

Sparklers @ Home Week 19.

Jacob goes home Genesis 32 & 33

Hi Sparklers,

Welcome back after our summer holidays. I hope you had lots of fun over the holidays spent some time with your family and maybe got to go away somewhere. We went away in our caravan and had fun camping.

This week we are going to hear more about Jacob.

Activity One – Making Puppets

Using the pictures on the sheet at the back of this pack.

Cut them out and colour them in.

Or you could use glue and wool and material to cut out hair and clothes and stick them on the pictures.

When you have finished wrap these around cardboard tubes (aka toilet roll tubes) and you have 2 puppets one is Esau and one is Jacob.

We are going to hear more about them in our story this week.

Bible Story.

Using the puppets, you have made you can join in the story.

Can you find the puppet of Jacob he has a worried face (turn it to the worried face side).

Do you know why he was worried?

A long time ago, Esau and Jacob had an argument and they haven't been friends since then.

Now look at the Esau puppet. Do you think he looks Angry?

Follow along to the story with your puppets

Jacob had lived with his Uncle Laban for a long time. He decided it was time to return home but there was one thing that was worrying him. (Show Jacobs worried face). Jacob did not know if his brother Esau would want to be friends again. He was very worried. (show the

worried puppet again). But back at home, Esau was not angry. (Show Esau puppet's happy face).

Jacob had an idea. He decided to send Esau a present of lots and lots of animals to show that he was sorry. But he was still worried. (show the worried Jacobs puppet with the happy face). Jacob got all the sheep and goats together. Leah and Rachel hot the children ready and packed all their things. Then off Jacob and all his family went on the long journey home. (Walk the Jacob puppet away).

They got nearer and nearer to Esau's home. Jacob was still worried (show worried side). Esau looked up and saw a big group of people and animals coming towards him. He was very puzzled (show Esau puppet with puzzled face). Then a present arrived. It was lots of animals. What were the animals for? Esau wondered. They were a present from Jacob to say 'sorry'.

Esau looked and saw people walking towards him. Who could they be? (Show Esau's puzzled face again). It was Jacob and his family. Jacob had come home. Esau was happy (show Esau with happy face). Jacob and Esau were friends again. (show both puppets with happy faces).

Thank you God that you were with Jacob and Esau, as they became friends again. God is also with us when we are with our friends and families.

Post Story Activity

Print out the sheet with 3 pictures at the back of this pack.

They are not in order.

Help them to cut them out

Can you work out the correct order of the pictures as per the story we just heard.

Prayer Time

We are going to continue with the prayer we have been building up over the past few sessions.

Say this prayer:

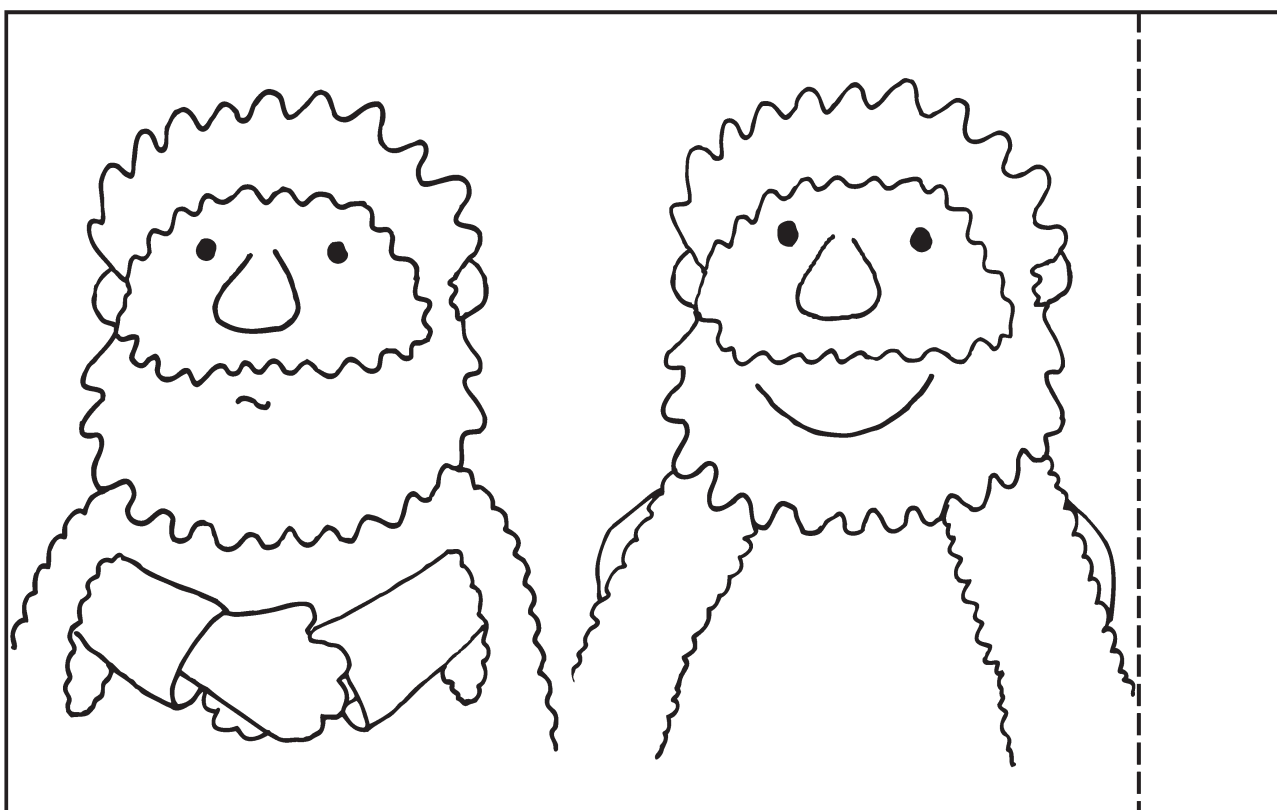
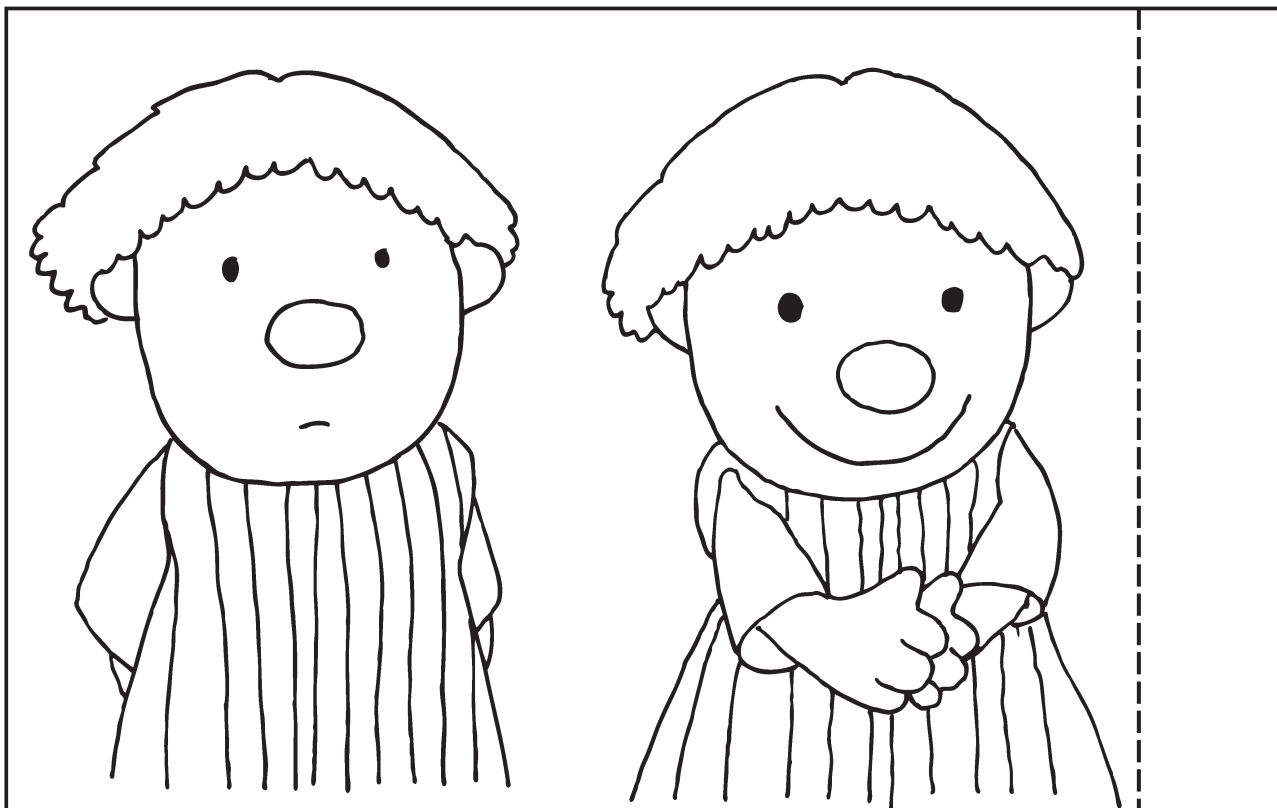
Thank you (Thumbs up), God (Point up), that you are with me (Point to yourself) when I am on my own (hug yourself).

Thank you (Thumbs up), God (Point up), that you are with me (Point to yourself) when I am in new places (open your arms out wide and turn around, once, on the spot).

Now we are going to add:

Thank you (Thumbs up), God (Point up), that you are with me (Point to yourself) when I am with my family and friends (Point to each other in the room)

You can repeat the whole prayer.



Jacob did not know if his brother Esau would want to be friends again.



Esau gave Jacob a big hug. They were friends again.



Jacob sent Esau a present of lots of animals to show he was sorry.

