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Lesson #17--A BOWL OF BEANS

Scripture: Genesis 25:19-34

TO HELP US STUDY:

1. What were the names of Isaac's twin boys? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What did their names mean? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What kind of man was Esau? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Describe the nature of Jacob. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Which boy was loved most by his father? \_\_\_\_\_
6. When Esau came home from hunting almost starved, what did he ask Jacob to give him? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. What was Jacob's answer? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What does this show us about Jacob? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Did Esau make the deal? \_\_\_\_\_ What does this show us about him? \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. Which boy did the right thing? \_\_\_\_\_

TO HELP US REMEMBER: *Young ones* - Luke 12:23, "Life is more than food and the body is more than clothing."  
*Older ones* - Luke 12:22-23

TO CHALLENGE TEEN THOUGHT: Find the New Testament scripture which refers to this story. Think carefully about its warning and discuss it with your parents if you do not understand it fully. Then on the back of this sheet tell briefly in your own words what the New Testament verse warns us against.

TO HELP PARENTS TEACH: Do you find it particularly hard to discuss the "birds and bees" with your children? Have you been looking for a good time or a proper way to explain the bodily functions of reproduction to your children?

Surely there could be no more simple or decorous way to do this than with a Bible story such as this one. "The children struggled within her," the Book says. No one ever got to the point any more quickly or clearly than that. Tell the simple facts to your children straightforwardly and unashamedly. Answer their questions frankly. Teaching your kids about such things is part of your sacred duty as a parent. At the same time, do not answer questions your child is not asking or wondering about yet, for you will just disturb him rather than helping him to grow in understanding.

May God help us to raise children who will grow up, as Isaac did, thinking that this part of life is something to pray to God about!

FOR ADULT STUDY: Ex 20:17; Ps 10:3; 119:36; Lk 12:15; Col 3:5; Prv 15:27; Jer 17:11; Mt 26:15; 1 Tim 3:3; 6:10; Jas 5:1-4