



## Esau Forgives

Genesis 27, 32:1-21, 33:1-11

(Point to the old man) ***This is Isaac.*** (Pronounced: Eye-zick)

***Isaac*** (pronounced: Eye-zick) ***was very old and blind, so he couldn't see anything.***

***Before he died, Isaac wanted to do something special for his oldest son, Esau.*** (Pronounced: Ee-saw)

***Isaac wanted Esau*** (pronounced: Ee-saw) ***to be the leader of the family after he died.***

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***But Isaac*** (pronounced: Eye-zick) ***had another*** (point to the man with the mad face) ***son named Jacob.***

***Does Jacob look happy or mad? (Mad)***

***Yes! Jacob was mad because he didn't want his brother to be the leader of the family. He wanted to be the leader.***

***So Jacob made a plan to lie to his dad. He dressed up like his brother Esau*** (pronounced: Ee-saw) ***and tricked his dad into making him the leader of their family.***



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***Let me see you make a mad face.*** (Everyone will make mad faces)

***That's exactly how Esau*** (pronounced: Ee-saw) ***looked when he found out what his brother had done.***

***Now let me see you make a scared face.*** (Everyone will make scared faces)

***That's how Jacob felt! He was so scared that Esau*** (pronounced: Ee-saw) ***would hurt him that he ran away to hide in another town!***



***Jacob stayed away from his brother, Esau (pronounced: Ee-saw), for a long time. Finally, God told Jacob to go back home.***

***Do you think Jacob was scared that Esau (pronounced: Ee-saw) would still be mad at him? (Allow responses)***

***Jacob was scared, but he packed up everything and went back to their hometown.***





***When Esau*** (pronounced: Ee-saw) ***and Jacob saw each other, Jacob bowed down low to the ground. But Esau*** (pronounced: Ee-saw) ***ran to meet Jacob. He gave Jacob a big hug and a kiss!***

***Even though Jacob had hurt Esau*** (pronounced: Ee-saw), ***Esau chose to forgive him. We will all do wrong things, and we will all be hurt by others. But we can choose to forgive just like Esau.***

***If you can do what's right and forgive others, let me hear you say this after me:*** (Pause to allow kids to repeat)

***I Can*** (thumbs to chest)

***Forgive*** (wave arms in front of chest)