

Esau Forgives Jacob

FALL UNIT 3:
God Made My Family

BIBLE VERSE:
"Children, obey your parents in the Lord,
for this is right." Ephesians 6:1

GOD'S WORD & ME (BOTTOM LINE):
God made the people in my family and
He wants us to love each other.

Genesis 31:3-21



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Tell the Story

Open your Bible to Genesis 32. Tell the story the pictured motions (keywords in bold) or show Bible Story 4 pictures.

What is a gift you would like to get? Listen to hear about gifts Jacob gave to his brother, Esau.



Jacob and Esau grew up together as brothers. But Jacob told lies. He tricked their father, Isaac. He stole important things from Esau. Jacob was afraid Esau would hurt him! So Jacob **ran** away.

Jacob went to live with his uncle for many, many years. He got married and had many children.

But one day, God told Jacob to go back home.



Jacob and his family **packed** their belongings and got ready for the long journey home. Jacob sent some of his helpers to tell Esau that Jacob wanted to come home. The helpers came back and told Jacob, "We went to see Esau. He is coming to meet you. He has 400 men with him!"



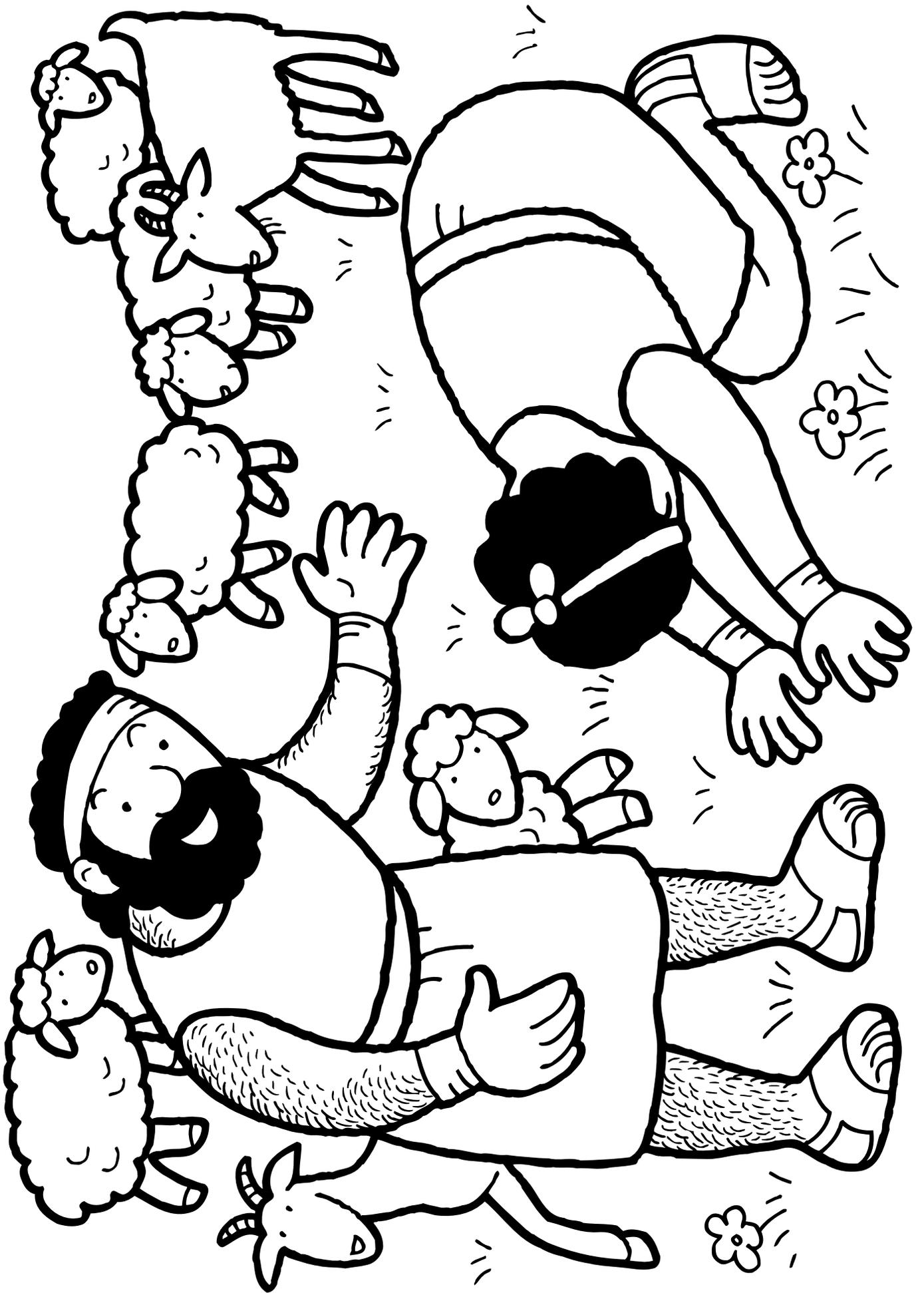
Jacob was afraid. Four hundred men sounded like an army! So Jacob **prayed**. He asked God to keep him and his family safe.



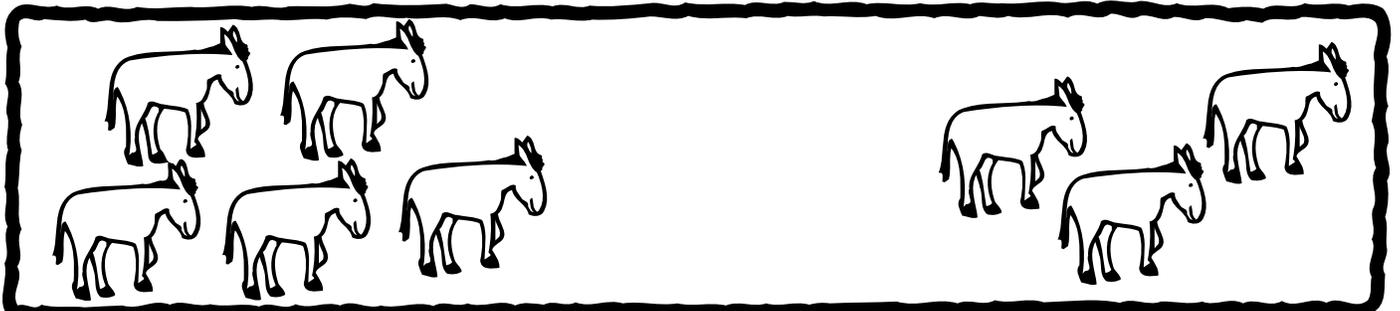
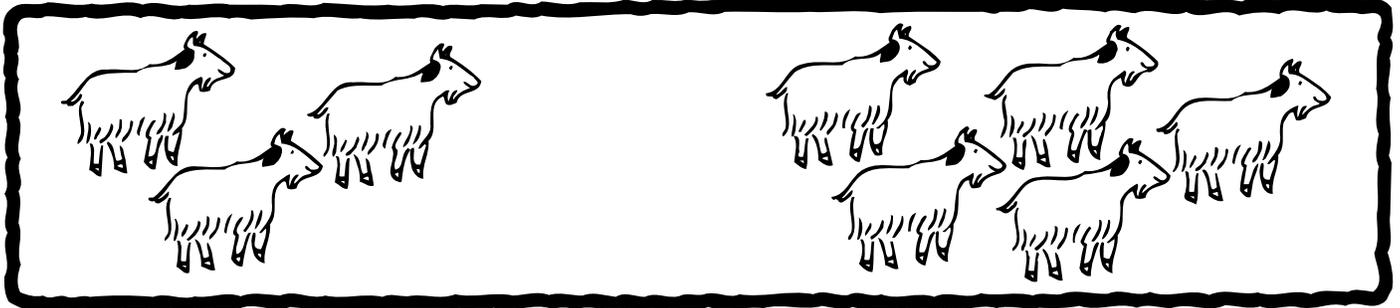
Jacob decided to send Esau some gifts. He sent out a herd of goats. He sent out a flock of sheep and then a herd of camels. He also sent a herd of cattle and a herd of donkeys! Jacob thought if he sent Esau gifts, maybe Esau wouldn't be so mad. Jacob and his family walked far behind the animals. Finally they could see Esau and his 400 men coming!

Jacob went ahead of his family. As he walked toward Esau, Jacob bowed low, over and over again, to show he was sorry for the wrong things he had done. Esau began to run toward Jacob. *Is Esau going to hurt me?* Jacob must have wondered. Esau came up to Jacob and grabbed him and **HUGGED** him! Esau had forgiven Jacob!





Look at the pictures of the animals Jacob gave Esau to show he was sorry. Draw a ○ around the set in each box that has **more**. (**More** means a bigger number.)



Esau showed love and forgave Jacob. We can show love to the people in our families, too. Our Bible says, "Forgive each other." (See Colossians 3:13.)



Draw a picture of someone in your family whom you love. Draw **more** than 5 😊s around that person.