

5. APPLICATION: In verse 2, God instructed Jacob to “get rid of the foreign gods you have with you and purify yourselves.” What is a 21st century application to this command? (Hint: 1 John 1:9.)

Day 3: Read Genesis 35:9-15 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

6. FACTS:

- A. What new name did God give to Jacob (verses 9-10)?

- B. From the footnotes in your Bible, what does Jacob’s new name mean?

- C. Explain why Jacob’s new name was appropriate for him.

- D. Of what did God remind Jacob in verses 11-12?

- E. How did Jacob respond to God’s reminder of His promise?

7. LESSONS: How did God identifying Himself as God Almighty encourage Jacob?

8. APPLICATION:

- A. How does the fact that God renamed Jacob, Israel, (he struggles with God) encourage you?

- B. When have you ever “struggled with God?”

Day 4: Read Genesis 35:16-29, Genesis 30:22-24 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

9. FACTS:

A. What happened to Rachel (verses 16-20) and how did God answer her prayer from Genesis 30:22-24?

B. List the twelve sons of Jacob with their mothers (verses 23-26).

Leah's Sons:

Rachel's Sons:

Bilhah's Sons:

Zilpah's Sons:

C. Where did Isaac die?

D. How old was he when he died?

E. Who buried him (verses 27-29)?

10. LESSONS: What do you learn about God using this imperfect man, Jacob, to birth the nation of Israel?

11. APPLICATION: What did Jacob do that you might model and what did he do that should be a warning?

A. Something to model from Jacob's life:

B. A warning from Jacob's life:

Day 5: Read Genesis 36:1-36, Genesis 28:6-9 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

12. FACTS:

- A. Where did Esau find his wives (verse 2)?

- B. List Esau's wives and their respective fathers (verses 2-3).

- C. Why did Esau move away from Jacob?

- D. Where did Esau go to live?

- E. What did the land come to be called (verses 6-9)?

13. LESSONS:

- A. From Genesis 28:6-9, why did Esau take Canaanite wives?

- B. What lesson is learned from Esau's disobedience?

14. APPLICATION: How might you apply something you learned about Esau's life from today's lesson?

Day 6: Read Genesis 25:21-26, Obadiah 1:17-18 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

15. LESSONS: How was the prophecy given to Rebekah about her twins in Genesis 25:21-26 fulfilled in Obadiah 1:17-18?

16. APPLICATION: What is your take away from reading about the life of Esau and his descendants?