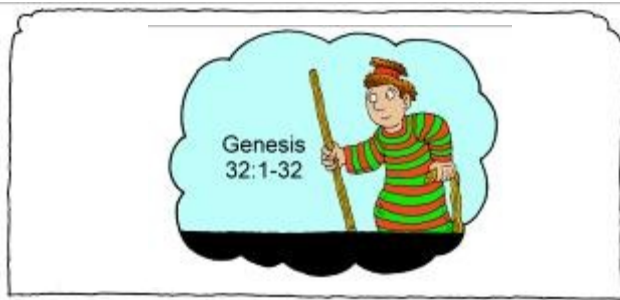


JACOB is forgiven by Esau

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Esau was so angry after Jacob took God's promises from him that Jacob ran away and worked for his mother's brother. He got married and had many children.



Jacob was excited to be taking his family to his home land after being away almost 20 years. He prayed that his brother Esau had forgiven him and that he was no longer angry.



Just to be sure that his family would be safe, he sent a messenger ahead to let his brother Esau know that he was coming and waited anxiously for the messenger to return.



The servant delivered the message to Esau. When he came back he told Jacob that his brother was coming to meet him with 400 men! Jacob was very scared and prayed to God.



"God of my fathers Abraham and Isaac, you told me to return home and you would bless me. I know I don't deserve your kindness, but I pray that you will keep us safe from my brother."



Jacob sent his servants with several herds of animals as presents for Esau - camels, goats, sheep, cows, and donkeys, all with their babies.



He divided his family into two groups. "If my brother attacks the first group then the second group will have a chance to escape," he thought.



But when Esau and Jacob met, Esau was so pleased to see his brother that all their old arguments were forgotten and Jacob was forgiven for tricking his brother.