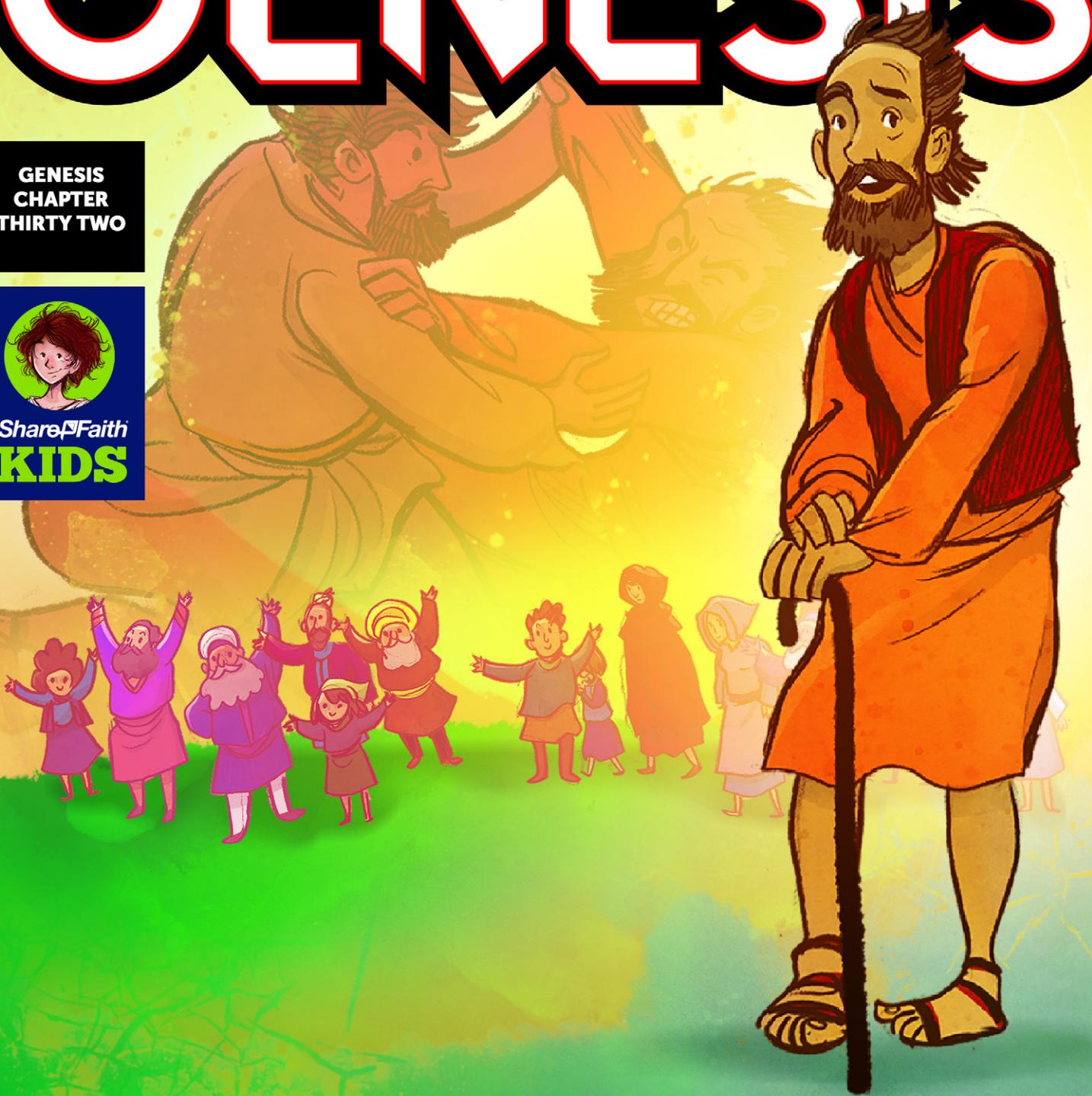


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AFTER JACOB STOLE HIS BROTHER'S INHERITANCE, HE WAS SCARED.

HE RAN AWAY AND WENT TO LIVE WITH HIS UNCLE LABAN IN HARAN.

LABAN TRICKED JACOB INTO MARRYING HIS DAUGHTER LEAH BUT EVENTUALLY GAVE HIM HIS OTHER DAUGHTER, RACHEL, WHO JACOB WANTED TO MARRY ALL ALONG.

JACOB GOT RICHER, AND HIS FAMILY GOT LARGER.

AS TIME CAME FOR HIM TO LEAVE HIS UNCLE'S LAND, HE TOOK HIS FAMILY AND ALL OF THEIR BELONGINGS AND BEGAN TO TRAVEL.

HIS TRAVELS TOOK HIM CLOSE TO THE LAND OF HIS BROTHER ESAU.

THOUGH IT HAD BEEN YEARS SINCE HE HAD SEEN ESAU, HE WAS STILL VERY AFRAID.

JACOB SENT HIS SERVANTS AHEAD TO LET HIS BROTHER KNOW HE WAS COMING IN PEACE AND ESAU CAME WITH 400 MEN.

THIS TERRIFIED JACOB.



TO REDUCE ANY POTENTIAL LOSSES IF ESAU ATTACKED THEM, JACOB DIVIDED THE PEOPLE TRAVELING WITH HIM AND HIS LIVESTOCK INTO TWO CAMPS.

AFTER JACOB PRAYED AND REMINDED GOD OF HIS PROMISES TO HIM, HE PREPARED SOME GIFTS TO SEND AHEAD TO HIS BROTHER.



HE ALSO ASKED HIS WIVES AND CHILDREN TO GO AHEAD OF HIM, LEAVING JACOB ALONE IN THE CAMP TO PREPARE TO MEET HIS BROTHER.



THAT NIGHT, AS HE WAS ALONE,
JACOB SAW A FIGURE EMERGE FROM
THE DARK.



HIS FEARS GRIPPED HIM.

COULD THIS BE ESAU OR ONE OF
HIS MEN COMING TO MURDER HIM
IN THIS LONELY WILDERNESS IN THE
DARK OF NIGHT?

JACOB WAS NOT GOING TO LET
HIMSELF BE HARMED, SO HE DECIDED
TO GO ON THE ATTACK.



HE RUSHED TOWARD THE MAN,
KNOCKING HIM TO THE GROUND.

HE WOULD WRESTLE THIS MAN AS IF HIS
LIFE DEPENDED UPON IT.

AS THE FIGHT BEGAN, IT WAS AN EVEN MATCH, AND THEY WRESTLED FOR HOURS.

AS THE FIGHT WORE ON, JACOB REALIZED THAT HE WAS NOT FIGHTING WITH ESAU.

NOW...

...LET ME GO!

IT'S MORNING!

IN FACT, HE WASN'T SURE WHO THIS STRANGER WAS, BUT HE KNEW THAT HE WASN'T AN ORDINARY MAN.

FINALLY, TO END THE FIGHT, THE STRANGER SIMPLY TOUCHED JACOB'S HIP SOCKET.

IMMEDIATELY, JACOB FELT HIS LEG WEAKEN AS HIS HIP SHIFTED OUT OF JOINT.

EVEN THOUGH HE TRIED TO WRESTLE, HE KNEW THAT HE COULDN'T WIN.

BUT JACOB KNEW THAT THIS WAS NO ORDINARY MAN. THIS WAS A MESSENGER OF GOD. IN SPITE OF HIS PAIN, JACOB HAD A HOLD OF HIM.

I WON'T LET YOU GO UNLESS YOU BLESS ME!

WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

JACOB!

YOUR NAME IS NOW ISRAEL BECAUSE YOU HAVE FOUGHT WITH GOD AND MEN AND WERE VICTORIOUS.

AND HE BLESSED JACOB.

SOMETHING VERY SPECIAL HAD JUST HAPPENED TO JACOB.

THE SUN ROSE GENTLY IN THE SKY AS JACOB RETURNED TO SEE HIS FAMILY AND FACE ESAU.

JACOB WAS A CHANGED MAN AND NOW WALKED WITH A LIMP...

...BUT HE HAD A NEW NAME AND A NEW IDENTITY.

GOD HAD GIVEN JACOB A PROMISE, AND HE WOULD KEEP IT.

THE END