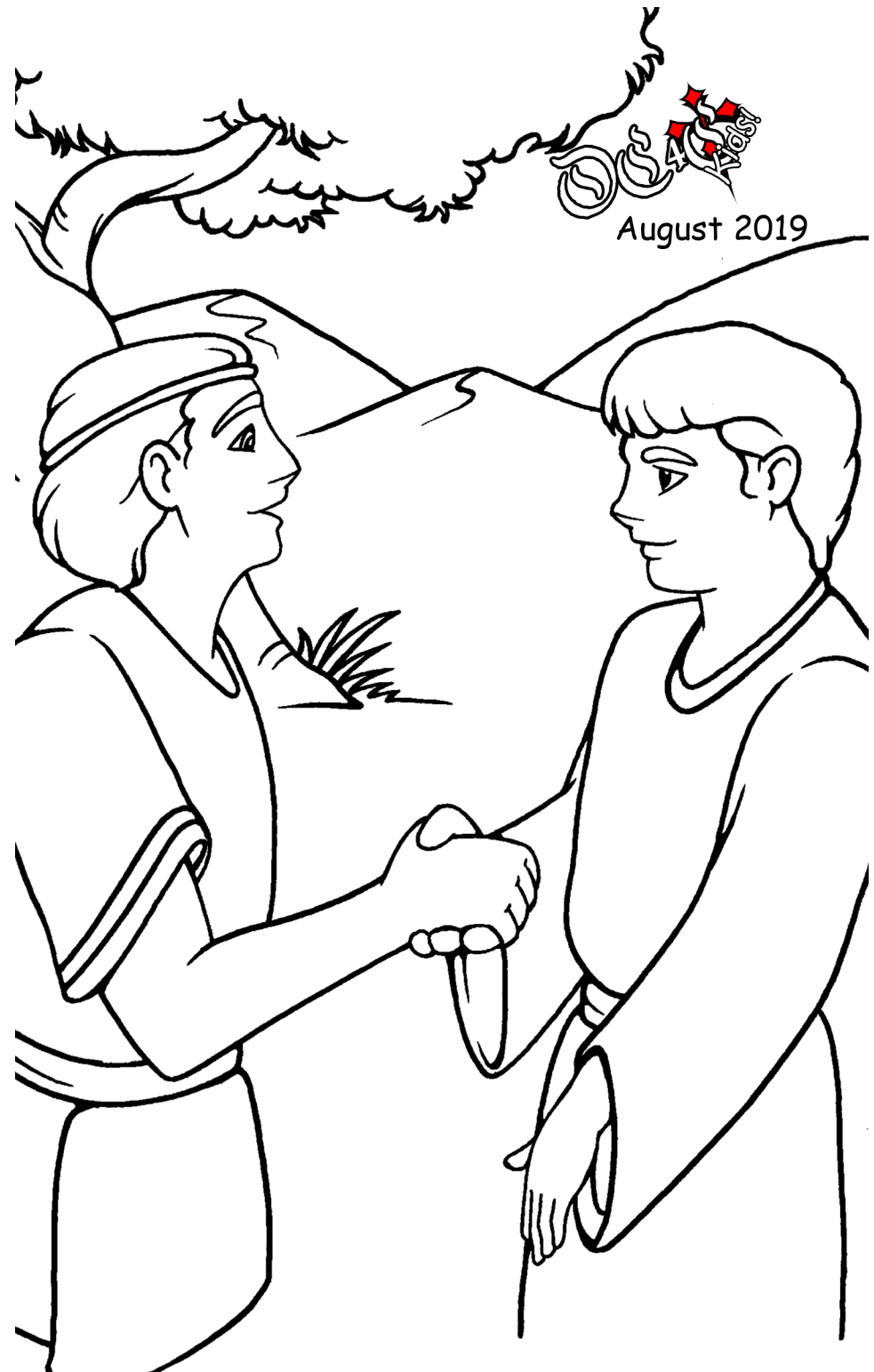


- 5 DOWN "Pursue peace with all men, and holiness, without which no one will see the _____"
HEBREWS 12:14
- 3 DOWN When the first child was born, "he was like a _____ garment all over; so they called his name Esau." GENESIS. 25:25
- 6 DOWN When his brother was born, "his hand took hold of Esau's _____ ; so his name was called Jacob." GENESIS. 25:26
- 7 DOWN "So the boys grew. And _____ was a skillful hunter, a man of the field; but Jacob was a mild man, dwelling in tents." GENESIS 25:27
- 10 ACROSS "Now Jacob cooked a _____; and Esau came in from the field, and he was weary. And Esau said to Jacob, 'Please feed me with that same red stew, for I am weary.' Therefore his name was Edom." GENESIS 25:29-30
- 1 ACROSS "But Jacob said, 'Sell me your _____ as of this day.' And Esau said, 'Look, I am about to die; so what profit shall this birthright be to me?' Then Jacob said, 'Swear to me as of this day.' So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob." GENESIS 25:31-33
- 9 DOWN "So he went to his father and said, 'My father'; and he said, 'Here I am. Who are you, my son?' And Jacob said to his father, 'I am Esau your firstborn; I have done just as you told me; please arise, sit and eat of my game, that your soul may _____ me.'" GENESIS 27:18-19
- 8 ACROSS "Esau said, 'Is he not rightly named _____? For he has supplanted me these two times. He took away my birthright, and now look, he has taken away my blessing!' " GENESIS 27:36
- 6 ACROSS "So Esau _____ Jacob because of the blessing with which his father blessed him, and Esau said in his heart, 'The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then I will kill my brother Jacob.'" GENESIS 27:41
- 5 ACROSS After Isaac blessed Jacob, he "sent Jacob away, and he went to Padan Aram, to _____ the son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, the mother of Jacob and Esau." GENESIS 28:5
- 2 DOWN Jacob feared his brother, but when he returned to the land of Canaan, "Esau _____ to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept." GENESIS 33:4
- 4 DOWN Jacob said to Esau, 'Please, take my blessing that is brought to you, because _____ has dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough.' And he urged him, and he took it." GENESIS 33:11





Because that's what God does!

Jacob Meets Esau

By Paul Dallgas-Frey

Esau didn't like his brother much.

And he had good reason. Jacob was always taking his stuff.

Of course, it wasn't just taking his shirt without asking. And it was worse than borrowing his CDs, or taking the batteries from his CD player - whenever he wanted to - and not bringing them back (well, if he HAD a CD player!). It was worse than taking Esau's best bow and losing half the arrows (and not even bothering to look for them because they weren't HIS arrows), and bringing the bow back all bent and busted up and broken.

It was worse than all of that.

Jacob had stolen Esau's blessing and his birthright.

And Esau hated him for it. He hated his brother so much, that he once even said he was going to kill him.

He hated him for a long time because of it. A LONG time.

So Jacob had to run away from home. And for years and years, it was as if they weren't brothers at all. It looked like Jacob and Esau would never be brothers that loved and cared for each other again.

That must have broken God's heart to watch.

But now, after all these years of being apart, Jacob was coming home. And Esau was coming to meet him... with FOUR HUNDRED of his strongest men!

Things didn't look good for Jacob. This just might be the end of it for him.

But Jacob had changed. He wasn't the cheater he used to be,

and he was truly sorry for the things he had done.

Still, it seemed impossible that Jacob and Esau could ever be friends again.

But, with God all things are possible.

If you remember from the last story about Jacob, he just spent the whole night wrestling with God.

It was morning now. The sky was a deep blue, and the sun was shining warm and bright when Jacob looked out over the rolling hills. And way off in the distance, he saw a cloud of dust. And just ahead of the cloud of dust, he saw a small speck.

It was his brother Esau, leading his four hundred men right towards Jacob and his family!

"What is Dad doing now?!" Jacob's kids asked when Jacob started running around and telling them all to get behind him, like he was trying to hide them in with all the sheep and goats. "What kind of trick is he going to play on Esau now?" they joked with each other. But it was no joke. And Jacob was through with tricks.

The army of Esau and his men came closer and closer. Jacob could hear the slapping of the camel hoofs beating against the dry ground.

Jacob ran ahead of his family and bowed to the ground seven times before his brother, begging for forgiveness. He hoped his brother might at least spare his family. He didn't know what to expect.

Esau jumped off his camel and ran to his brother Jacob. He threw his arms around him with tears in his eyes, and said, "My brother! I have missed you so much!" Jacob could hardly believe what was happening.

"Seeing you is like seeing the face of God!" Jacob finally said with tears in his eyes too. "Can you ever forgive me?"

"Yes, I forgive you!" Esau said. "God has been so good to me. And now he has given my brother back to me!" And he threw his arms around his brother again and gave him another great bear hug.

They were friends again.

God had brought them back together.

How wonderful to have a God who fixes things!