

Story 11. Jacob Sends Esau a Present
Genesis 32:13-21

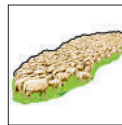
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After crying out to the Lord for protection and dividing his household and possessions into two separate camps, Jacob prepares an incredible gift for his brother Esau. When one considers that this gift is taken from only half of Jacob’s assets, it provides a glimpse into Jacob’s wealth and how greatly the Lord has blessed this man. But Jacob still has a wise and cunning nature, so the size, variety, order and presentation of the gift are all calculated to make the biggest impression possible.

So Jacob stayed in the place where he was that night. And from the livestock that still remained with him, he prepared a present for his brother Esau—two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, thirty milking camels and their calves, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and

ten male donkeys.  And Jacob put them into the hands of his servants, keeping each group of livestock

separate from the one before it.  And Jacob said to his servants, Go on ahead of me but keep a space between each of the groups of livestock.”

And Jacob instructed the herdsmen with the first group,  “When you meet my brother Esau and he asks you, ‘Who is your master and where are you going? And who owns these animals ahead of you? I want you to say, ‘These belong to your servant Jacob. They are a present he is sending to my lord Esau. And, Jacob is right behind us.’”

 And Jacob instructed the herdsmen behind the second group and the third group, and all those who followed the herds, “I want each of you to say the same thing to Esau when you meet him, and then say “And also, your servant Jacob is right behind us.”



For Jacob thought, “Maybe this present going before me will soften Esau’s heart. Then afterward when I see his face—perhaps he will accept me.” **(Remove)**



So the present passed on ahead of Jacob, but Jacob stayed in the camp that night by himself.