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## Jacob and Esau-Genesis 25:19-28

I am with you now, I will protect you everywhere you go. (Genesis 28:15)

### Bible Lesson

This is the story of the birth of Jacob and Esau, who were twins born to Isaac and Rebecca. We heard of Isaac's birth in Unit 2, and now we hear about the birth of his twin sons. The struggle between the brothers begins in the womb. The twins "pushed against each other" and made the pregnancy hard for Rebecca. She asked God why she was suffering. God answered that there were two nations in her womb: the Israelites, descendants of Jacob, and the Edomites, descendants of Esau. Esau was born first, with Jacob quickly following holding on to his heel. In the Hebrew culture that meant the firstborn, Esau, would have the birthright. Esau would get the largest share of the family's wealth when his father died. This meant Jacob could not receive his father's blessing. The boys were drastically different. Esau was covered in red hair. Scripture does not describe the attributes of Jacob, but the story alludes that the brothers appeared and behaved in their own unique ways.

Today's faith word is *blessing*. A blessing is all the things God provides.

Wonder together:

- How are you blessed?
- How does God provide for you?
- What makes you special?
- What differences do you notice in others? Are differences OK?

Today's Bible story shows us that there is so much joy when we trust in God and see God's promises fulfilled.

### Activity

Print flag printable or create your own. Color and decorate using whatever arts supplies you like best.

Cut out and attach string to hang around your room.

**WONDER:** We are each special and unique. These flags shows how we are different, but they also show how we are connected.

### Pray

God gave me my smile so that I might know laughter.

God gave me these hands so that I can serve.

God gave me my voice so that I can praise.

God gave me my heart so that I might love.

Thank you, God, for giving me a life of blessings.  
Amen.