

MEMORY VERSE: The Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger." Genesis 25:23 NIV

LESSON AIM: To recount the birth of Esau and Jacob and the rivalry between them.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY OUTLINE

I. THE BACKGROUND: GENESIS 25:19-20

1. Who was the promised son from God to Abraham? Genesis 25:19
2. How old was Isaac when he married? What was his wife's name? Genesis 25:20a
3. Give the family background of Isaac's wife. Genesis 25:20b
4. Give a brief background of how Isaac's and Rebekah's marriage was arranged? Genesis 24:1-67 (Review last week's lesson)
5. What does the name "Rebekah" mean? Use a Bible Dictionary.

II. THE BIRTH: GENESIS 25:21-28

6. What problem did Isaac and Rebekah have in their marriage? What was done to remedy their problem? Genesis 25:21ab
7. Who remedied the problem of Isaac and Rebekah? Genesis 25:21cd
8. What concern developed during Rebekah's pregnancy? What did she do about it? Genesis 25:22
9. How are Isaac and Rebekah good examples for us today?
10. What was the Lord's four-fold answer to Rebekah's prayer? Genesis 25:23

11. How many children did Rebekah conceive and birth? Genesis 25:23-25
12. What was the gender of her children? Genesis 25:24
13. What were the names of the twins? What does each name mean? Genesis 25:25-26a

14. What was the order of birth Rebekah's children? Genesis 25:25-26a

15. What did Esau look like at birth? Genesis 25:25
 16. How old was Isaac when Rebekah gave birth to the twin boys? Genesis 25:26b
 17. Describe the life styles of Esau and Jacob. Genesis 25:27
 - v. 27bc _____
 - v. 27d _____
 18. Which child did each parent favor? Why do you think so? Genesis 25:28
 - Isaac favored _____
 - Rebekah favored _____
 19. What ill effects can parental favoritism have in a family?
 20. How should parents deal with the differences in their children, such as, personality, ability, and interests?
- III. THE BIRTHRIGHT: GENESIS 25:29-34**
21. What did Esau request of Jacob when he came in from a hunting trip? Genesis 25:29-30
 22. What did Jacob demand of Esau if he fed him? Genesis 25:31
 23. What was Esau's other name? What does this name mean? Genesis 25:30
 24. Why did Jacob want Esau's birthright? Deuteronomy 21:17
 25. What was Esau's reply to Jacob's demand? Genesis 25:32
 26. What do you think of Esau's statement that he was near death?
 27. As a brother, what should have been Jacob's response to Esau's hunger?
 28. What did Jacob do to prevent Esau from changing his mind? Genesis 25:33
 29. How did Jacob fulfill his part of the contract after Esau forfeited his birthright? Genesis 25:34a
 30. How can an impulsive nature and instant satisfaction ruin us today as it did Esau?
 31. Did Esau think much of his action? Genesis 25:34b
 32. What was Esau's attitude toward his birthright? Genesis 25:34c
 33. What did Esau get in exchange for his birthright? Genesis 25:30, 34
 34. What does this incident reveal about the characters of Esau and Jacob?
 35. What was the significance of the birthright? Genesis 43:33; Deuteronomy 21:15-17