

Study Guide on Genesis 25:19-34 **New International Version**

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

Genesis 25:19-34

(Genesis 25:19) This is the account of the family line of Abraham's son Isaac. Abraham became the father of Isaac,

(Genesis 25:20) and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Paddan Aram and sister of Laban the Aramean.

(Genesis 25:21) Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. The LORD answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant.

(Genesis 25:22) The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, "Why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the LORD.

(Genesis 25:23) The LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger."

(Genesis 25:24) When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb.

(Genesis 25:25) The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau.

(Genesis 25:26) After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them.

(Genesis 25:27) The boys grew up, and Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was content to stay at home among the tents.

(Genesis 25:28) Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

(Genesis 25:29) Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished.

(Genesis 25:30) He said to Jacob, “Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I’m famished!” (That is why he was also called Edom.)

(Genesis 25:31) Jacob replied, “First sell me your birthright.”

(Genesis 25:32) “Look, I am about to die,” Esau said. “What good is the birthright to me?”

(Genesis 25:33) But Jacob said, “Swear to me first.” So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob.

(Genesis 25:34) Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright.

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?