright before trading it for soup, but Esau had a right to be angry about the stolen blessing.

Esau was so angry that he planned to kill Jacob. Rebekah heard about it and told Jacob to go far away to his Uncle Laban's place. It would take many days of travel to get there.

Jacob got food and clothing and other things and started out on the trip.



When it got dark he had to sleep on the ground. He used a stone for a pillow. He had a wonderful dream.

It was a special dream that came from God. God was in the dream. Jacob saw a staircase of steps. It went from the ground to heaven. Angels were walking up and down on the steps. At the top of the staircase stood the Lord. The Lord spoke to Jacob. He told Jacob that God owned all the land around Jacob, but that God was going to give it to Jacob someday. God said that he would make Jacob have many children and grand-children. He said that he would bring Jacob back home to this land.

