



BRING IT HOME

Reading the Great Stories of the Bible

WEEK 3 | READINGS 11-15
FEBRUARY 17-23

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THE STORY BIBLE

This week, read and discuss these stories:

- **Jacob and Esau**, page 68
- **Jacob's Dream**, page 71
- **Jacob's Family**, page 74
- **Esau Forgives Jacob**, page 78
- **Joseph and His Brothers**, page 82

Answered Questions

Looking for answers to questions you have submitted? Go to splcmv.org/bring-it-home. Pastor Hansen responds to a question from Week 1:

[Was man made in the image of the Triune God?](#)

Do you know someone who may be blessed by reading the great stories of the Bible? How about a neighbor? a co-worker? a friend? maybe even a relative? You can order both the Story Bible and Know the Bible Now from Concordia Publishing House and Amazon. How about ordering one for them - bringing it to them - and while you are there, inviting them to church with you? But before you go: pray that God would open their hearts to your gift and invitation. God WILL give you the opportunity. Be bold and courageous.

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JACOB AND ESAU—[Genesis 25 & 27](#) | KtBN page 34

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- Who helped Jacob deceive his father, Isaac? Why?
- Have you ever held anger against someone for something they did to you? What can you do, with the Lord's help, to resolve it?

Prayer: Dear Lord, forgive me for the times I have held anger against others. Help me to turn to you when I am angry, that you may turn it to joy. Amen.

JACOB'S DREAM—[Genesis 28](#) | KtBN page 36

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- What did the Lord promise to Jacob in his dream?
- In his Word, what has God promised you?

Prayer: Dear Lord, you are a God of promises, and without fail, you have kept every one. Thank you for your fulfilled promise of my Savior Jesus. Amen.

JACOB'S FAMILY—[Genesis 29-31](#) | KtBN page 38

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- Jacob waited fourteen years for his love, Rachel. What is something you've waited a long time for?
- After all those years, God blessed Jacob and Rachel with a large family. How has the Lord blessed you?

Prayer: Lord, you continually bless us in ways that are far too numerous to count. May I always be thankful. Amen.

ESAU FORGIVES JACOB—[Genesis 32-33](#) | KtBN page 40

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- Why was Jacob "greatly afraid" to meet his brother, Esau?
- The lack of forgiveness can break relationships apart and cause deep hurt. Are you withholding forgiveness from someone? Ask the Lord for direction.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, I am sorry for the times that I withheld forgiveness from others. Thank you, that by your grace, you do not withhold it from me. Amen.

JOSEPH'S DREAMS—[Genesis 37](#) | KtBN page 44

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- Joseph's brothers have come to hate him. What various things have caused this anger?
- Anger, by itself, is not sinful. It becomes sinful when we act on it - whether with thoughts, words, or deeds. What can we do to not let anger become sinful?

Prayer: Gracious Lord, the Bible tells us you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Help me to be slow to anger too. Amen.