



Jacob and Esau – brothers make peace

AT A GLANCE



Bible

Genesis 33:1–11



Topic

Reconciliation in the family



Takeaway

Even after a big fight people can find each other again



5 minutes



Object: a rope with a big knot



Preparation: 5 min



indoors or outdoors



Make it personal: In two sentences, share something you have experienced yourself on the topic "Reconciliation in the family". Real stories stick best.



How the devotion works

1 min

Opening

Show the rope with the knot. Ask: What do families argue about most often?

2 min

Story

Jacob had tricked his twin brother Esau and snatched their father's blessing from him. Esau was so angry that Jacob had to run away. For twenty years they did not see each other. Then Jacob came back – with a pounding heart. He sent gifts ahead and bowed low. But Esau ran to meet him, hugged him, and they both wept. Jacob said: "Seeing your face is like seeing the face of God."

1 min

Thought

Every family has arguments – between brothers and sisters, with parents, sometimes really bad ones. Making peace takes courage: taking the first step, saying sorry, forgiving. God helps us with that. Try together to undo the knot in the rope.

1 min

Question for all

Who in your family would you like to make up with?



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Prayer to read aloud

God, sometimes there are arguments in my family. Give me courage to take the first step, and help us to make peace. Amen.



For leaders

- Let a child read the prayer aloud – it builds confidence.
- Two or three answers to the question are enough. Nobody has to say anything.
- Leave the object in view until the end of the meeting.



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