

## Chapter 32

As Jacob returned to his own land of Canaan,  
he feared that his brother Esau would try to kill him.

So Jacob, always clever and wily,  
sent messengers ahead of him to make friends with Esau.

The messengers reported  
that Esau was on his way to meet Jacob  
and had 400 men with him.

This news increased Jacob's fears  
so he divided his family and flocks into two groups,  
thinking that if Esau attacked one group  
then the other group could escape.

Jacob also prayed hard to God for protection.

Jacob sent gifts of animals to Esau,  
hoping that Esau would be friendly to him.

On the night before Jacob and Esau met,  
God appeared to Jacob and gave him a new name: Israel.

Dear God, please help me to be kind and clever

## Chapters 33, 34

When Esau and Jacob met,  
Esau was friendly and kind to Jacob.

Esau accepted all the gifts of animals that Jacob gave him.  
But Jacob continued to be wary of Esau.

Jacob moved to Shechem.

One of the men of Shechem raped  
and then wanted to marry Jacob's daughter, Dinah.