

Family Problems

Sabbath

What chores are you responsible for at home?



Which of these things are you allowed to do?

- Choose your clothes
- Choose what you want to eat
- Choose where you want to go
- Choose what you want to buy
- Have friends visit
- Visiting friends
- Stay home alone

What time do you go to bed?_

What are you allowed to do now that you weren't when you were younger?

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<u>Sunday</u>

This is what happened to the family of Isaac, the son of Abraham. Isaac married Rebekah and 20 years later she had twin boys. Now the Lord told her, "Your sons will become two



nations; and the older son will serve the younger son."

This was unusual, because it was always the oldest son who would inherit the largest share of their father's property, and would also be in charge of the whole family; this was called a birthright.

The first twin born was very red and hairy and they named him Esau; then Jacob was born straight afterwards, holding Esau's heel!

As the boys grew up, Esau became a skilful hunter, while Jacob preferred to stay at home. Isaac loved Esau the best because he enjoyed the food Esau brought home, but Rebekah loved Jacob most. One day Jacob was cooking when Esau arrived home tired and hungry. Esau said to Jacob, "I'm starved! Give me some of that stew!" "All right," Jacob replied, "but only if you give me your birthright." "I'm dying of starvation!" said Esau. "What good is my birthright to me now? You can have it." So Jacob gave Esau some bread and lentil stew.

Many years passed and as Isaac grew old he also became blind. One day he called Esau and said, "Take your bow and hunt some wild game for me, then I will give the birthright blessing."

But Rebekah overheard. She quickly prepared food, dressed Jacob in Esau's clothes and covered his arms and neck with the skin of a young goat. Jacob took the food to his father and when Isaac touched the goat skins he believed it was Esau. Then Isaac ate the food and spoke the birthright blessing for his son.

When Esau came Isaac asked him, "Who are you?"

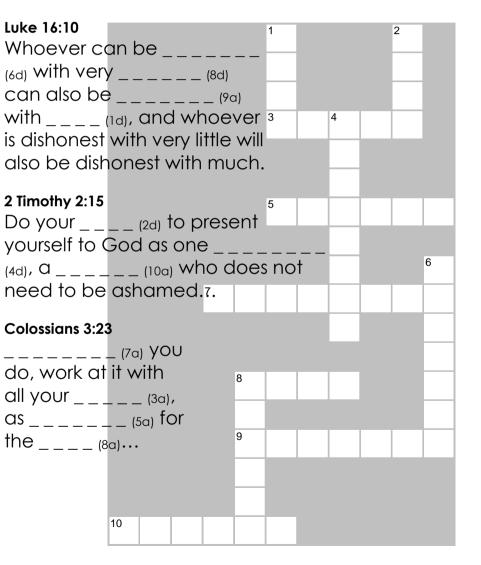
Esau replied, "It's your son, your firstborn son, Esau."

Then they realised what had happened. Esau was very, very angry with his brother.

Rebekah warned Jacob and arranged for him to go stay with her family, so Jacob left straight away.

<u>Friday</u>

The things which your parents ask or expect you to do at home might not seem important. They might seem like a waste of your time and an annoyance but they are actually very important. Learning to accept responsibility is an important sign of maturity. Use a NIV (New International Version) Bible to find the missing words and solve the crossword.



Thursday

If Rebekah and Jacob would thev lot saved α of problems.

Before they were born God \rightarrow said that Jacob would be the leader, and God would worked it out have somehow with out all the unhappiness that followed. If you follow this verse you $\rightarrow *$ will avoid a lot of problems in your family too. Leviticus 19:11_{NIV}

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Do to others as you would have them to do to you.

Following the golden rule is a good way to make sure things at home are happier. Circle the things that golden rule and with **Shoutting** Thursday. Cross out the things that don't agree.



Monday

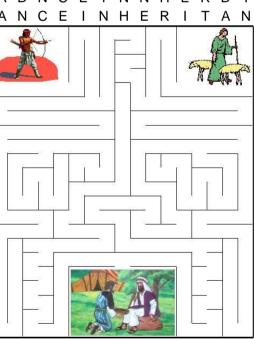
In many cultures today, families are very different than in Bible times. Many families consist of as a father, mother and children, sometimes they include aunties and uncles, but in Bible times, the only oldest son inherited the position as head of the family. He inherited ALL of his father's property and was in charge of all of the members of his father's family: including his own brothers and their children. It was his RIGHT - because he was born before them - his birth-right. Of course he didn't actually receive his birthright until his father died, or as in the case of Jacob and Esau, until the father, feeling that he might soon die, chose to pass on the responsibility and privilege.

Things have changed a lot since then and instead of remaining in the family home for life, adult children usually leave to get their own jobs and start their own homes, and somewhere between birth and adulthood, each person must learn to be responsible for themselves.

If you have brothers or sisters in your family, you may have noticed that the older ones get more privileges. Perhaps they can stay up later, go more places and make more of their own decisions. Have you also noticed that they have more responsibilities? More chores to do, things to look after, decisions to make and more things they have to do for themselves that your parents do for the younger kids? That is part of growing up. Becoming more responsible, but at the same time, gaining more privileges.

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the next head of the family so he asked Esau to sell his birthright for some stew. Esau didn't care about the birthright until he realised that he would loose his father's wealth. Who got the birthright in the end?



<u>Wednesday</u>

Babies are **totally helpless;** their parents do **everything for them.** As they grow, they learn to do more thing for themselves; feeding them selves, using their words, dressing themselves, washing themselves and many more things.

As children grow older they get more **privileges**; they can make more **decisions** for themselves and go more places without their parents but they also have more **responsibilities**; they must do more and more things **for themselves** and they will have more **chores** around the house.

Before a person leaves home, they must know how take care of themselves, their **clothes**, **food**, and **money**; they must learn skills that will help them in their work: **honesty**, **persistence**, **patience**, **respect and self motivation**.

