





The Bible is like a library made up of 66 books written by many different people over many years.

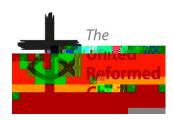
The Old Testament books were written before Jesus was born. They are the holy stories he would have grown up hearing and reading. There are 39 of these.

The New Testament tells us the stories of Jesus and his followers. There are 27 books in the New Testament.

Can you find and colour the book on the bookshelf that

story is from?

If you have a Bible, see if you can find the story in there.



The book of Genesis was written around 1430 BC, Moses is believed to be the author. It is the first book in the Bible and covers a span of 2,000 years. The book tells the stories of how the world was made and the stories of the first people. Genesis is a book of two halves. The first half (chapters 1 11) tells the stories of all that happened before Abraham, including Creation, the flood, and the Tower of Babel. The second half (chapters 12 50) tells the stories of the people who would become the start of the nation of Israel, including Abraham, Jacob, and his son Joseph.

In this story we continue the story of the twin brothers, Jacob and Esau who have been separated for 22 years and return to each other to find the relationship they have never had.

Esau Forgives Jacob by Redding Christian Fellowship

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZhqAGb9qFQ

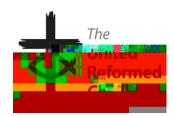
Jacob and Esau meet again (for toddlers) by Care Bear bible Stories

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F0U3rc8pFAA

Told in Lego by Nomad Brickfilms https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-LtuU0oUQkY

Esau forgives Jacob by Kids in the Word bible series

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_q45XaZmijg



When Jacob also went his way, the angels of God met him. When Jacob saw the 2h, he said,

messengers to Esau.

is what Jacob, your servant, says: I have lived with Laban and have remained there until now. I have cattle, donkeys, flocks, and male and female servants. I send this message to you

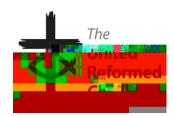
Then Jacob was very afraid and worried. He divided the people who were with him into two camps. He also divided all the flocks, herds and camels into two camps.

Jacob looked up and saw Esau coming. With him were 400 men. So Jacob divided his children among Leah, Rachel and the two slave girls. Jacob put the slave girls with their children first. Then he put Leah and her children behind them. And he put Rachel and Joseph last. Jacob himself went out in front of them. He bowed down flat on the ground seven times as he was walking toward his brother.

But Esau ran to meet Jacob. Esau put his arms around him and hugged him. Then Esau kissed him, and they both cried.

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Then the two slave girls and their children came up to Esau. They bowed down flat on the earth before him. Then Leah and her children came up to Esau. They also bowed down flat on the earth. Last of all, Joseph and Rachel came up to Esau. And they, too, bowed down flat before him.



This is a great story, full of emotion and drama. Have some fun retelling it together using drama or the puppets in our messy play section.

You could be enthusiastic with some bowing down and pleading for forgiveness.

Explore the story of the jubilee in the Bible. (This is might find page 8 in the URC Celebrate Together Book helpful or read about it in Leviticus $25 \times 9 - 11$.

It was a time when everything was reset. A new start for everyone and creation. Debts were written off, slaves were freed, people forgave each other, even the land was given a rest from being harvested.

This story reminds us that it is good to put things right and start again.

Are there people you need to forgive or reach out to?

Are there things that you need to put right or reset?

A year of Jubilee is a fabulous time to take action.

After exploring the story, gather around a large piece of paper and give everyone a pencil and rubber.

The pencil and rubber remind us that we can always get rid of mistakes and start again.

Take turns to draw or write things that you want to put right or change.

Once you have discussed them, rub them out as an act of getting rid of them.

Then you have a dean sheet to write or draw what you will do instead.

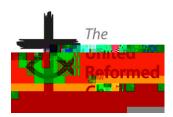
This can be your prompt for prayer and action over the coming days.



What treasures can you find to put in the box for your little ones to explore?

Perhaps older children could help find the things.

Use a box or a bag to hold the treasures and



In our story today we have seen how things can change when we make time to listen to God and speak with him.

Find yourself a calm quiet space and think of all the things you have been involved with today and this week. Are there some you would like to reset, make better, change? Chat with God, explain those things that are on your mind, ask him to help you do things a new way, a better way.

When life gets busy, God is still with us. Thank God that in those busy times God is with you, there to help, comfort and support. Amen

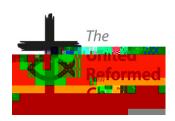


A magnet Some pipe cleaners

When two magnets are dose, they create pushing or pulling forces on one another. The two ends of a magnet are known as the north pole and the south pole. If you try to put two magnets together with the same poles pointing towards each other, the magnets will push away from each other. If you put two magnets together with different poles pointing towards one another, the magnets will pull towards each other.

Jacob and Esau were like the magnets - even from birth they had been like the two same poles repelling each other even though they were brothers.

If you have two magnets, play with them to see how they repel and attract each other.



Paper
String or thread
Gue
Sticks (optional)
Sellotape (optional)

Out out a body shape with a head and decorate it.

Out eight strips of paper, these will be folded to create arms and legs.

Join two of the strips at right angles.

Fold them over each other to create a concertina type strip, securing at the end with glue. Repeat this for the other strips. These will form the arms and the legs.

Join the arms and legs to the body.

Tape threads to the end of the arms and fasten these to the stick.

You will need to make two puppets one for Jacob and one for Esau. How will you decorate them to show the difference be.(e)-5(d)4(if)5(f)-7s7eo70.25he strone



17 beads String or thread Sticks Sellotape (optional)

Out a piece of thick thread to roughly 50cm long. Thread one bead on (1) until it is about half way along the thread. Now fold the thread in half, so that one half goes through the bead (already threaded) and the other half goes over the bead. Hold both ends of the thread together and thread both ends through another bigger bead (2). You have now made a body (chest and abdomen).





Take one of the hanging threads and thread four beads onto it to make a leg. Once the fourth bead is on, loop the thread back over that fourth bead to hold it in place, li . Now return the thread back up through the remaining three leg beads.

Use the other hanging thread to repeat this method to make the other leg. You should end up with two pieces of thread at the hip . Thread both of these through the large

are going to form the arms.

On each of the hanging threads, thread on three beads to make an arm. Once the third bead is on, loop the thread back over, just as you did for the legs (but with one less bead!) and return the thread back through the remaining two arm beads. When both threads are back eа

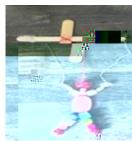
body, two arms and two legs, with the threads sticking out the top of your puppet.

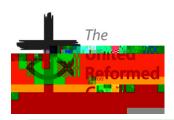
Thread one last bead on to both threads to make a head and then tie a knot big enough to secure the beads. Your puppet is nearly ready.

Make a cross shape by fastening two lollipop sticks or other sticks together. Fasten the ends of the thread which are sticking out from the head of your puppet to the centre of the cross as this will keep your puppet upright. Use two more pieces of thread, each tied to the end of

photo. Hold your sticks and practice making your puppet move around.







Small tray, plastic pocket or ding film Sand or salt

Put a small amount of samouse7 Tm Tmou 4(t)-4()-3(o)3 T5526.1 0 0 1 72.024 605.9



2 ingredients (we used chocolate and eggs)

Make your recipe using the two ingredients. As you create the food, think about how different the ingredients are and how they combine together to make something delicious. Jacob and Esau were very different but they reunited as brothers and that lead to something special.

225g chocolate chips