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1. Yitzchak and Rivka prayed to ה' for children. Rivka became pregnant. How many babies were in her tummy? TWO
2. What happened when Rivka passed a place where people prayed to ה'? ONE OF THE TWINS PUSHED HER AS IF IT WANTED TO COME OUT
3. What happened when Rivka passed a place where people prayed to idols? THE OTHER TWIN PUSHED HER AS IF IT WANTED TO COME OUT
4. Rivka asked a prophet why she had so much pain. What did the prophet say her twins and their descendants would do all the time? FIGHT EACH OTHER
5. Who will the older twin work for? THE YOUNGER TWIN
6. The name of the older twin was עֵשָׂו / AISAV. The word *Aisav* comes from the Hebrew word *aisev* which is "grass." How was Aisav like grass? HIS HAIR WAS LIKE GRASS IN A FIELD
7. Aisav had a lot of some things when he was born that newborn babies never have. What? HAIR, TEETH, BEARD
8. What color was he? RED
9. What was the younger twin holding on to as he was coming out of Rivka's tummy? HIS BROTHER'S HEEL
10. The name of the younger twin was יַעֲקֹב / YAKOV. The Hebrew word *Yakov* comes from the Hebrew word יַעֲקֹב / *akaiv*. What is this? A HEEL
11. What did Yitzchak give his twins when they were eight days old? A בְּרִית מִילָה / BRIT MILAH (circumcision)
12. When the twins grew up, who or what did they pray to? YAKOV TO ה'; AISAV TO IDOLS
13. Who did Aisav honor? HIS FATHER YITZCHAK
14. Why did Yitzchak think that Aisav was good? HE ALWAYS BROUGHT HIM COOKED MEAT
15. Aisav came in from the field. He was hungry and tired. He gave Yakov his birthright for some lentil soup. What was a birthright? THE RIGHT TO OFFER SACRIFICES FOR THE FAMILY AND TO GET TWICE WHAT THE OTHER SIBLINGS INHERIT FROM THEIR PARENTS
16. Why did Yakov want the birthright? BECAUSE AISAV PRAYED TO IDOLS, AND DID NOT DESERVE THE HONOR OF OFFERING THE SACRIFICES
17. There was not enough food in כְּנָעַן / *Canaan*. Who told Yitzchak to stay in Canaan and not to go to Mitzra-yim? ה'
18. Yitzchak and Rivka instead went to the land of the פְּלִשְׁתִּים / *Plishtim*. When the Plishtim asked Yitzchak who the woman was, what did he say? SHE WAS HIS SISTER
19. אַבְיִמֶלֶךְ / *Avimelech*, king of the Plishtim, found out that they were husband and wife. What did he tell the Plishtim not to do to them? TOUCH THEM OR THEY WOULD BE PUT TO DEATH

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20. ה' make Yitzchak rich. The Plishtim got jealous that Yitzchak had more money than they did. What did they do to his wells? PUT DIRT IN THEM
21. When Avimelech saw that there might be trouble between his helper's and Yitzchak's helpers, he told Yitzchak to move away. Even after Yitzchak moved away, his helpers dug wells. Who took them away from him? AVIMELECH'S HELPERS
22. Later, Avimelech went back to Yitzchak. Why? BECAUSE AFTER YITZCHAK LEFT GRAR, THE WELLS DRIED UP AND THE TREES GAVE NO FRUIT
23. Why did ה' punish the Plishtim with no water or fruit? BECAUSE AVILEMECH TOLD YITZCHAK TO LEAVE GRAR
24. Avimelech made peace with Yitzchak. Later, ה' made Yitzchak blind. Why? (1) SO HE WOULD NOT SEE AISAV AND HIS WIVES PRAYING TO IDOLS; (2) SO HE WOULD GIVE THE BLESSING TO YAKOV AND NOT AISAV (this will be explained shortly)
25. Yitzchak wanted to bless Aisav before he died. What did Yitzchak tell Aisav to bring him to get the blessing? SOME COOKED MEAT
26. Rivka didn't want Aisav to get the blessing because he was bad and didn't deserve it. So Rivka told Yakov to get her two lambs which she would cook and give to Yitzchak. What would Yakov do with them? GIVE THEM TO YITZCHAK AND GET THE BLESSING
27. Did Yakov want to take Aisav's blessing? NO
28. Yitzchak was blind. Why did Rivka put goats skin on Yakov's hands and neck? TO MAKE HIM FEEL LIKE AISAV IN CASE YITZCHAK WOULD FEEL HIM
29. Yakov said to Yitzchak, "Please get up and EAT THE FOOD I HAVE MADE FOR YOU"
30. Yitzchak asked, "How did you get here so fast?" Yakov said that Someone helped him. Who? ה'
31. Yitzchak thought Yakov might be standing in front of him and not Aisav. Why? BECAUSE AISAV NEVER SAID 'PLEASE' OR TALKED ABOUT ה'
32. Finally, Yitzchak thought he was blessing Aisav but he was really blessing Yakov. What did Yitzchak ask that ה' give Yakov's descendants? FOOD AND WATER
33. Yitzchak also asked ה' to let Yakov's descendants, the Jews, rule over some people. Who? NON-JEWS
34. Yakov left the room and Aisav came in. How did Aisav feel when he found out that Yakov had taken his blessing? ANGRY
35. What was the blessing that Yitzchak gave Aisav's descendants? THEY WOULD WIN MANY WARS
36. Because Yakov took Aisav's blessing, what did Aisav say he would do to Yakov when their father Yitzchak died? KILL HIM

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37. Rivka told Yakov to run away to Charan. She had to tell Yitzchak why Yakov was leaving. What did she tell Yitzchak? THAT YAKOV WAS LEAVING TO TRY TO FIND A WIFE FROM HER FAMILY IN CHARAN
38. What comes from Yakov? JEWISH PEOPLE
39. Who comes from Aisav? NON-JEWS
40. To try to get non-Jews to like them, some Jews assimilate. What does "assimilate" mean? THEY TRY TO BE LIKE NON-JEWS BY NOT STUDYING TORAH OR DOING THE MITZVOT
41. Does ה' like it when Jews assimilate? NO
42. ה' promises rewards to Jews who study Torah, do mitzvot and they don't assimilate. One reward is that the MASHIACH will come.
43. Another reward is that Hashem will send the *mashi-ach* to show Jews how to rebuild the BAIT HAMIKDASH.
44. Another reward is there will be enough rain, dew and FOOD.
45. Another reward is that Jewish children will grow up to be HEALTHY AND STRONG
46. What punishments does ה' say He will give the Jews if they assimilate? THE NON-JEWS WILL HATE THEM AND BE MEAN TO THEM, AND THEY WILL BE FORCED TO LIVE IN OTHER COUNTRIES