

## SMALL GROUP RESOURCE

Big Idea: God is with us

### SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Genesis 27:1-28:5

Genesis 28:10-22

Genesis 29-31

Genesis 32

Genesis 33

Psalms 139

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Fictional or real, who is the most deceptive person that you can think of?

How would you describe Jacob's character?

Which relationship seems to have the biggest influence in Jacob's life?

What is Jacob doing when we meet him in Genesis 28?

Who does he encounter on the way?

What promises do God and Jacob make in Genesis 28?

What are the conflicts between Jacob and Laban?

How are they resolved?

Why does Jacob withdraw to be alone the night before he is to meet Esau?

How does Jacob approach Esau on his return after 20 years away? Why?

How does Esau approach Jacob? Why?

Which has the greater impact on Jacob's reunion with Esau; Jacob's plans or prayer?

Which option do you choose when confronted with a difficult situation?

### PRAYER FOCUS:

Praise God for His constant presence.

Thank God for keeping His promises.

Ask God to help you submit to His leading.

Ask God for peace in confrontation.

## FAMILY RESOURCE

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### READ GENESIS 25:24-34

What is a "birthright"?

What kind of a person would make a deal like this to feed his hungry brother?

What kind of person are you?

Take turns making dinner for your family.

### READ GENESIS 28:10-22

What did Jacob see?

What did God promise Jacob?

Did Jacob deserve God's promise?

Tear paper hearts to put up around the house to remind you of God's love, even when you don't deserve it.

### GENESIS 31:1-2

Laban had cheated Jacob (over wives—Genesis 29:15-30— and work—Genesis 30:25) and Jacob cheated Laban

(over animals—Genesis 30:41-43).

What would it be like to live with people who are always looking out for themselves?

What would it be like to live with people who want to help others?

### GENESIS 32:7-21

Jacob is about to meet Esau.

What makes you think that Jacob HAS changed?

What makes you think that Jacob HASN'T changed?

How hard is it to "turn over a new leaf"?

Do some yard work together.

### GENESIS 32:22-31; 33:1-3

What do you think gave him the courage to meet Esau?

Share something you need to do that will take courage.

### MEMORY VERSE:

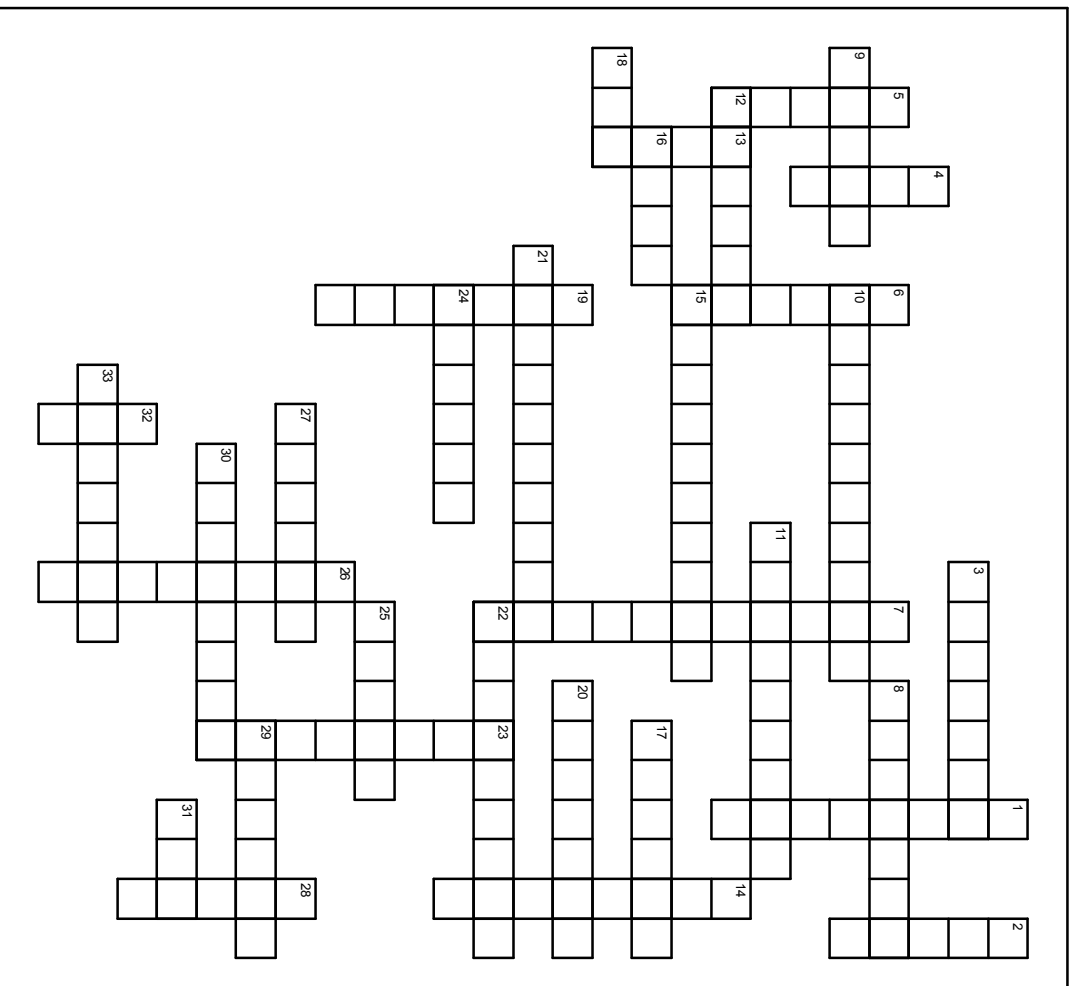
"Your \_\_\_\_\_ made \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ me;  
give me \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_."

Psalms 119:73

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## Across

3. grow strong, wealthy, and healthy (Genesis 32:12)
8. amazing (Genesis 28:17)
9. walking stick (Genesis 32:10)
10. neared (Genesis 33:3)
11. climbing up (Genesis 28:12)
12. run away (Genesis 32:8)
15. climbing down (Genesis 28:12)
16. the older brother (Genesis 25:25)
17. Jacob's new name (Genesis 32:28)
18. promise (Genesis 28:20)
20. numbered (Genesis 32:12)
21. inheritance (Genesis 25:31)
22. wrestled (Genesis 32:28)
24. calm (Genesis 32:20)
25. the younger brother (Genesis 25:26)
27. monument (Genesis 28:18)
29. Esau was this (Genesis 25:27)
30. set of steps (Genesis 28:12)
31. an embarrassing color (Genesis 25:25)
33. trip (Genesis 28:20)

## Down

1. holding (Genesis 25:26)
2. Jacob was this (Genesis 25:27)
4. present (Genesis 32:13)
5. rock (Genesis 28:18)
6. accumulated (Genesis 31:1)
7. children and children's children (Genesis 28:13)
13. a thick soup (Genesis 25:29)
14. anywhere (Genesis 28:15)
19. walking funny (Genesis 32:31)
23. not deserving (Genesis 32:10)
26. very hungry (Genesis 25:30)
28. groups of animals (Genesis 32:19)
32. Jacob said he saw him (Genesis 32:30)

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red	Esau	grasping	Jacob	hunter
quiet	stew	famished	birthright	stairway
ascending	descending	descendants	wherever	awesome
stone	pillar	vow	journey	gained
escape	unworthy	staff	prosper	counted
gift	herds	pacify	Israel	struggled
God	limping	approached		

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| 2. CAPIYF      | ----- | 19. NECADSGNI   | ----- |
| 3. IMLGNIP     | ----- | 20. ITUQE       | ----- |
| 4. OEJNYUR     | ----- | 21. TSFAF       | ----- |
| 5. TSEW        | ----- | 22. PAHDCEPRAO  | ----- |
| 6. TWUYRNHO    | ----- | 23. AILPLR      | ----- |
| 7. ORPERSP     | ----- | 24. DGANEI      | ----- |
| 8. CNEODTU     | ----- | 25. USAE        | ----- |
| 9. RDE         | ----- | 26. OTNSE       | ----- |
| 10. IELRSA     | ----- | 27. DGO         | ----- |
| 11. IBIRGTHTRH | ----- | 28. EDDENTSSACN | ----- |
| 12. CJOAB      | ----- | 29. DESHR       | ----- |
| 13. WOV        | ----- | 30. RAAYWIST    | ----- |
| 14. WOEAMSE    | ----- | 31. DSGRLGEUT   | ----- |
| 15. ACEESP     | ----- | 32. REVHEWE     | ----- |
| 16. GNISAPGR   | ----- | 33. TUNHRE      | ----- |
| 17. TFGI       | ----- |                 |       |