



BRING IT HOME

Reading the Great Stories of the Bible

WEEK 3 | READINGS 11-15
OCTOBER 15-21

THE STORY BIBLE

This week, read and discuss these 5 stories:

Abraham's Visitors from Heaven

Page 54 - Genesis 18

The Birth of Isaac

Page 58 - Genesis 18, 21

Abraham and Isaac

Page 61 - Genesis 22

Isaac and Rebekah

Page 64 - Genesis 24

Jacob and Esau

Page 68 - Genesis 24, 27

Do you know someone who may be blessed by reading the great stories of the Bible? How about a neighbor? a co-worker? a friend? maybe even a relative? Even though you can't get the deep discounts on these bibles anymore, they are probably still on sale through Concordia Publishing House or Amazon. How about ordering one for them - bringing it to them - and while you are there, inviting them to church with you? But before you go: pray that God would open their hearts to your gift and invitation. God WILL give you the opportunity. Be bold and courageous.

KNOW THE BIBLE NOW

JACOB & ESAU - Genesis 25 & 27 | KtBN page 34

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ Who helped Jacob deceive his father, Isaac? Why?
- ◆ Have you ever held anger against someone for something they did to you? What can you do, with the Lord's help, to resolve it?

Prayer: Dear Lord, forgive me for the times I have held anger against others. Help me to turn to you when I am angry, that you may turn it to joy. Amen.

JACOB'S DREAM - Genesis 27-28 | KtBN page 36

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ What did the Lord promise to Jacob in his dream?
- ◆ In his Word, what has God promised you?

Prayer: Dear Lord, you are a God of promises, and without fail, you have kept every one. Thank you for your fulfilled promise of my Savior Jesus. Amen.

JACOB'S FAMILY - Genesis 29-31 | KtBN page 38

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ Jacob waited fourteen years for his love, Rachel. What is something you've waited a long time for?
- ◆ After all those years, God blessed Jacob and Rachel with a large family. How has the Lord blessed you?

Prayer: Lord, you continually bless us in ways that are far too numerous to count. May I always be thankful. Amen.

ESAU FORGIVES JACOB - Genesis 32-33 | KtBN page 40

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ Why was Jacob "greatly afraid" to meet his brother Esau?
- ◆ The lack of forgiveness can break relationships apart and cause deep hurt. Are you withholding forgiveness from someone? Ask the Lord for direction.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, I am sorry for the times that I withheld forgiveness from others. Thank you, that by your grace, you do not withhold it from me. Amen.

JOSEPH'S DREAMS - Genesis 37 | KtBN page 44

Optional things to talk/think about after your reading:

- ◆ Joseph's brothers have come to hate him. What various things have caused this anger?
- ◆ Anger, by itself, is not sinful. It becomes sinful when we act on it - whether with thoughts, words, or deeds. What can we do to not let anger become sinful?

Prayer: Gracious Lord, the Bible tells us you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Help me to be slow to anger too. Amen.

Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Luther's Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.