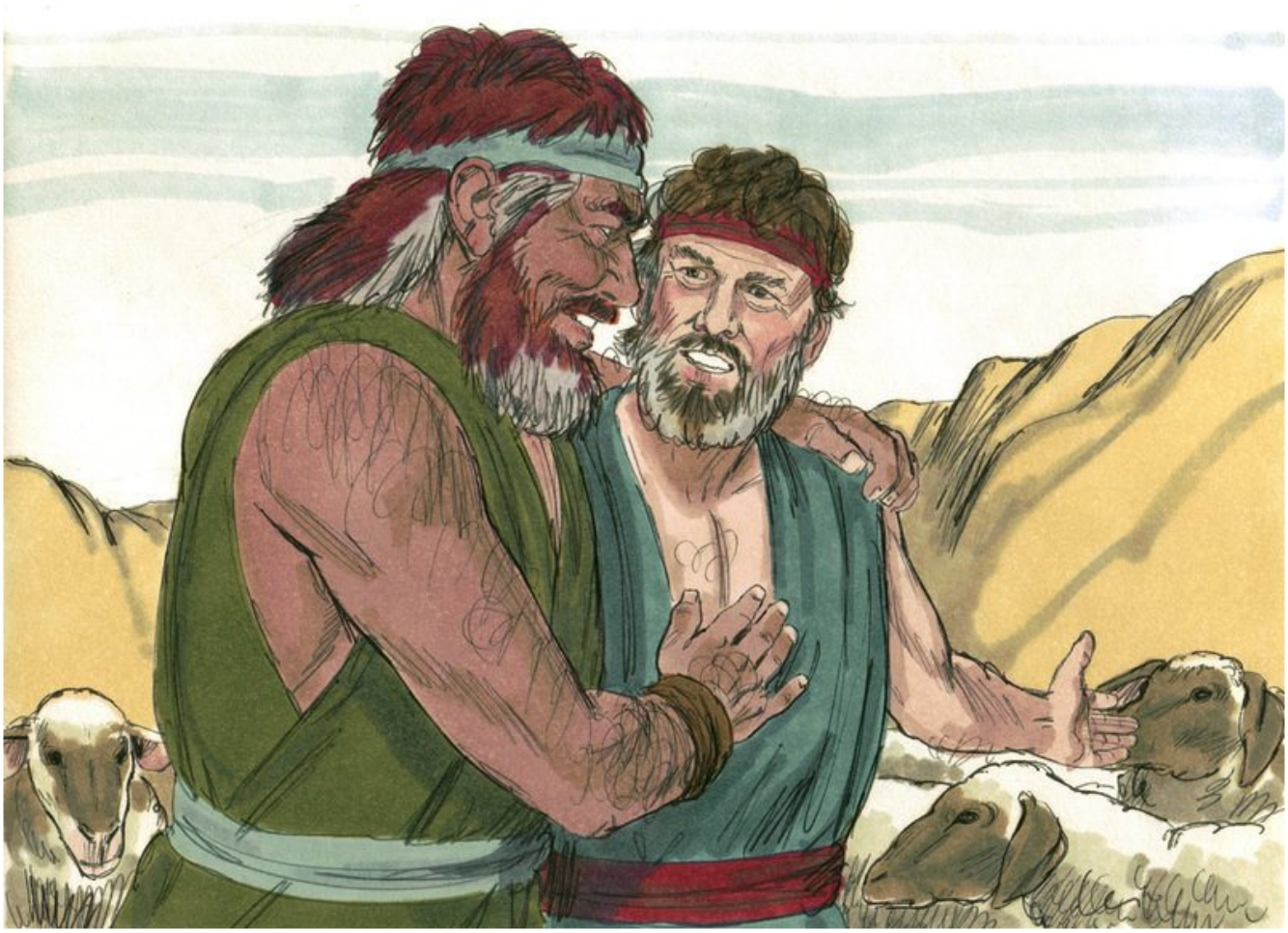
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Jacob and Esau Meet Again

Genesis 32:3-21;33:1-17



YOUR BIBLE READING

A feared meeting became a moment of welcome and peace.

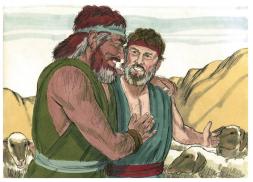
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The Meeting Jacob Feared

Genesis 32:3-21;33:1-17



Jacob was returning toward his homeland and wanted to meet his brother Esau. He sent messengers ahead. They came back with news that Esau was approaching with four hundred men. Jacob became deeply afraid. He worried that his family might be attacked. The messengers bring news of a large approaching group, not a full explanation of Esau's intentions. Jacob responds to the danger he fears before seeing his brother face to face.

Jacob divided his people and animals into two groups. He prayed to God, remembering God's kindness and asking for rescue. He also sent herds of animals ahead as gifts for Esau. He hoped his brother would receive him kindly when they finally met. His prayer names his fear directly and remembers that he once crossed the Jordan with only his staff. The gifts travel in separate herds before he follows them toward Esau.

When Jacob saw Esau coming, he went ahead of his family. He bowed low as he approached his brother. Then Esau ran toward him, embraced him, and kissed him. Both brothers wept. Esau met Jacob's family, and Jacob described his children as God's gracious gift. The welcome changes the encounter from the attack Jacob feared. Tears, an embrace, and introductions are the actions the passage records as the brothers stand together with the family nearby.

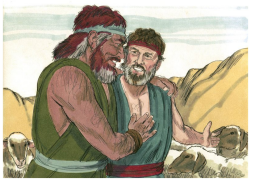
At first Esau said he already had enough and did not need the animals. Jacob urged him to accept, and he did. They spoke about traveling together, but Jacob explained that the children and young animals needed a gentle pace. Esau went toward Seir, while Jacob traveled on to Succoth. Jacob explains the pace in terms of people and animals who cannot be hurried. A peaceful meeting does not require every traveler to continue in exactly the same way afterward.

Remember: A gentle welcome can open a way toward peace.

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A Welcome and a Gentle Pace

Genesis 32:3-21;33:1-17



Jacob's preparation has more than one part. He sends a message, hears a report, divides his traveling company, prays, and sends gifts. The prayer is especially direct: he says that he is afraid for himself, the mothers, and the children. Calling on God does not prevent him from taking practical steps. The account places remembered kindness, concern about danger, and planning beside one another before the meeting occurs.

The gifts include different kinds of animals, sent in groups with space between them. Jacob gives his servants an answer to use if Esau asks who sent them. These details show that he is not merely placing a pile of possessions at the roadside. He is arranging a message of goodwill. Yet the welcome he ultimately receives is larger than a simple exchange of animals for a greeting.

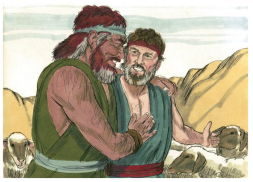
Esau runs, embraces Jacob, kisses him, and weeps with him. He asks about the family, and Jacob speaks of his children as gifts from God. When Esau first refuses the animals, he addresses Jacob as his brother and says that he already has enough. Jacob urges him, and Esau accepts. The meeting includes both a restored family connection and an exchange in which the gift is received freely.

The closing conversation pays attention to weaker travelers. Jacob points to the children and to animals with young, explaining that driving them too hard could harm them. Esau goes ahead toward Seir; Jacob goes to Succoth. The reunion is not completed by making everyone keep the strongest person's pace. The passage leaves a picture of peace that includes room for differing needs and separate next steps along the road.

Pause and think: How could a group show kindness by changing its pace or its way of welcoming someone?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

Think About Pace and Welcome



Have you walked with a group in which some people moved more slowly than others? Think about a way to include everyone without teasing or rushing. A group may need a shorter route, more pauses, or an adult's help. This example is not another event in Jacob's journey. It is a way to notice how care can change the speed of a shared activity.

A welcome can be offered through words, space at a table, or an invitation to join a game. Hugs are only one possibility, and people may choose whether they want physical contact. What kind of welcome helps you feel comfortable? Ask someone else what helps them. Caring about peace includes listening to different needs rather than deciding that everyone must enjoy the same greeting.

Jacob speaks honestly about fear before the meeting. If you are worried about a difficult conversation, you can tell a trusted adult and plan with them. You do not need to meet an unsafe person alone to prove forgiveness or courage. Sometimes a helpful next step is a supported conversation; sometimes it is keeping a safe distance while adults take responsibility.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

Esau’s welcome opens a peaceful meeting, and Jacob’s concern for vulnerable travelers shapes what follows.

How could a group show kindness by changing its pace or its way of welcoming someone?

Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. What did Esau do when he reached Jacob?

2. Why did Jacob need to travel slowly?

2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ They spoke peacefully and traveled onward.
- ☐ Jacob prayed and sent gifts ahead.
- ☐ Esau ran to embrace Jacob.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw the brothers meeting, with Jacob's family waiting nearby.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

Read & Grow Together

Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

Remember this

A gentle welcome can open a way toward peace.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: Genesis 33:4

A thoughtful conversation

Esau welcomes Jacob in this particular reunion. Reconciliation cannot be forced; children do not owe a hug or an unsafe meeting to someone who has harmed them.

Activity answers

1. He embraced and kissed him, and they wept.
2. The children and young animals needed a gentle pace.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 3, 1, 2. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

If you wish: God, help me seek peace with honesty, patience, and care.

Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

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