

Kid's Talk - What we Sow - 12 July 2020

The bible reading - Genesis 25:19-34 (Abridged)

This is the account of the family of Isaac, the son of Abraham.

When Isaac was forty years old, he married Rebekah,

Isaac pleaded with the Lord on behalf of his wife, because she was unable to have children. The Lord answered Isaac's prayer, and Rebekah became pregnant with twins.

And when the time came to give birth, Rebekah discovered that she did indeed have twins!As the boys grew up, Esau became a skilful hunter. He was an outdoorsman, but Jacob had a quiet temperament, preferring to stay at home. Isaac loved Esau because he enjoyed eating the wild game Esau brought home, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

One day when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau arrived home from the wilderness exhausted and hungry. Esau said to Jacob, "I'm starved! Give me some of that red stew!"

"All right," Jacob replied, "but trade me your rights as the firstborn son."

"Look, I'm dying of starvation!" said Esau. "What good is my birthright to me now?"

But Jacob said, "First you must swear that your birthright is mine." So Esau swore an oath, thereby selling all his rights as the firstborn to his brother, Jacob.

Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and lentil stew. Esau ate the meal, then got up and left. He showed contempt for his rights as the firstborn.

The Kid's Talk

What we sow.....to Sow = to plant

Which of the following would be best to plant?

An old tin, Old boots, an old torch or an old tomato?

Most of us can make a good choice as we know what might grow Of course, the three are all valuable in their own way - when might the tin and boots be valuable?

Sometimes its hard to appreciate the value of some things. Tell the story of Esau - There was a time when his hunger made a bowl of stew seem more important that hoses and land and livestock

Of course, hunger is a very powerful force but what was Esau's real problem?

Impatience? Disrespect? Pride? Contempt? Stupidity? A lack of imagination?

Sometimes we need imagination with the Bible

The Bible says that

'God's word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path'

Does the bible look like a lamp? Can it show the way?

How might it show the way?

Why might some people ignore the light of God's word?

(Might their view of God's word mirror Esau's view of the birthright?)

How could we plant the word of God - the Bible - in our lives?

Read? Discuss? Prayer? Obey?

(Pray and then complete the accompanying activity Sheet)