

Jacob and Esau Meet Again

1. Carefully read through Genesis 32-33. Highlight with different colors all of the words spoken by different people. Mark in yellow everywhere the name of God is used. Mark in green everywhere a place is named. Mark in blue everywhere a person is named. Circle, underline, or color any repeated phrases. What patterns do you notice?
2. Memorize Genesis 32:28, "Then he said, 'Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed.'"
3. Create your own detailed outline of Genesis 32-33.
4. Who meets Jacob at Mahanaim? Why do you think this happens? Who does Jacob send to Esau?

5. How does Jacob initially respond to the news that Esau is coming to meet him? How is this a key moment in Jacob's life?

6. Why do you think Jacob sends his servants with gifts ahead of him? Why do you think he sends his family ahead of him? What does Jacob say is his reason for doing this?

7. Why does Jacob stay behind? Who meets him there? What do they do? Why do you think this happens?

8. What happens when Jacob and Esau finally meet? What does Jacob say seeing Esau is like?

9. What does Esau want Jacob to do? Does Jacob do it? Why or why not?