

**SESSION TITLE:** Jacob and Esau

**BIBLE PASSAGE:** Genesis 27–28

**KEY PASSAGE:** Genesis 28:15a

**STORY POINT:** God keeps His promises.

**CHRIST CONNECTION:** While we still made wrong choices, God sent Jesus.

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## Transition activity: Make “Esau’s” arms

Give each toddler two sheets of brown paper. Toddlers will glue strips of yarn to the paper to resemble the goat’s hair Jacob used to trick Isaac. Tape the paper around each child’s arms, loosely enough so that he can slide the “hairy arms” on and off. Invite toddlers to play out the story as you retell it.

**SAY:** God promised to bless Jacob before Jacob was born. Jacob did not have to trick anyone to get God’s blessing because **GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES.** While we still made wrong choices, God sent Jesus.

## Play a matching game

Invite toddlers to play a favorite matching card game. If you do not have a matching card game, draw simple figures representing Jacob, Esau, Isaac, and Rebekah. Make a copy, and cut the images into cards. Briefly review the story.

**SAY:** Jacob and Esau were twins, but they did not look or think alike! God promised to bless Jacob. God sent Jesus through Jacob’s family. **GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES.**

## Touch textures

Before class, gather faux fur, fine-grained sandpaper, quilt batting, artificial hay, and other unique textures. Hot glue them to index cards. Post an allergy alert. Invite toddlers to close their eyes and touch the textures. Retell the story.

**SAY:** Isaac could not see well. Jacob made a wrong choice to trick Isaac. God promised to bless Jacob. **GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES** no matter what.

Check diapers, serve a snack if needed, and release toddlers to parents according to your church’s security procedures. Give parents today’s big picture card to reinforce today’s Bible story, story point, or gospel gems throughout the week.