Gospel Light
Family FunTime
For Parents and Their Preschoolers
Bible Stories • Activities • Conversation Starters • SUMMER LESSON 2

For Younger Children

"Let us love one another."

1 John 4:7

For Older Children

"Always try to be kind."

1 Thessalonians 5:15

let's talk

Today I learned:

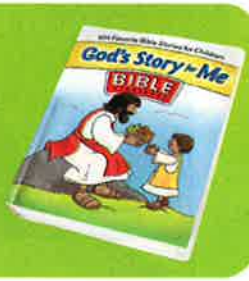
We can show love to each person in our family by being kind.

Ask me:

What is a way to be kind? What kind things do we do for each other in our family?

I see a man by the fire. What is he cooking? What is the other man asking?

Read the story on the next page and on pages 66-69 in *God's Story for Me* Bible storybook.

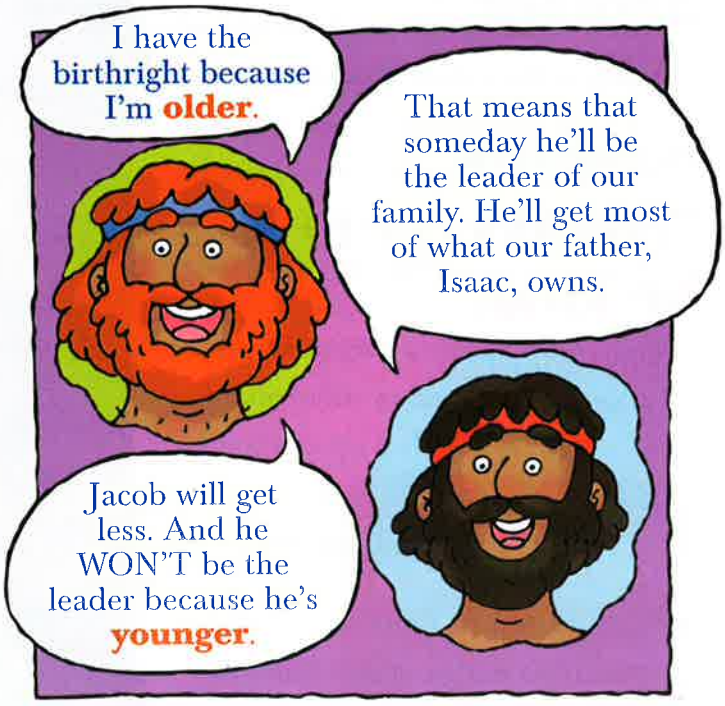


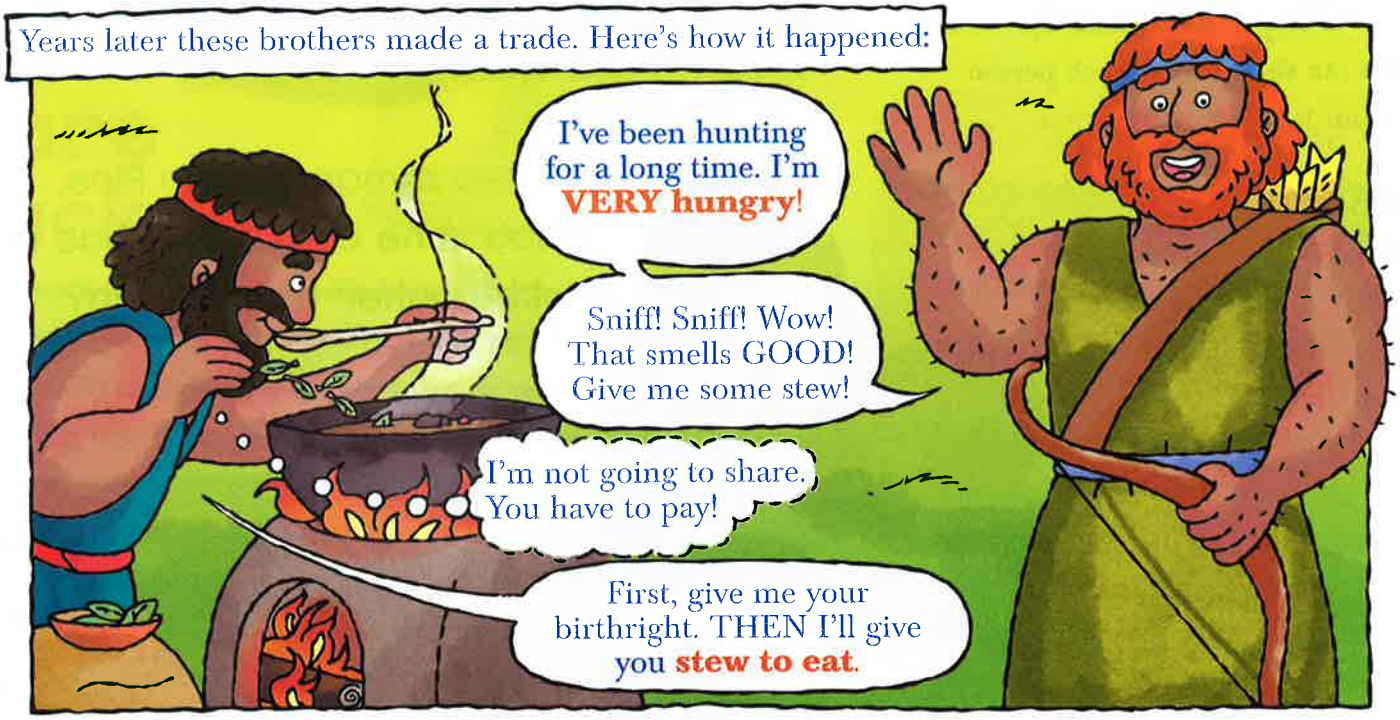
let's listen

Bible Story

Genesis 25:27-34

Echo the words in color. Invite your child to imitate you. **For older children:** How many times is the word "stew" in the story?





The trade was done. Now Jacob had the birthright. And Esau had stew! Jacob was unkind, but we can be kind.

Family Talk

Eat soup with your child. Ask,

- What things are in our soup? Is our soup thick or thin?
- Why was Esau hungry for thick soup called stew?

Prayer Time

Things to talk about:

- Tell about a kind thing someone in our family did for you today.
- How do you feel when someone is kind? When someone is unkind?

Words to pray together:

Dear God, thank You that [name kind action your child mentioned]. It makes us feel glad when people in our family are kind to us. In Jesus' name, amen.

let's play

Think for a moment about how God loves us: His love is equal, but responsibilities and privileges are given according to what He knows is best.

That's Not Fair!

We try to live as examples of God's love for our children. But we may often hear the cry "Unfair!" from some of them. Younger ones often feel that the older ones get to do more. Older ones often protest, "You never let ME do that when I was her age!"

- Regularly give a child choices appropriate to his or her age. Making a choice helps a child feel that he or she is valued and helps him or her practice making choices.
- Listen to a child's protest with understanding. Restating the child's feelings gives a child the sense that his or her voice is heard, even if your decision cannot change.

Make a point to spend one-on-one time with each child. The extra attention will help you hear the "Unfair!" cry less often.

Family Care Package

Say, **One way to show God's love is by being kind to people in our family. Let's send a package to a family member who we miss or who might need cheering up. Who do you think we should send our package to? What should we put in it?** Put a care package together to send to the chosen family member. The package may include a handmade card, favorite snacks, a family photo and/or ingredients to make a favorite recipe. Before mailing the package, pray together for the family member you are sending the package to.

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