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Lesson #25--THE MAN WHO FORGAVE HIS BROTHER

Scripture: Genesis 32-33

TO HELP US STUDY:

1. Whom did Jacob send his messengers to see? _____ Why? _____

2. What report did the messengers bring back to Jacob? _____
3. How did Jacob react to this news? _____
4. Did Esau intend to harm Jacob? _____ Why did Jacob think so? _____

5. What did Jacob ask God to do? _____
6. What did he sent to Esau? _____
7. Where did Jacob send his family that night? _____ Where
did he sleep? _____ What happened to
Jacob there? _____
8. When Jacob saw Esau coming, what did he do? _____
Why? _____
9. How did Esau receive his brother? _____
10. What lesson can we learn from Esau? _____

TO HELP US REMEMBER: Young ones - Ephosians 4:26, "Do not let the sun go down on
your anger."

Older ones - Matthew 18:21-22

TO CHALLENGE TEEN THOUGHT: Go back through the story and list all the things Jacob did to show his fear. After listing them on the back of this paper, tell briefly why Jacob was so scared. Are we ever afraid for the same reasons?

TIPS FOR TEACHING PARENTS: Often we find ourselves baffled, confused, or bored in our study of the Bible because we do not know enough about the Scriptures that come before and follow after the part that we are reading. We are much like a person who comes into the middle of a mystery movie with no knowledge of the characters and the previous events. We are literally like the man who picks up a story book and begins to read in the middle, without any idea of what comes before or after the chapter that he has chosen to read. so much that is seen or read in such circumstances makes no sense.

Our story this week is a good example of our need to be fairly well acquainted with all the Bible in order to read any of it intelligently. This story of Jacob has little meaning without some knowledge of the stories of his previous dealings with Esau (Gen. 25 and 27). You will certainly want to review these earlier stories with your children before telling this one. But the point we are trying to make just now is this: if we are to be good Bible students and good teachers for our children, we must commit ourselves to a regular, thorough plan of Bible study that will give us an over-all knowledge of the Book from cover to cover.

FOR ADULT STUDY: Mt 5:24; 6:12-15; Mk 11:25; Lk 17:3; Gal 6:1; Eph 4:31-32; Col 3:12-13; Rm 12:14-21; I Pet 2:1; Mt 5:7.