

Journal Page



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

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Why do you think Jacob refused to let go of God?
- On whom did Jacob's future depend? Who is in control of our future?
- How are we changed when we trust in Jesus?

Jacob's New Name

Genesis 32–33

STORY POINT: GOD CHANGED JACOB'S NAME TO ISRAEL, THE NAME OF GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE.

Jacob took his family and all his possessions and headed home to Canaan. Jacob was afraid that Esau would still be angry with him for stealing his blessing.

Jacob made a plan. He divided his family into two groups. If Esau attacked one group, maybe the other group could escape.

Then Jacob asked God to keep His promise. Jacob prayed, "Please rescue me from my brother Esau." Jacob sent a large gift of animals to try to make Esau happy. That night, a man appeared. (The man was actually God Himself!) The man wrestled with Jacob all night. Jacob refused to give up, so the man injured Jacob's hip.

But Jacob would not let Him go. "I will not let You go unless You bless me," Jacob said.

"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.

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

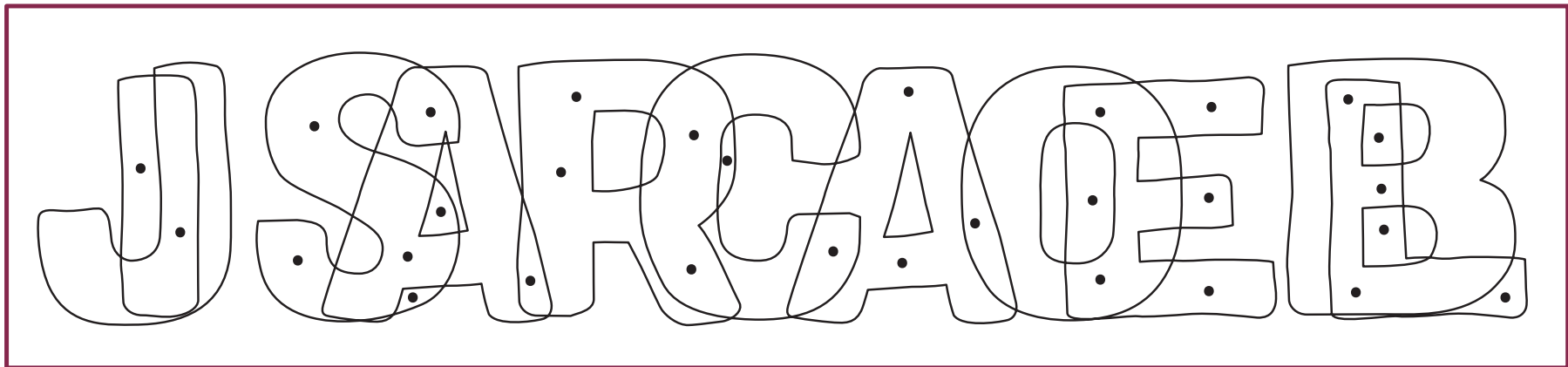
Christ Connection: God changed Jacob's life and gave him a new name, Israel. Jesus came so that we might have a changed life, forgiven of sin. (2 Corinthians 5:17) Jesus' death and resurrection provided sinful people the way to be adopted into God's family. When we are adopted into the family of God we also receive a new name—children of God. (John 1:12)



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Jacob's New Name

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Jacob wrestled with God all night.



Jacob sent messengers to tell Esau he was coming home.



Esau ran to Jacob and hugged him, welcoming him home.



Jacob divided his family into two groups and sent Esau a gift.