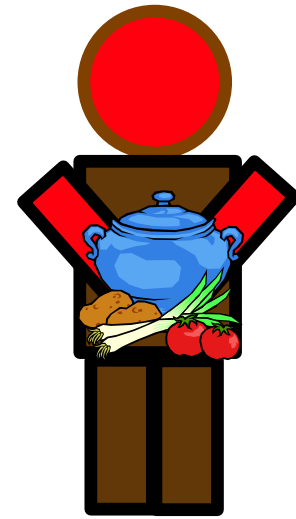


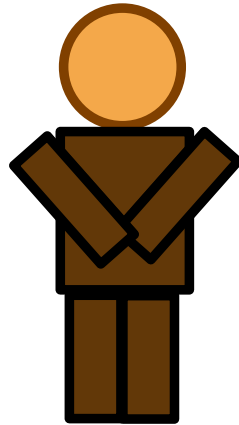
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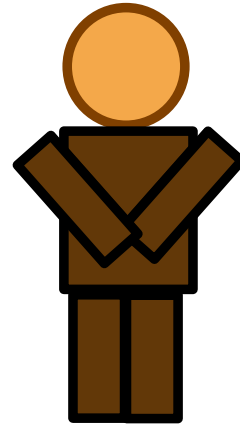


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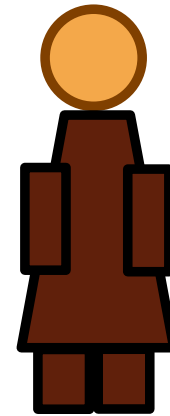
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Abraham



Isaac



Rebekah

Abraham was the father of Isaac. Isaac was 40 years old when he married Rebekah.

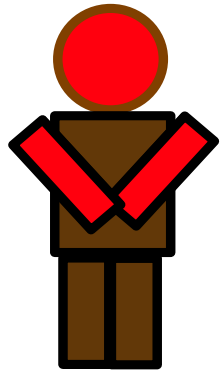
Rebekah couldn't have children. So Isaac prayed to the Lord for her. And the Lord answered his prayer. His wife Rebekah became pregnant.



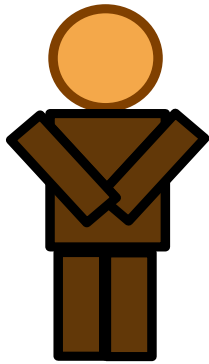
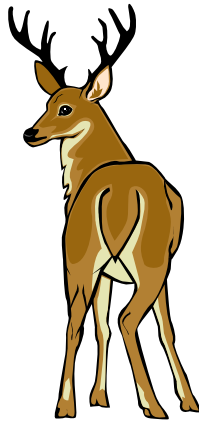
The time came for Rebekah to have her babies. There were twin boys in her body.

The first one to come out was red. His whole body was covered with hair. So they named him Esau.

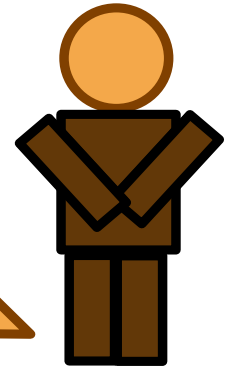
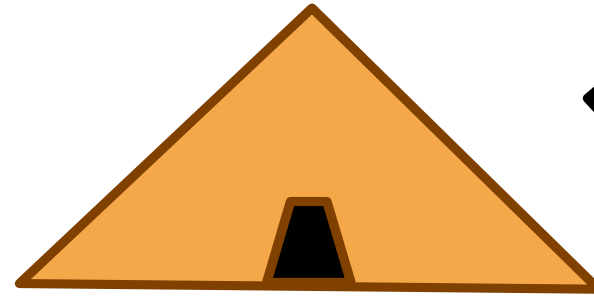
Then his brother came out. His hand was holding onto Esau's heel. So he was named Jacob. Isaac was 60 years old when Rebekah had them.



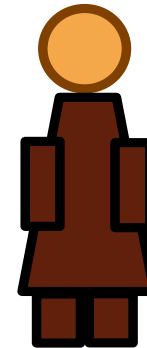
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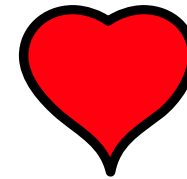
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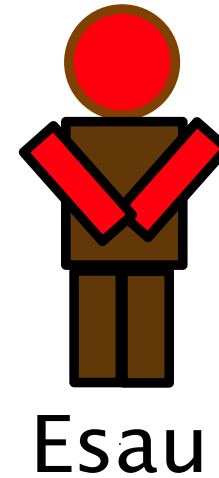
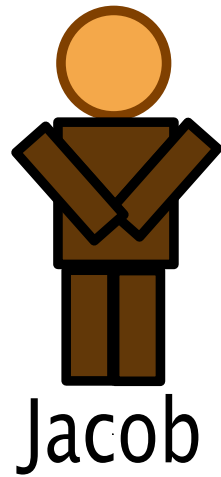
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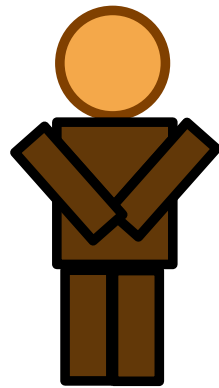
The boys grew up. Esau became a skillful hunter. He was a man who liked the open country. But Jacob was a quiet man. He stayed at home among the tents. Isaac liked the meat of wild animals. So Esau was his favorite son. But Rebekah's favorite was Jacob.



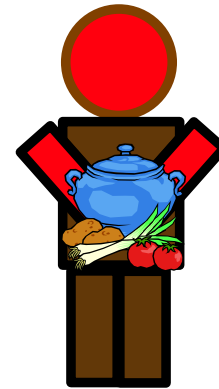
One day Jacob was cooking some stew. Esau came in from the open country. He was very hungry. He said to Jacob, "Quick! Let me have some of that red stew! I'm very hungry!"

Jacob replied, "First sell me the rights that belong to you as the oldest son in the family."

"Look, I'm dying of hunger," Esau said. "What good are those rights to me?"



Jacob



Esau

So Esau promised to do it. He sold Jacob all of the rights that belonged to him as the oldest son.

Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. Esau ate and drank. Then he got up and left.

So Esau didn't care anything at all about the rights that belonged to him as the oldest son.