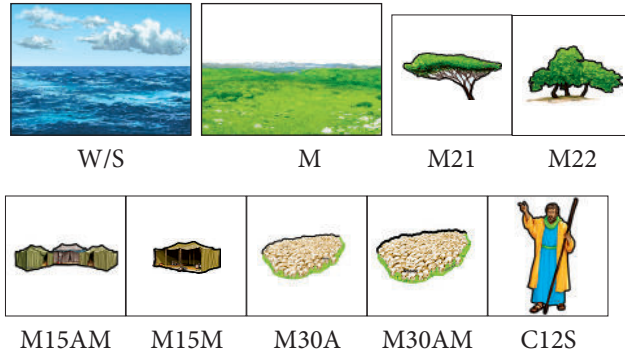
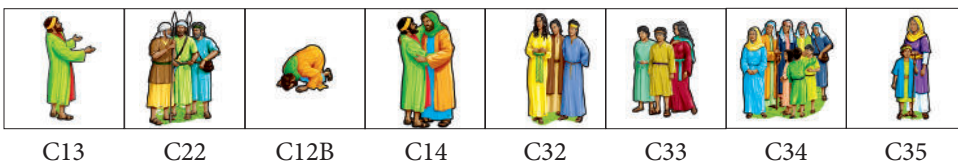


Story 13. Jacob and Esau Reconcile
Genesis 33:1-11

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





Figures (in order used)








It has been more than twenty years since Esau and Jacob have seen each other. And the contrast in their positions when they meet could not be greater. Esau is coming with four hundred men behind him while Jacob comes limping and leaning on a staff followed by four women and some children. Given Esau’s bitterness and hatred, and Jacob’s fear and pattern of deceitfulness, the emotional reunion that follows is a miracle.

But we should also remember the promises of God given to Jacob at Bethel as well as the prophecy given to his mother before the brothers were born as we witness this reunion. It may be coincidental, but it is interesting that of all the children that witness this tearful reunion, only one is mentioned by name, Joseph. Little does he know how this scene will be replayed in years to come.

Then Jacob lifted up his eyes and looked,  and there was his brother Esau coming with four hundred of his men.  So Jacob divided the children among Leah and Rachel and Bilhah and Zilpah, the two handmaidens.

Jacob put Bilhah and Zilpah with their children in the front followed by Leah with her children.

And Rachel and Joseph came last. (Remove)  (Add) 

But Jacob went ahead of them by himself, bowing himself down to the ground seven times as he came close to Esau. (Remove)  (Add)   But Esau ran to meet Jacob—and threw his arms around him and fell on Jacob’s neck and kissed him. And both of them wept together.

Then Esau lifted up his eyes and saw the women and children. And he said to Jacob, “Who are these with you?” And Jacob said, “These are the children whom God has graciously given to your servant.”



Then Bilhah and Zilpah came closer



and they and their children bowed down before Esau.



Then Leah and her children came and they bowed down as well. Last of all, Joseph and Rachel came near and bowed down.

And Esau said, “What is the meaning of all these droves of livestock that I met?” And Jacob answered, “To find favor in your eyes my lord.” But Esau said, “I have more than enough, my brother—keep what you have for yourself.”

But Jacob said, “No, I beg you, if I have truly found favor in your eyes—then accept this present from my hand. For now I have seen your face, which to me, is like seeing the face of God—and you have accepted me. So please, accept my blessing which I sent to you, because God has been very gracious to me—so I have more than enough.” In this way Jacob urged his brother—so Esau accepted the gift.