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The Seed: Sovereignly Preserved / Jacob (Son of Isaac); Tribes of Israel / Genesis 49

In Genesis 49, Jacob demonstrates his faith in God's covenant promises by prophetically blessing his sons and revealing the future of Israel.

Family Discussion Questions

Questions for Younger Children

Who gathered his sons together to talk to them before he died?

Did Jacob know everything that would happen in the future?

Which son did Jacob say would have kings come from his family?

Who is the greatest King who came from Judah?

Jacob compared Judah to what strong animal?

What special name does the Bible give Jesus in [Revelation 5:5](#)?

Does God ever forget or break His promises?

Jacob died before he saw all of God's promises happen. Could he still trust God?

Who should we trust when we don't know what is going to happen?

Questions for Elementary Children

Why did Jacob gather his twelve sons together in [Genesis 49](#)?

Reuben was strong, but he lacked self-control. Why is self-control more important than simply being strong or talented?

Simeon and Levi were right to be angry about what happened to their sister, but they responded sinfully. Can you think of a time when we might be right about something but respond in the wrong way?

What happened to Levi's descendants even though Levi had sinned? How did God eventually use the tribe of Levi for His purposes?

How was Judah different later in his life from the Judah who helped sell Joseph into slavery?

Read [Genesis 49:9–10](#). What two pictures does Jacob use to show that someone powerful and royal would come from Judah?

How was God's promise eventually fulfilled through Judah?

[Genesis 49:10](#) says that the peoples will obey Judah's coming King. Who is that King, and what does it mean for us to obey Him?

Jacob would die without seeing many of God's promises fulfilled. Why could he still believe they would happen?

The sermon says, “Jacob is dying, but the promises of God are very much alive.” What does that mean?

Can you think of a promise God has made that we are still waiting for Him to completely fulfill?

If Jesus really is our King, what is one thing you can do differently this week because you belong to Him?