

More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: AOrd15x2017

Text: Genesis 25:19-34

19 **These are the descendants** of Isaac, Abraham’s son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, 20 and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, **daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean**. 21 Isaac **prayed to the Lord for his wife**, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and **his wife Rebekah conceived**. 22 **The children struggled together within her**; and she said, “If it is to be this way, why do I live?” So she went to inquire of the Lord. 23 And the Lord said to her, **“Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger.”** 24 When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. 25 The first came out **red, all his body like a hairy mantle**; so they named him Esau. 26 Afterward his brother came out, **with his hand gripping Esau’s heel**; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. 27 When the boys grew up, **Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field**, while **Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents**. 28 Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

29 Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau **came in from the field**, and **he was famished**. 30 Esau said to Jacob, “Let me eat some of that **red** stuff, for I am famished!” (Therefore he was called **Edom**.) 31 Jacob said, **“First sell me your birthright.”** 32 Esau said, **“I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?”** 33 Jacob said, **“Swear to me first.”** So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. 34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and **lentil** stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau **despised** his birthright.

Word - I/S, Eye - I/S, Math - I, Body - I/S, Music - I, Nature - I, People - I/S, Self - I/S

| Smarts | Images in the text/ interesting exegesis | Illustrations | SFX |
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| <p>Word - Verbal/Linguistic</p> <p>MWD</p> | <p>This passage is a story about a family and a story about the origin of a people</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Bunyan - origin stories of practices and physical features of North America • Aesop’s fables • Pearls Before Swine - why hamsters eat their young <p>the struggle of an underdog in literature; someone who must use unconventional means to survive / thrive</p> | <p>Katherine Paterson - Jacob Have I Loved</p> |

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| | | <p>Vs. 27 tam (quiet) in Hebrew can be defined as “loyal service” or “constant awareness” of God. Jacob was in tune with God’s larger picture and his place in it. Esau was not.</p> <p>Vs 34b baza = undervalue ranging from neglect to scorn</p> | |
| <p>Eye - Visual/Spatial</p> | <p>Red = play on words and origin of the people of Edom</p> <p>Esau’s general coloring the stew Jacob cooked</p> | <p>color symbolism in literature</p> <p>Using the color red in “The Sixth Sense”</p> | <p>Was Esau like Hoss?</p> |
| <p>Math - Logical/Mathematical</p> | <p>birthright = 1. money and 2. leadership of the family</p> | <p>Jacob slyly uses Esau’s character against him by bargaining for a swap in primogeniture for some stew. This interchange may have been a case of consumer psychology in practice.</p> | |
| <p>Body - Kinesthetic</p> <p>D2</p> | <p>twins - difficult pregnancy</p> | <p>Twins may suggest Rebekah was in her 30’s or 40’s when she conceived.</p> <p>10% of the reproductive age population struggles with infertility as per the American Society of Reproductive Medicine ~ Dan Clendenin, Journey with Jesus</p> <p>Lentils are a great source of protein and minerals</p> | <p>Vss. 29-34 Have some lentil stew cooking in the sanctuary so everyone can smell it. Serve it with bread, maybe after taking up the collection?</p> |

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| Musical | | Vs. 23 - Two Tribes - Frankie Goes to Hollywood | |
| Natural MWD | | Vs. 27ff - Talk about what Esau would experience while out hunting in Canaan - landscape, plants, animals, etc. Some thoughts on hunting in the biblical world | |
| People - Interpersonal D2 | an honest portrayal of sibling rivalry God and Jacob scandalize the world | Some thoughts on what makes for a good con man And some more thoughts on running a con – psychologically! Jacob (and his mother Rebekah) is a kind of anti-hero or Mr. Vice Guy in that he has some questionable motives and actions, but God moves through him regardless. “American Christians have been taught to correlate piety with traditional personal virtues like selflessness and guilelessness. Moreover, we tend to view our personal successes as rewards for our piety and virtues. But these stories challenge our first-world sensibilities by lifting up an otherwise disadvantaged character who must use guile and ambition to claim his status as a son of the covenant.” ~ Amy Willis , WP | Rebekah is told the younger will supplant the elder - if you had been told this about your children, how would you relate to them? Does the oracle given by God justify Jacob’s bargain with Esau to wrest away the birthright? Does Esau’s disregard for the birthright justify Jacob’s deal? |

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| <p>Self - Intrapersonal</p> | <p>Vs. 21 = Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife</p> <p>The story is vague about this prayer: was it a one off and instantly Rebekah conceived or was it a prayer offered over time and eventually it was answered?</p> | <p>intercessory prayers</p> | <p>Vs. 32 - Have you ever been so keenly aware of your immediate needs that it blinded you to your long-term wellbeing?</p> <p>Have you ever been tricked by someone who took advantage of your anxiety?</p> <p>€ vs. 21 - Do you pray for others?</p> <p>How long have you prayed for someone?</p> <p>How were those prayers answered? Have they been answered?</p> <p>Will you keep praying if they have not?</p> |
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