

Story 2. Esau Sells His Birthright
Genesis 25:29-34

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



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M20B



M10A



M10B



M9



M9A

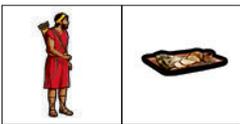


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Figures (in order used)



C5



M18

This story takes place when Jacob and Esau are grown. The story highlights the difference in Esau and Jacob's personalities but also the difference in their priorities. One also needs to understand the 'birthright' or 'right of the firstborn' to grasp the real impact of this story. The birthright gave a double portion of the inheritance to the oldest son along with the responsibility of caring for his mother. Because Isaac had two sons his property would be divided into three parts. The firstborn would receive two thirds and the other son would get one third. The story also tells us why Esau's family is later called the Edomites. Here is how the story begins.

One day Jacob was boiling a pot of lentil stew.  Esau came in from hunting out in the fields and he was weak from hunger. So Esau said to Jacob, "Give me some of that red stew, because I am weak with hunger."
(That is why people called him Edom.)

But Jacob said, "Not unless you sell me your right to be the firstborn son."

Esau said, "I am almost dead from hunger. What use is my father's wealth to me?"

But Jacob said, "First, promise with an oath that you will give it to me." So Esau took an oath to sell Jacob his right to inherit as the first born son. 

Then Jacob gave Esau bread and the lentil stew. Esau ate and drank and got up and left. **(Remove)**  

That is how Esau showed his right to inherit as the first born son meant nothing to him.