Jacob and Esau (Genesis 25:19-35; 27:1-33:20)

Genesis 25:19-28

- 1. Why should hearing that Rebekah is barren clue us into something is going to happen?
- 2. As Rebekah feels the two children fighting within her, she is questioning whether this is a blessing or a curse.
- 3. What blessing does God give to Rebekah's sons? What is unique about His response to her?
- 4. Esau's descendants become what nation?
 - a. Deuteronomy 2:1-5
 - b. Numbers 20:14-21
 - c. Malachi 1:3-4
 - d. Jewish revolt 66-73 AD
- 5. Taking both God's response to Rebekah and the fact that Rebekah was described as barren. What does this tell us about God and how He works?
- 6. What does "Jacob" mean?

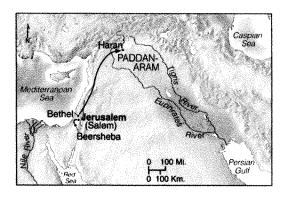
25:29-35

- 1. Why was Esau called Edom?
- 2. Up to this point in the story how would you describe Esau and Jacob?

27:1-46

- 1. What was the plan for Jacob to take Esau's birthright? Who came up with it?
- 2. Did Jacob sin?

- 3. What blessing did Isaac give to Jacob? How is it similar to the blessing God gave to Abraham?
- 4. How well did Esau take all of this?
- 5. What blessing did Esau get?



Chapters 32-33

- 1. How were Jacob's and Esau's camps different when they came to meet one another?
- 2. What did Jacob pray for in 32:9-12 and how did he pray?
- 3. Who bowed down to whom? Is this surprising?
- 4. "For I have seen your face, which is like seeing the face of God".

