



TWO SONS FOR ISAAC

GENESIS 25:19-33; 27:30,36,41-45

Isaac remembered the promise God made to Isaac's father, Abraham. "You will have children, and your children will have children," God told Abraham. And now it was time for Isaac to have a family.

Isaac and his wife Rebekah were married many years. Isaac prayed and asked God to give a child to Rebekah. God heard Isaac's prayer, and soon Rebekah learned she was having a baby.

One day God spoke to Rebekah. He said Rebekah would have two baby sons. God had special plans for each child. This was amazing news!

Later the babies were born. Esau was the first boy born, and he had red hair. Then Jacob was born. Isaac and Rebekah loved their sons.

When Esau was older, he became a hunter and loved to be outdoors. Jacob was different—he was quiet and liked to stay near home with his family.

Father Isaac seemed to love Esau best because Isaac liked the outdoors. But Mother Rebekah had a greater love for the other son, Jacob.

Because he was born first, Esau was supposed to get a special blessing from his father. But one day, Esau was very hungry after hunting and he wanted something to eat. Esau traded his special blessing to Jacob for a bowl of stew and some bread.

Later Jacob received the special blessing from Father Isaac. This made Esau very angry. Mother Rebekah was afraid that Esau would hurt Jacob, so she sent Jacob to live with her brother in another place. Mother said, "I will send for you, Jacob, when it is safe for you to return home."