



Unit 3, Lesson 12

## TODAY'S EPIC STORY: JACOB RETURNS HOME

GENESIS 31:17-18;  
32:3—33:20;  
35:1-15

### THE STORY HOME

The Epic story of Jacob returning home takes place 20 years after he left. Jacob sent messengers ahead to meet Esau and ask for his forgiveness. Jacob was afraid, but he asked God to remember His promise to him. While Jacob was waiting for Esau, he wrestled with God. God changed Jacob's name to Israel. Esau accepted Jacob's gift and Jacob returned to Bethel where God had first spoken to Jacob when he was running away.

#### PARENTS & KIDS QUESTIONS:

- What surprises you about this story?
- God changed Jacob's name to Israel and told him that a nation and kings would come from him. Do you have any idea who?
- How was God faithful to Jacob? How has God been faithful to your family?
- What are you wondering about Jacob and his family?

### TOGETHER HOME

We don't have to pray at altars. However, this week, designate a special place to kneel and pray as a family. Take time to thank God for specific ways He has been faithful to your family during that day and in your lives together. Also, take a minute to find Israel on a map. Where do you think that name came from? Why?

### BIBLE MEMORY HOME

“I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the LORD, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.’” (Jeremiah 29:11)

Practice saying this Bible verse in all kinds of voices, silly and serious, high and low, loud and quiet, slow and fast, etc.