# LESSON 1

# JACOB THE DECEIVER



**Aim:** **To teach the children that Esau and Jacob put their own desires before God's plan. This led to family quarrels.**

**Scripture Reading:** **Genesis 25:19-34**

**Memory Verse:** **Proverbs 3:6**
**[I]n all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.**

## Presenting the Lesson

### Starting Point

**Either use the following story or make up your own:** Musa and Khamis were brothers. Musa had a beautiful car he had made. Khamis wanted it. Musa would not let him play with it. They began to quarrel and to fight over the car. Their mother had to stop them. They both wanted the same car.

### Main Points of Today's Teaching

1. There were two brothers who quarrelled in the Bible, too. They were more than brothers; they were twins. Their names were Esau and Jacob (Gen 25:24-26). **Explain that they were Abraham's grandsons, because they were Isaac's sons.**
2. **Convey Genesis 25:21-26 in your own words.** These two babies fought with each other even before they were born. Esau was the firstborn (v 25, 27). Jacob was born second (v 26-27). There was division (opposite sides) in this household; therefore, it was not a happy place (v 28).
3. **Relate the story of verses 29-34. Make sure the children understand what "birthright" means.**
   Esau came in from the fields so hungry he thought he would die if he didn't have something to eat right away. Jacob was cooking, and it smelled wonderful. **Show picture 1.** But Jacob would give Esau food only if Esau would give him the birthright in return. The birthright was the first son's inheritance. It was God who had given Esau his special position in the family, but now all Esau could think of was food. He was hungry, and he cared more about that than about the blessing he would receive as the firstborn son. Jacob, on the other hand, wanted what was not his. Esau gave away his birthright in order to satisfy his hunger for food.



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## Instil the Memory Verse

## Our Response to the Story

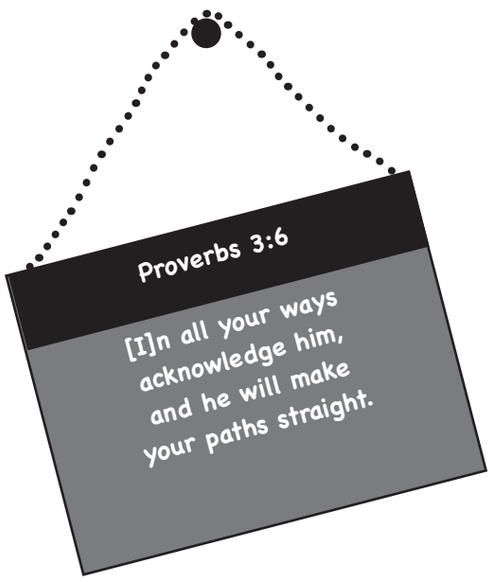
Question: "Did Esau and Jacob acknowledge God in all that they did? That is, did they remember to ask what God wanted them to do?"
Answer: "No, they did not."

**Let the class come up with some suggestions as to what happens when:**

a) God's instructions are disobeyed.
b) Parent's instructions are disobeyed.

The best way is to follow the advice in today's memory verse.

## Repeat the Memory Verse






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