

**UNIT VERSE**

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

PSALM 139:14 (ESV)

**WHICH ONE?**

Look at each picture. Decide who needs to ask for forgiveness and who needs to give forgiveness.



**What Does It Mean?**

What does asking someone to *forgive* you mean?

To find out, write the letter that comes next in the alphabet under each letter. When you finish, you can read what you are asking someone to do if you ask her forgiveness. (Hint: Use A to come after Z.)

S N E N Q F H U D H R S N

Q D E T R D S N O T M H R G

R N L D N M D V G N G Z R

G T Q S X N T

When a person asks someone to forgive him, he must be truly sorry for what he did.



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## CONVERSATION

### Jacob and Esau Reconciled

**GENESIS 25:27-34; 27; 32; 33**

Esau loved the outdoors. Jacob liked to stay home. One day Esau came back from the field. Jacob was cooking stew.

“Give me some stew,” Esau said. Jacob told Esau he would have to give him his birthright for the stew. Esau agreed so Jacob gave him some stew.

Another time, the twins’ father, Isaac, said to Esau, “Hunt some meat. Make a special meal. I will give you your blessing.” Isaac was old and wanted to give his blessing to Esau.

The twins’ mother heard what Isaac said. She helped Jacob trick his father so Jacob would get the blessing instead of Esau. The mother fixed the meal. She gave Jacob some of Esau’s clothes. The mother put animal skins on Jacob’s arms so his skin felt like Esau as he was hairy.

Jacob tricked his father and got his father’s blessing that should have been for Esau. Esau was very angry! Jacob had to leave before his brother killed him! He went to live with his uncle far away.

After a long time, Jacob wanted to go back home. Before Jacob met Esau, he sent men with gifts to Esau. He sent a message, “I have many animals and servants to give you. I want you to forgive me.”

The men told Jacob, “Esau is coming with 400 men!” Jacob was afraid that his brother was coming to attack him.

Finally, Jacob saw Esau. Esau saw Jacob. Esau ran to Jacob. He hugged Jacob. He threw his arms around him and hugged and kissed him. Jacob was forgiven!

**WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE:** Colossians 3:13

**LIFE POINT:** Family members can ask for forgiveness when they hurt others.



#### THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, today your child heard that family members can ask for forgiveness when they hurt others. After Jacob lived many years away from home, he returned to Canaan. Jacob asked for and received forgiveness from his brother.

#### LIVE IT OUT

Help your child use a concordance to find verses about forgiveness. Write the verses on paper and discuss each one. Help your child remember that people should forgive others because God first forgave each of us.

#### LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God loves families and wants families to love and forgive each other when difficult things happen.

#### DAILY BIBLE READING

**Sunday:** Colossians 3:13

**Monday:** Luke 6:37

**Tuesday:** 2 Corinthians 2:7-8

**Wednesday:** Romans 12:20

**Thursday:** Ephesians 4:32

**Friday:** Matthew 18:21-22

**Saturday:** Proverbs 17:9

**TAKE IT FURTHER:** Check out the *Jacob and Esau Reconciled* section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.