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The Birthright-Genesis 25: 29-34

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

Bible Lesson

Jacob and Esau were very different in character. Esau liked to hunt and eat game. Jacob was quieter and enjoyed home life and cooking. It is thought that Esau was Isaac's favorite son, while Rebecca favored Jacob. One day Esau came in from the field very hungry and demanded food from his brother Jacob who was making stew. So Jacob agreed to feed his brother, but he first asked for his brother's birthright in exchange. A birthright was something given to the oldest son. It gave the firstborn the status of being the leader of the family and gave him the right to the family's inheritance. Esau was very hungry so he gave Jacob his birthright for some food. He gave up his birthright, the right of property and blessing, for a bowl of stew. This seems like a very impulsive decision. Esau wanted his immediate needs met and may have forgotten about the importance of his birthright. He may not have considered the consequences of his choice. In our society, we sometimes act like Esau. We want things right here and now! We do not always think about how our actions could affect the future. Often we want something right way. Have you ever begged for a toy in a store? Or insisted on watching just one more cartoon? Sometimes, we have to learn how to wait.

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

Wonder together:

- Who was blessed in the Bible story?
- Does everyone deserve to be blessed?
- Who did the right thing in the story?
- Is it hard to know what is the right thing to do? Why or why not?

Maybe Jacob and Esau should have stopped and thought about their choices.

Activity

Collect rocks outside to paint. Think about the blessings in your life and paint pictures to represent those blessings on the rocks.

Print the bible verse coloring sheet and color in.

Pray

Dear God, help us to be a blessing and to share our blessings with others.

Amen.