

The Expensive Soup

Genesis 25-32

"I'm so hungry, I'd give anything for some food!" cried Esau.

As he arrived at the tent, Esau saw his younger twin brother, Jacob, was making lentil soup. It smelled good and Esau wanted it. "Give me some!" he said.

"You have to buy it," responded Jacob selfishly. "Pay me your firstborn rights."

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Esau only thought about how hungry he was. He didn't think this special right was important. So, he made the deal with Jacob and slurped up the soup.

Later on, Isaac, their old and blind father,

was planning to give Esau the family blessing. Jacob wanted that blessing. While Esau was hunting, Jacob put on a disguise to lie and trick his father into blessing him instead of Esau. When Esau got back, he was mad about that. Really mad! He planned to attack Jacob! So, Jacob had to run!

With his parents permission, Jacob went to his cousins' home in a far country. He had run from his brother because of his lying and stealing.

Years later, God sent Jacob back to his home again, but Esau was still there and Jacob was afraid. He sent special gifts to Esau, and when they met, God changed Esau's heart. Esau forgave Jacob and gave him a friendly hug. The brothers were together again!

