

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

SCRIPTURE | Genesis 25:21-34; 27:1-19

SESSION SUMMARY

This week, we look at a complicated inheritance, a father's favoritism, a mother's manipulation, a brother's desperation, and a brother's lies—and how God still used them all as a part of His plan and purposes. We'll zoom in on the reality that jealousy and pride lead us to make selfish decisions. Here's where we'll focus:

- Jealousy leads to sin.
- Sin leads us to deceive others.

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- How does it feel when we're deceived by someone close to us? When has this happened? (Share and discuss examples as appropriate).
- When have you lied, or been tempted to lie, to get a desired result—even if, like with Jacob, the result you wanted had already been promised?
- Why can Jacob's story be an encouragement to our family about the kinds of people God chooses to use?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Allow each person to share two truths and a lie, using facts you might not know about each other. See if you can spot each person's lie. Sometimes it's really hard to spot a lie. Part of that is because it seems acceptable to do whatever it takes to get what you want in today's culture, but that's not what God teaches us. There are always consequences for lying in our lives now because it's sin. (We'll see more on this through Jacob's situation in the remaining sessions.) Encourage one another to tell the truth—with love—even when it's hard.