

*Review*—Now let us "think back." Do you remember the name of Jacob's brother who was so angry at Jacob and wanted to kill him, and Jacob had to flee for his life? Print **ESAU**.

*Jacob's Fear of Esau*—Esau had left home also, and had gone to live in the land of Edom. Jacob had to pass through Esau's land on his way home. Will Esau let him go quietly through or will he try to kill him? Jacob is afraid. He sends messengers to Esau to tell him "thy servant Jacob" is returning home with all his possessions from Laban's home. Jacob hoped that Esau would forgive him, ch. 32 : 5. The messengers bring back word that Esau is coming to meet Jacob and four hundred men with him. Jacob thinks Esau means to kill him. He gets ready to meet him. He divides his company into two parts, so that one or other may escape from the angry Esau and his men. Jacob then prayed to God to protect him.

*Jacob's Present to Esau*—Then Jacob got ready a present to send to Esau to try to please him and take away his anger. "What a funny present," I am sure you would say if you could have seen the procession of goats and sheep and camels and asses (marks for these animals). (Tell ch. 32 : 16-23.)

*Jacob's Power With God*—When Jacob was left alone God came to him in the form of a

man, and Jacob clung to Him and wrestled with Him and would not let Him go till He blessed him, vs. 26-30.

God changed Jacob's name to Israel, "For as a prince hast thou power with God and with men."

*Jacob's Meeting With Esau*—Picture Esau and his four hundred men. Jacob goes in front of his family. They follow him. He walks toward Esau bowing himself to the ground. See! Esau comes forward and embraces Jacob! In place of an angry brother, a forgiving brother! (Outline hands clasping.) (Ch. 33 : 4-15.)

*The Mothers and Their Children*—Here is another picture,—the four mothers bringing Jacob's children to bow down before Esau. Recall how Jacob had arranged them (v. 1), Rachel and Joseph in the safest place. (Why?) How frightened of Esau they must have been. And how glad they were when Esau received them kindly when they bowed one after the other before him.

*Golden Text*—Repeat Golden Text.

*Jacob's Faith*—God turned Esau's anger into forgiveness because Jacob prayed and trusted and did all he could to help himself, and that is what God wants us to do—pray, work, trust.

*Something to Think About*—God will watch over me.

### FROM THE PLATFORM

# JACOB'S DANGER DEVICES DELIVERANCE

Print on the blackboard, **JACOB'S DANGER**. Get the scholars to tell you, in answer to well directed questions, of whom Jacob had reason to be in dread and the reasons why there was cause for fear. Question about the force which Esau had with him and about his probable intentions. Next print, (Jacob's d) **EVICES**, and question about the plans which Jacob employed to escape from the threatening peril,—the arranging of a present for Esau, the dividing of his family into four groups, etc. Now print, (Jacob's d) **ELIVERANCE**, and question as to the success of the plans which Jacob employed. Finally, ask what else, besides the arranging and carrying out of prudent plans, Jacob had done to secure his own safety. (Refer to the prayer of ch. 32 : 9-12.) The point to make in closing is that, while we should plan wisely and carefully, our success depends mainly upon the help and blessing of God.