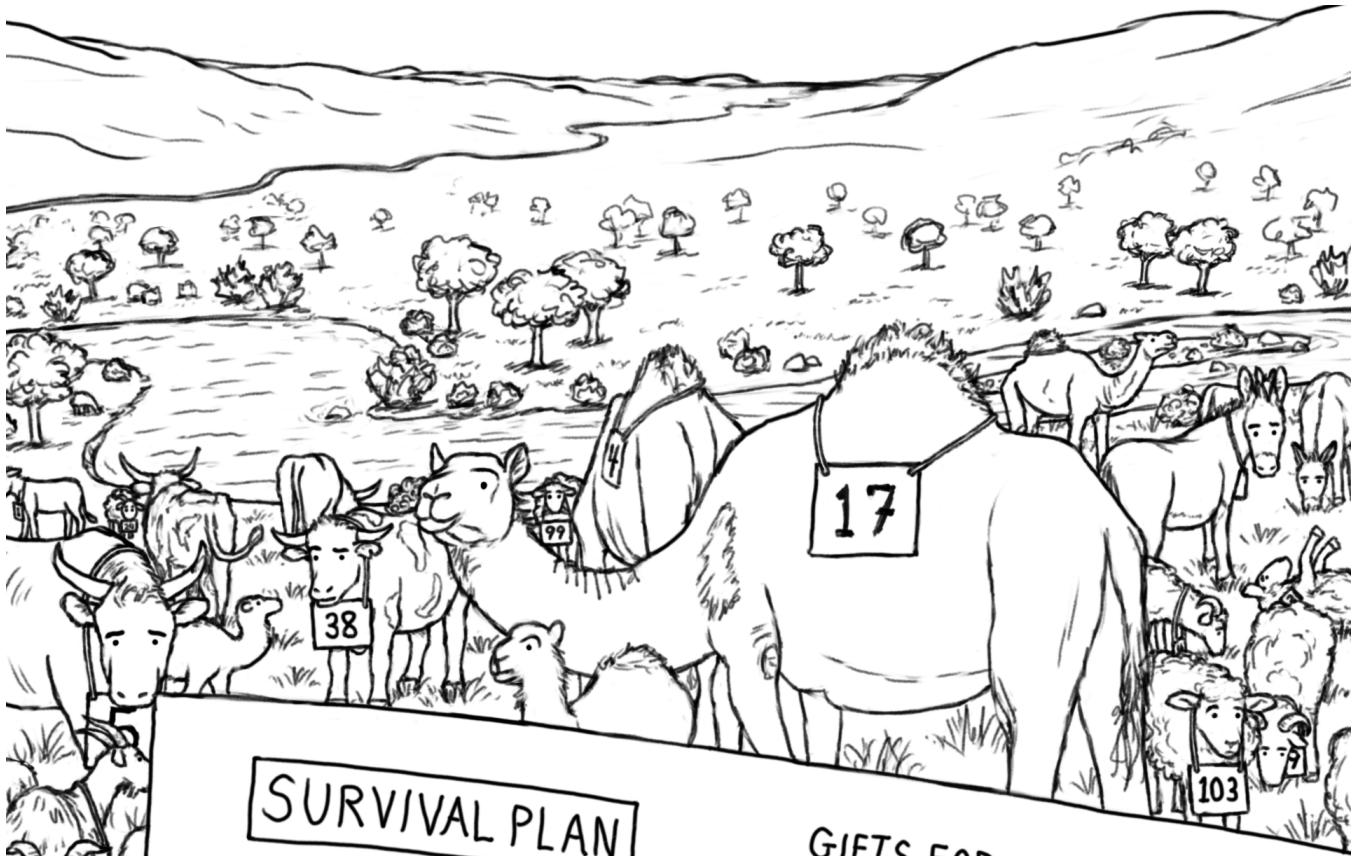
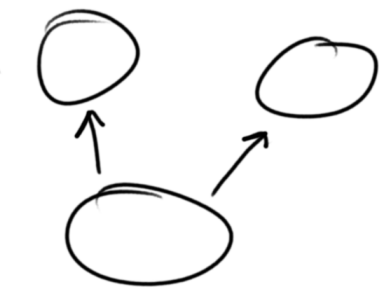




SURVIVAL PLAN

GIFTS FOR ESAU

JABBOK RIVER



TWO CAMPS



200 female
20 male



200 female
20 male



30 female
+ little ones



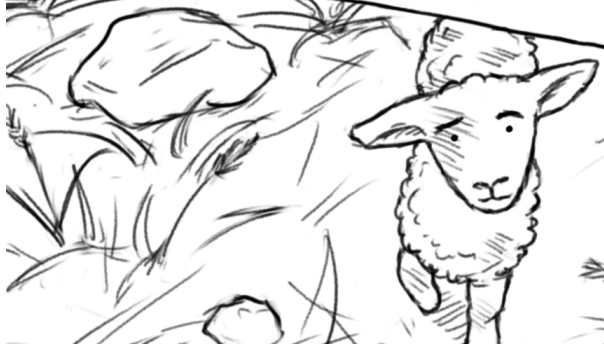
40 cows
10 bulls



20 female
10 male

↑ space
between
herds

* "Your servant Jacob is coming behind us" *



Lesson 6

Psalm 36:5

Lord, Your love is as high as the heavens. Your faithful love reaches up to the skies.

Jacob Gets Ready to Meet Esau

Genesis 32:1–21

¹Jacob also went on his way. The angels of God met him. ²Jacob saw them. He said, “This is the army of God!” So he named that place Mahanaim.

³Jacob sent messengers ahead of him to his brother Esau. Esau lived in the land of Seir. It was also called the country of Edom. ⁴Jacob told the messengers what to do. He said, “Here’s what you must tell my master Esau. ‘Your servant Jacob says, “I’ve been staying with Laban. I’ve remained there until now. ⁵I have cattle and donkeys and sheep and goats. I also have male and female servants. Now I’m sending this message to you. I hope I can please you.”’”

⁶The messengers came back to Jacob. They said, “We went to your brother Esau. He’s coming now to meet you. He has 400 men with him.”

⁷Jacob was very worried and afraid. So he separated the people with him into two groups. He also separated the flocks and herds and camels. ⁸He thought, “Esau might come and attack one group. If he does, the group that’s left can escape.”

⁹Then Jacob prayed, “You are the God of my grandfather Abraham. You are the God of my father Isaac. Lord, You are the One who said to me, ‘Go back to your country and your relatives. Then I will give you success.’ ¹⁰You have been very kind and faithful to me. But I’m not worthy of any of this. When I crossed this Jordan River, all I had was my walking stick. But now I’ve become two camps. ¹¹Please save me from the hand of my brother Esau. I’m afraid he’ll come and attack me and the mothers with their children. ¹²But You have said, ‘I will surely give you success. I will make your children as many as the grains of sand on the seashore. People will not be able to count them.’”

¹³Jacob spent the night there. He chose a gift for his brother Esau from what he had with him. ¹⁴He chose 200 female goats and 20 male goats. He chose 200 female sheep and 20 male sheep. ¹⁵He chose 30 female camels with their little ones. He chose 40 cows and ten bulls. And he chose 20 female donkeys and ten male donkeys. ¹⁶He put each herd by itself. Then he put his servants in charge of them. He said to his servants, “Go on ahead of me. Keep some space between the herds.”

¹⁷Jacob spoke to his servant who was leading the way. He said, “My brother Esau will meet you. He’ll ask, ‘Who is your master? Where are you going? And who owns all these animals in front of you?’ ¹⁸Then say to Esau, ‘They belong to your servant Jacob. They are a gift to you from him. And Jacob is coming behind us.’”

¹⁹He also spoke to the second and third servants. He told them and all the others who followed the herds what to do. He said, “Say the same thing to Esau when you meet him. ²⁰Make sure you say, ‘Your

servant Jacob is coming behind us.” Jacob was thinking, “I’ll make peace with him with these gifts I’m sending on ahead. When I see him later, maybe he’ll welcome me.” ²¹So Jacob’s gifts went on ahead of him. But he himself spent the night in the camp.



When these events took place, 20 years had passed since Jacob had seen or talked with his twin brother, Esau.

Questions

- 1 Who met Jacob as he went on his way? The _____ of God met Jacob. (Gen. 32:1)



Jacob had seen angels at least once before: going up and down the staircase in his dream at Bethel.

- 2 What are angels? They are part of the _____ of God. (Gen. 32:2)



In other words, angels are like soldiers for God, under His command.

- 3 Whom did Jacob send ahead of him to meet his brother, Esau? Jacob sent _____ ahead of him to Esau. (Gen. 32:3)
- 4 Where did Esau live? Esau lived in the land of _____, which is also called the country of _____. (Gen. 32:3)
- 5 Did Jacob tell the messengers what to do and what to say to Esau when they met him? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 32:4)
- 6 Which part of Jacob’s message to Esau showed Jacob had become unselfish toward his brother? The most unselfish sentence was, “_____.” (Gen. 32:4–5)
- 7 When the messengers came back from meeting with Esau, what did they tell Jacob? The messengers told Jacob that Esau had _____ with him. (Gen. 32:6)
- 8 Why do you think Esau had 400 men with him? Esau probably **dis**_____ (opposite of “trusted”) Jacob.



Given how Jacob had treated Esau in the past, could you really blame Esau for wanting to be prepared?

- 9 What was Jacob’s response when he heard Esau had 400 men with him? Jacob was _____ worried and _____. (Gen. 32:7)

- 10 What was Jacob's plan? Why? Jacob _____ the people with him into _____ groups. He also separated the _____, _____, and _____. That way, if Esau came and attacked one group, the group that was left could _____. (Gen. 32:7–8)
- 11 What else did Jacob do? Jacob _____ to God. (Gen. 32:9)
- 12 What did Jacob say to God as to how God had treated him? Jacob said that God had been _____ kind and _____ to him. (Gen. 32:10)
- 13 Was Jacob worthy of God's great kindness and faithfulness? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 32:10)
- 14 Why then was God so very kind and faithful to Jacob? God was very kind and faithful to Jacob because God _____ Jacob.

Lamentations 3:23

His great love is new every morning. Lord, how faithful You are!

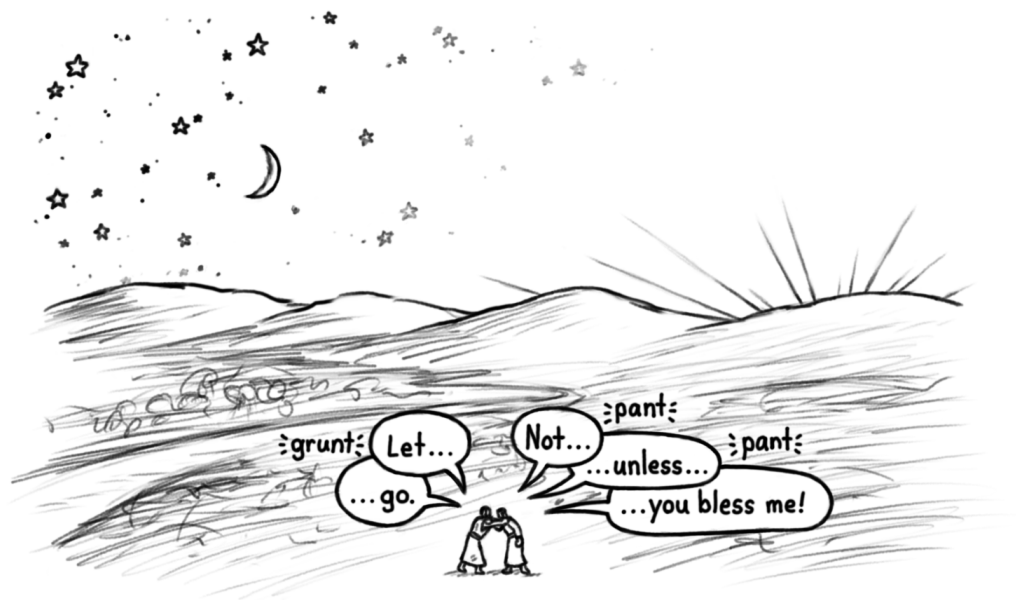
- 15 Does God love you the same way? (Yes/No) _____.
- 16 After Jacob finished praying, what did he do next? Jacob picked out a _____ for Esau. (Gen. 32:13)
- 17 What did Jacob choose to give to Esau? Jacob chose to give to Esau _____ female goats, _____ male goats, _____ female sheep, _____ male sheep, _____ female camels with their _____ ones, _____ cows, _____ bulls, _____ female donkeys, and _____ male donkeys. (Gen. 32:14–15)
- 18 Where did Jacob tell his servants to place all these animal herds, which were gifts for Esau? Jacob told his servants to go on _____ of him, keeping some _____ between the herds, while he came _____ (opposite of “in front of”) them. (Gen. 32:16, 18)
- 19 What was Jacob thinking when he planned all this? Jacob was thinking he would make _____ with Esau with the gifts he was sending on ahead. Jacob hoped that when he saw Esau later, Esau would **f**_____ (means “not hold a grudge against”) him. (Gen. 32:20)

Jacob Wrestles With God

Genesis 32:22–32

²²That night Jacob got up. He took his two wives, his two female servants and his 11 sons and sent them across the Jabbok River. ²³After they had crossed the stream, he sent over everything he owned. ²⁴So Jacob was left alone. A man wrestled with him until morning. ²⁵The man saw that He couldn't win. So He touched the inside of Jacob's hip. As Jacob wrestled with the man, Jacob's hip was twisted. ²⁶Then the man said, “Let Me go. It is morning.”

But Jacob replied, “I won't let You go unless You bless me.”



²⁷The man asked him, "What is your name?"

"Jacob," he answered.

²⁸Then the man said, "Your name will not be Jacob anymore. Instead, it will be Israel. You have wrestled with God and with people. And you have won."

²⁹Jacob said, "Please tell me Your Name."

But He replied, "Why do you want to know My Name?" Then He blessed Jacob there.

³⁰So Jacob named the place Peniel. He said, "I saw God face to face. But I'm still alive!"



³¹The sun rose above Jacob as he passed by Peniel. He was limping because of his hip. ³²That's why the Israelites don't eat the meat attached to the inside of an animal's hip. They don't eat it to this day. It's because the inside of Jacob's hip was touched.

Questions

- 20 What happened when Jacob was left alone at night in the camp? When Jacob was left alone at night in the camp, a man _____ with Jacob until _____. (Gen. 32:24)
- 21 What did this man do when he saw that he couldn't win the wrestling match with Jacob? The man _____ the _____ of Jacob's _____, and, as Jacob wrestled with the man, Jacob's hip was _____. (Gen. 32:25)
- 22 Now that Jacob had a twisted hip, was he finally willing to let go of the man? (Yes/No) _____. Why not? Jacob refused to let go of the man unless the man _____ **ed** him. (Gen. 32:26)
- 23 After the man asked for Jacob's name, what new name did he give Jacob? Why? The man changed Jacob's name to _____, because Jacob had **W** _____ wrestling with _____ and with _____. (Gen. 32:28)



The name Israel means "one who struggles with God."

- 24 Did the man tell Jacob the man's name? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 32:29)
- 25 Did the man bless Jacob? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 32:29)
- 26 What name did Jacob give to the place where he wrestled with God? Why? Jacob named the place _____, because he _____ God _____-to-_____ and lived. (Gen. 32:30)



The name Peniel means "face of God."

Exodus 33:20

"But you can't see My face," he [the Lord] said. "No one can see Me and stay alive."



Given the above verse, how was Jacob able to see the face of God and live? The best answer is that the man Jacob wrestled with wasn't God the Father, but God the Son, Jesus. That explains why Jacob didn't die and why the man couldn't tell Jacob His Name—it wasn't the time yet for Jesus' Name to be revealed.

- 27 What was Jacob doing as the sun rose above him as he passed by Peniel? Jacob was _____ because of his hip. (Gen. 32:31)

How did the Holy Spirit speak to you this week as you studied these Bible verses? In other words, what did you learn this week from reading God's Word?
