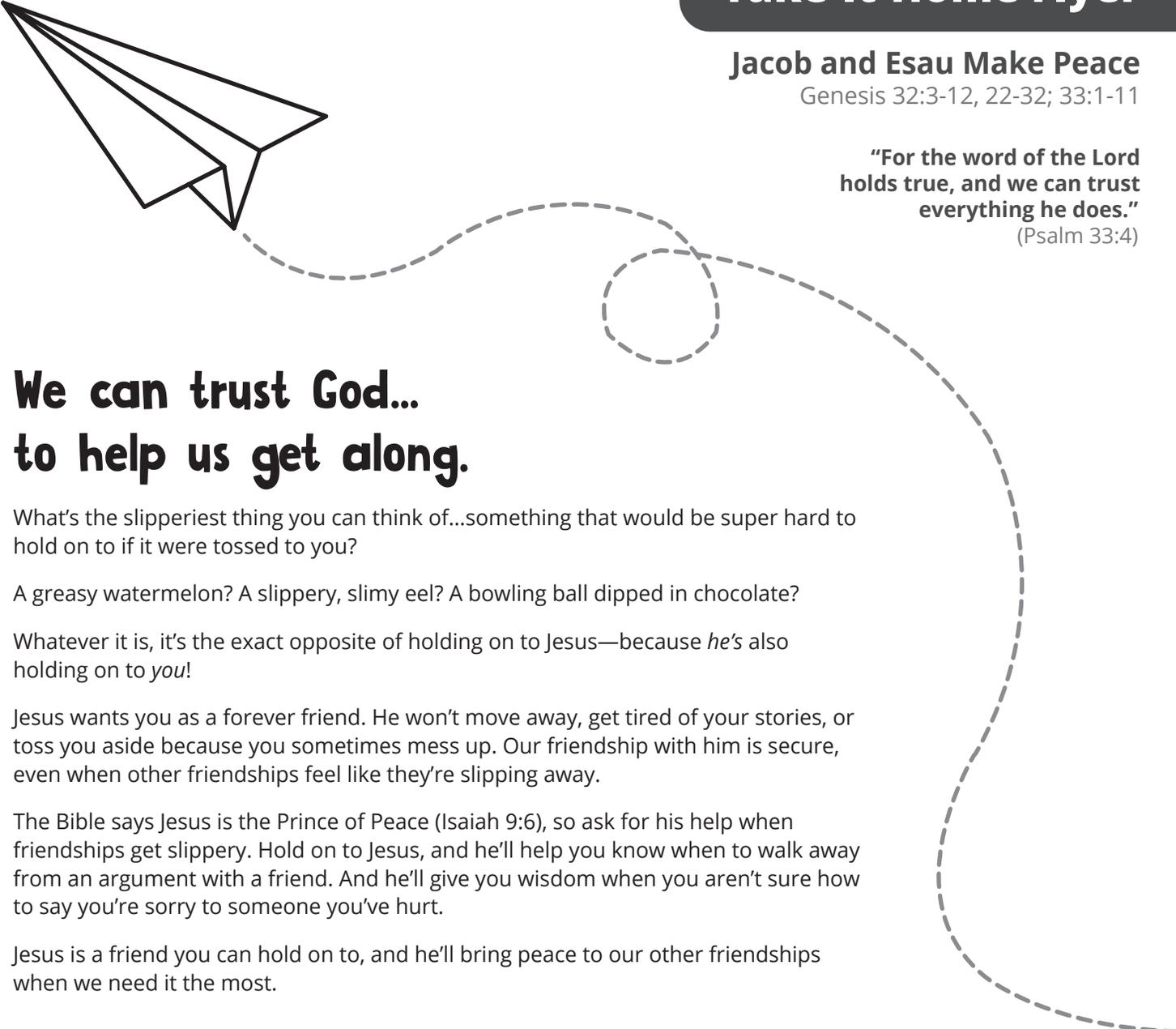


Jacob and Esau Make Peace

Genesis 32:3-12, 22-32; 33:1-11

“For the word of the Lord holds true, and we can trust everything he does.”
(Psalm 33:4)



We can trust God... to help us get along.

What’s the slipperiest thing you can think of...something that would be super hard to hold on to if it were tossed to you?

A greasy watermelon? A slippery, slimy eel? A bowling ball dipped in chocolate?

Whatever it is, it’s the exact opposite of holding on to Jesus—because *he’s* also holding on to *you*!

Jesus wants you as a forever friend. He won’t move away, get tired of your stories, or toss you aside because you sometimes mess up. Our friendship with him is secure, even when other friendships feel like they’re slipping away.

The Bible says Jesus is the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6), so ask for his help when friendships get slippery. Hold on to Jesus, and he’ll help you know when to walk away from an argument with a friend. And he’ll give you wisdom when you aren’t sure how to say you’re sorry to someone you’ve hurt.

Jesus is a friend you can hold on to, and he’ll bring peace to our other friendships when we need it the most.

Talk-Starters

Tell about a time you asked someone to forgive you. How did Jesus help you start that conversation?

Try This @ Home

Wrap your arms around yourself and give yourself a hug. Really—give it a try. That’s what it’s like to be held by Jesus. He doesn’t grab you in a death grip; he folds you up in his love and acceptance, and you find the warmth of a new life, a fresh start, and a forever home. So hang on to Jesus—there’s nothing better!



Explore More @ Home

Read Isaiah 9:6 to see some of Jesus’ other names.



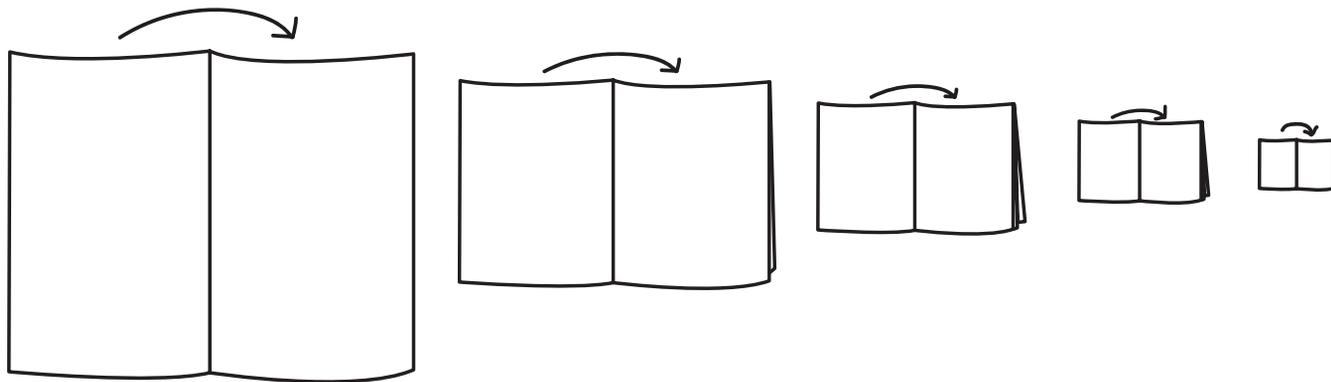
Take home this page for a Seven-Fold Challenge!

Give a family member

...the Strong Paper Challenge with this piece of paper when you get home!

Here's how:

- 1 Fold this paper as many times as possible.



- 2 Try to rip the paper apart. Aha! It's like friendship with Jesus—nothing can tear it apart.

- 3 Challenge a family member to see for themselves how strong paper—and friendship with Jesus—can be!

