

Story 10. Jacob Fears Esau  
Genesis 32:1-12

Backgrounds/Overlays (For scene one/in order used)



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M30A

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M31A



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Figures (in order used)



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C30A

Jacob is now on his way back to his father Isaac in the land of Canaan after a twenty year absence. But he is still far from home and his trip has been filled with problems. Laban pursues Jacob and rebukes him for running away while Laban was busy shearing his sheep. But God protects Jacob by appearing to Laban in a dream and warning him not to harm Jacob. Laban was angry because of the way Jacob had left but also because he thought Jacob had stolen his household idols. Unaware that Rachel was the thief, Jacob boldly challenges Laban to search through his things. Rachel deceives her father and the idols are not discovered. After Jacob and Laban settle their differences they enter into a covenant of peace and Laban returns to Haran. Jacob continues on his journey but his troubles are just beginning.

Jacob continued on his journey   when a company of angels from God met him.  When Jacob saw the angels he said, “This is God’s camp!” So Jacob named the place Mahanaim.

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Jacob sent some servants ahead of him with a message for his brother Esau, who lived in the land of Seir,  the area where the Edomites had settled. And Jacob instructed them,  “When you speak to my lord Esau say: “This is what your servant Jacob says, ‘I have been living with Laban and have stayed with him until now. I have oxen, donkeys, flocks, male servants, and female servants. I have sent this message to tell my lord, so that I may find favor in your eyes.’” **(Remove)**  But the servants returned to Jacob and told him,  We came to your brother Esau, and he is coming to meet you, and there are four hundred men with him!”

**(Remove)**   Then Jacob was terrified and in great distress.

And Jacob divided the people who were with him including his flocks and herds and camels into two camps, thinking, “If Esau comes to one of the camps and attacks it perhaps the other camp can escape.”

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And Jacob said, “O God of my father Abraham—God of my father Isaac, O Lord who said to me, ‘Go back to your country—back to your family, that I may bless you. ‘I am not worthy of the least of all the acts of kindness and all the faithfulness that you have already shown to your servant—for when I first crossed this Jordan I only had this staff, but now—I have become two camps. I beg you—deliver me out of the hand of my brother—deliver me from the hand of Esau. For I fear him! I fear that he will attack me—attack the mothers along with the children. But you said to me, ‘I will surely bless you, and make your descendants like the sand of the sea—a multitude of people which cannot be numbered.’”