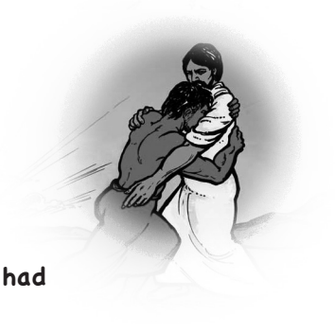
# LESSON 4

# JACOB MEETS GOD FACE TO FACE



**Aim:** **To teach the children that Jacob was a changed person after he had met God. Jacob learnt that God is faithful and full of grace.**

**Scripture Reading:** **Genesis 32:3 – 33:4**

**Memory Verse:** **Philippians 1:6**
**[H]e who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.**

## PRESENTING THE LESSON

### STARTING POINT

**Make up a story about having to meet someone of whom you are afraid, for example the headmaster at a new school. You could also recount an incident from your own life.**

### MAIN POINTS OF TODAY'S TEACHING

1. **Jacob was going back home with his new family. It was a large household (Gen 32:10, 22)**. Describe it. He was going to see his brother Esau again. Jacob was afraid of this, because he had not treated Esau well. Ask the class if they remember what he had done. Show picture 1. He had deceived his father and cheated his brother out of his birthright.
2. Jacob sent messengers to Esau. He was frightened by the news they brought back (v 3-6): Esau was coming to meet him with an army by his side.
3. When he heard this Jacob divided his family into two groups (v 7-8).
4. Then Jacob prayed. He reminded God that God had promised to protect him. He knew that he did not deserve God's grace (v 10). This was the first time Jacob admitted that God had been faithful and good to him (v 9-12).
5. Jacob prepared gifts for his brother Esau and sent his family to a safe place (v 13-22).
6. Jacob remained behind all alone. That night, he wrestled with an unknown man till day-break. Show picture 4. Before the man departed, he changed Jacob's name to Israel, which means: "He struggles with God." Jacob was left with a limp to remind him that he had met God personally (v 23-31).
7. The next day Jacob met Esau, who greeted him warmly, to his great surprise (33:1-4).



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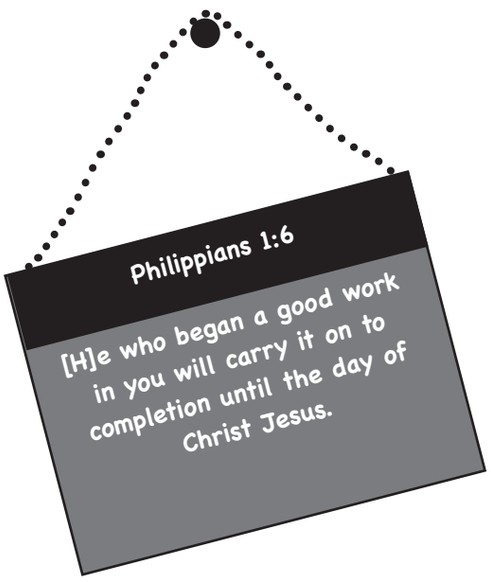
God did not forsake Jacob, even though he was a sinner.

## Our Response to the Story

Jacob used to trick people to get what he wanted. He had to learn this was not the right way. He could trust in God instead of relying on his own schemes.

Can you tell a story from your own experience of how God showed that he is trustworthy?

## Repeat the Memory Verse






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