

## READ IT

This rotation's Bible story is

### **Isaac and Rebekah**

from Genesis 24; 25:19-34, 27:1-40.

#### **Jacob cheats Esau out of his birthright blessing.**

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Barren
- Conceive
- Famished
- Birthright
- Bless
- Mock
- Kid

Isaac and Jacob are important biblical figures, but they are also both imperfect. God can work with people no matter how flawed.

#### **Read the whole story together in the Bible!**

*Spark Story Bible* pages 38-41, 42-45

*Spark Bible* pages 24-30

#### **Family Prayer**

**Dear God, help us to forgive others even when they hurt us deeply. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## TALK ABOUT IT



### **Family Conversations**

- 1** Esau likes being outside; Jacob likes being close to home. What is your favorite thing to do outside? Inside?
- 2** What are some ways brothers and sisters can betray and hurt each other?
- 3** How does one forgive?
- 4** Play a game of Hide and Seek like Jacob hid from Esau. When each family member is found, hug.



#### **Eye Spark**

Look both inside and outside your home. What do you see to love?



#### **Ear Spark**

Close your eyes and listen to those you love. Can you identify them from their voices?

## LIVE IT

### **For families to do together**

Play a game of Blind Man's Bluff.

Remember, when you catch someone, you must feel them in order to correctly identify who it is you have caught.

### **For younger kids**

Have someone put a variety of objects in a paper bag. Reach into the bag without looking and see if you can guess each object as you feel it. Remember Isaac trying to identify Esau.

### **For older kids**

Spend some time researching for personal stories of those who have lost their eyesight. What do they have to say? What is difficult for them? What blessings have they experienced despite their loss?

## TRY IT

### Art

Focus on the message of kindness and compassion found in the opening of the Rebekah and Isaac story. Invite family members to think of creative, innovative, silly, engaging, and eye-catching phrases and ideas that convey kindness to others. Give everyone a piece of sturdy white paper in the size of a typical bumper sticker. Provide markers and crayons so everyone can design their own bumper sticker.

### Computer Lab

Do some research online to find out one specific thing needed by a food shelf or other charitable organization. Work with your family and friends to gather up a whole bunch of that one thing. Make a big splash and help others see what you know—that God’s promises always come true. Helping those in need is one of God’s biggest promises. Once you make your contribution, let other family members and friends know about it by sending an email or posting the news on a social networking site.

### Creative Drama

Gather your family and pets in the kitchen. If you don’t have pets, pretend to have one. One person pretends to be the servant and

leaves the room. Another person pretends to be Rebekah. The servant returns to the kitchen and asks for a drink. Everyone offers the servant a drink, but only Rebekah gives water to the pets. The servant asks Rebekah to be Isaac’s wife!

### Video

Using a video camera or digital camera, take time this week to show or tell about one thing you love about your family every day. There are always good things to say about any family!

### Bible Skills and Games

Isaac and Rebekah are one of the most well-known couples of the Bible. Play a game together that helps everyone learn about these other couples. Look up “Bible couples” online to find their names. Then make up a game where everyone finds the matches.

### Cooking

Think of a special food your family serves at celebrations and holidays. Is there a recipe that has been handed down through the gen-

erations? Make this special dish or meal to eat together. Talk about occasions when this food is served. How is God in your life when you celebrate?

### Music

What are the very favorite foods of your family? Go out to a restaurant where you can sample some of them, and talk about what would make someone like Esau give up his birthright for stew. You can also discuss what you would give for the foods you love most!

### Science

Watch people at the community gathering areas you know, like the lobby at church, the coffee shop counter and the concession stand at the park. Try to guess their favorite sport, movie or animal by what they are wearing. Record your answers on a piece of paper and talk about how we make predictions all the time about what people will do. Rebekah’s unexpected kindness toward the camels was hard to predict!