



# Toddler Church Fun!

## This Week's Story: Brotherly Love

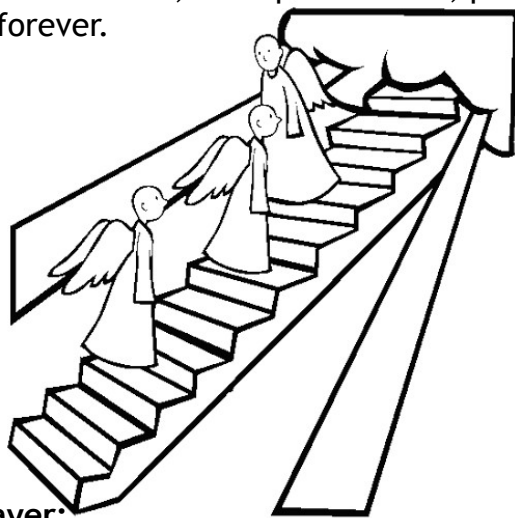
A man called Isaac had two sons, Jacob and Esau. Esau, the eldest, was a strong and brave hunter (he was also incredibly hairy), Jacob was none of those things.

When Isaac was very old and blind, Jacob disguised himself as Esau by covering his hands with hair from some goats and took Isaac a special stew which his mother Rebecca had made. Thinking that Jacob was Esau, Isaac gave a special blessing that should have been given to Esau!

When Esau found out what had happened he was furious and Jacob ran away to stay with his uncle Laban who lived far away.

It was a long journey and Jacob stopped on the way to sleep on a rock. As he slept he dreamt he could see a long ladder leading to heaven. Angels were climbing up and down the ladder, between Heaven and Earth.

As Jacob dreamt, God spoke to him, promising to look after him forever.



### Prayer:

Father God, thank you for our family.  
For the times we enjoy together,  
And we are sorry for the times when we  
have disagreed or quarrelled.  
Help us to remember even in the difficult  
times how much we love each other, and  
that You will protect us. **Amen**

*Toddler Church activities will be sent  
out every week during the current  
Coronavirus emergency.*

*Feel free to send them on to other  
families you may know.  
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**Activities** (Examples and resources  
are on the next pages):

**Matching pairs:** Jacob and Esau were  
brothers, but not alike. Use cut out  
the matching game cards on the  
other side and play with them like  
dominoes. At the end of the game you  
should have a pattern that looks like  
a ladder.

**Rebecca's Stew:** Use the recipe to  
make a stew like the one Jacob gave  
to Isaac.

**Maze Puzzle:** Use the maze to guide  
Jacob to his uncle's home.

**Make an angel:** Use the instructions  
to make an angel like the ones in  
Jacob's dream. You could give it to  
someone as a 'blessing' to them..

**Make an Angel:**

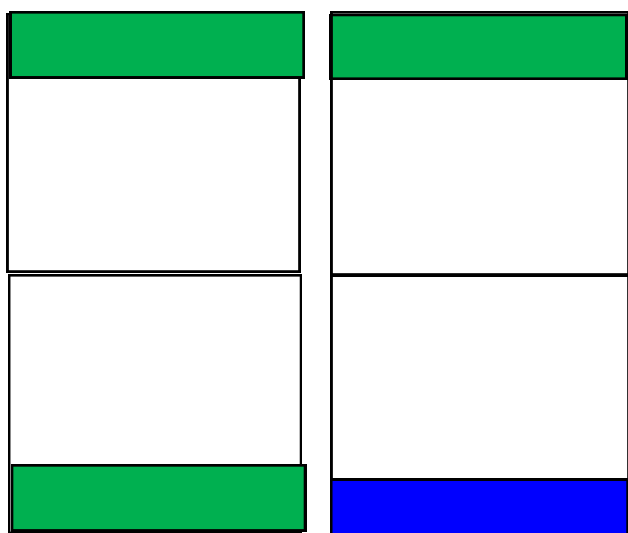
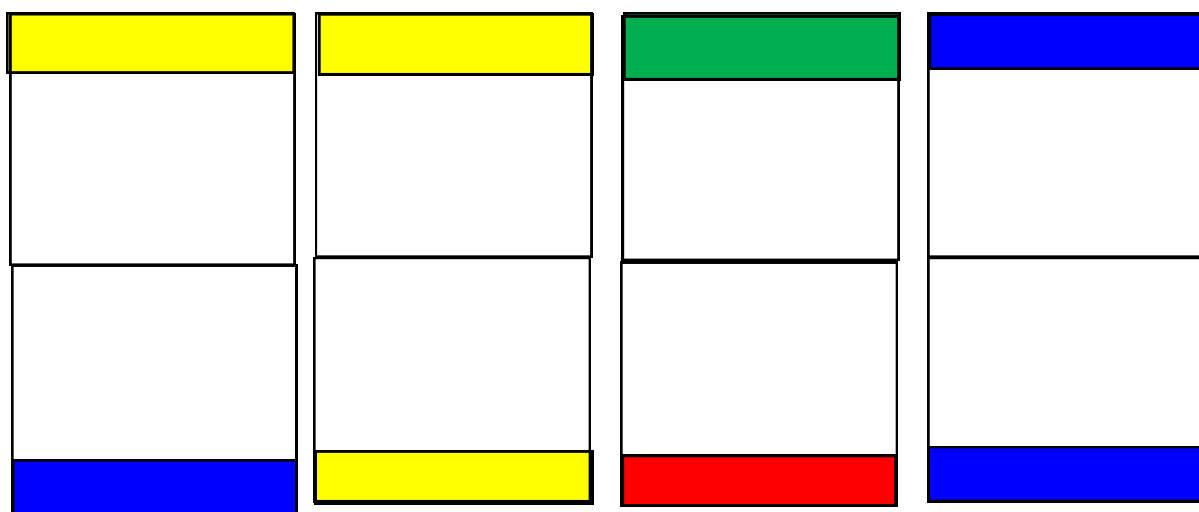
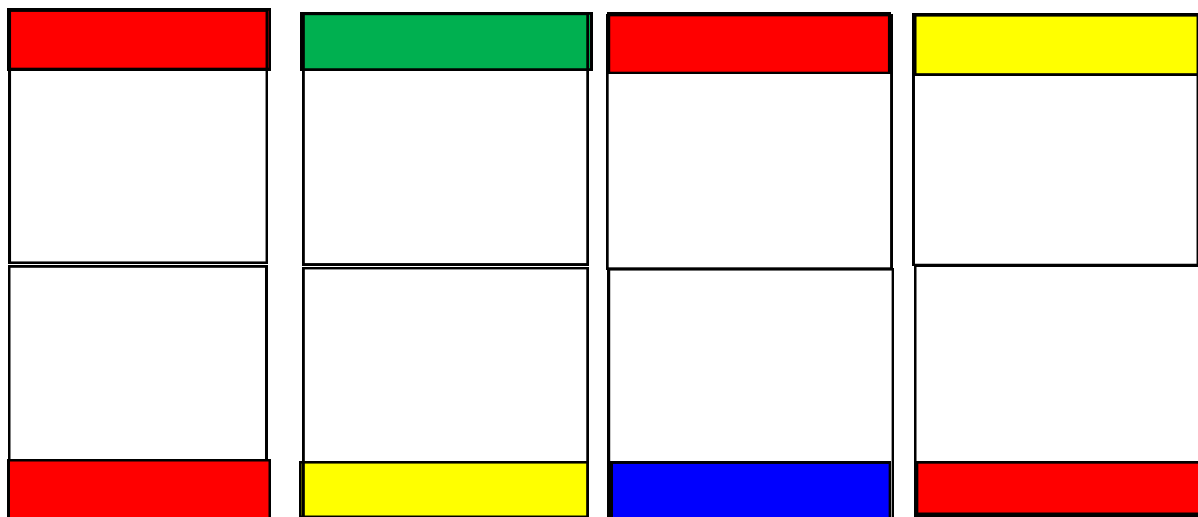


- Trace or print these shapes and cut them out.
- Decorate them with colour, glitter and whatever else you might have to hand.
- Cut along the lines marked in red in this picture.
- Stick the straight edges of the skirt together.
- Put the wings in the back slot and the arms in the front slot.



*Pauline's Example*

## Matching Game Cards



### How to Play:

- Divide the cards between you.
- Youngest player plays a card of their choice
- The next player must play a card that matches the colour on either end of the last card.
- If you can't match either colour you miss a go.
- Play keeps going until no one can go or a player uses up all their cards.
- Winner is the player with the fewest cards left. (If a player uses all their cards they have won!)

## Rebecca's Stew:

*You will need:*

- 1 tbsp Olive Oil
- 2 leeks , sliced (onions will do but leeks are nicer)
- 300g Pearl barley (rice, lentils, or other pulses also work)
- Any other vegetables you may want to add. Peeled & chopped
- 1400 Ml Beef or vegetable stock (made with one stock cube)
- Salt & Pepper
- Crumbly goat's cheese.

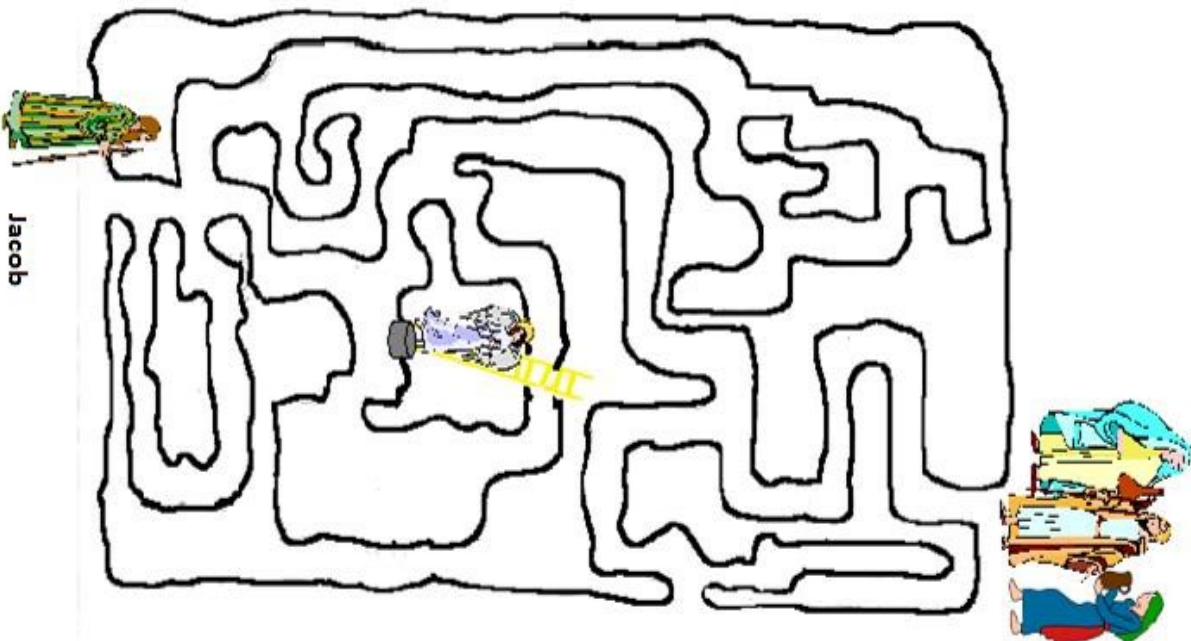
### IMPORTANT!

Hot cookers, sharp knives and boiling water are all very dangerous! Make sure an adult is supervising you in the kitchen at all times!



*What to do:*

- Heat the oil in a large saucepan on a medium heat.
- Add the leeks and fry for 10 minutes or so until they are golden brown.
- Add everything else apart from the cheese.
- Stir well and reduce the heat to low.
- Put the lid on the pan and leave to cook for an hour and a half.
- Occasional stirring helps and you may need to top up with water but try not to lift the lid more often than every 15 minutes.
- Serve in bowls sprinkled with a drizzle of extra oil and some goat's cheese.



Help Jacob get to his uncle Laban!

Laban