

Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Did Rebekah and Jacob trust God's promises?
- Why did God choose Jacob over Esau as part of His plan? (See Rom. 9:6-12.)
- How can this story help you trust God when life happens differently than you plan?

Jacob and Esau

Genesis 27-28

STORY POINT: REBEKAH AND JACOB TRICKED ISAAC INTO BLESSING JACOB.

When Isaac was old and he could not see, he called for his older son Esau. "Go hunting and make a meal for me," he said. "I want to bless you before I die."

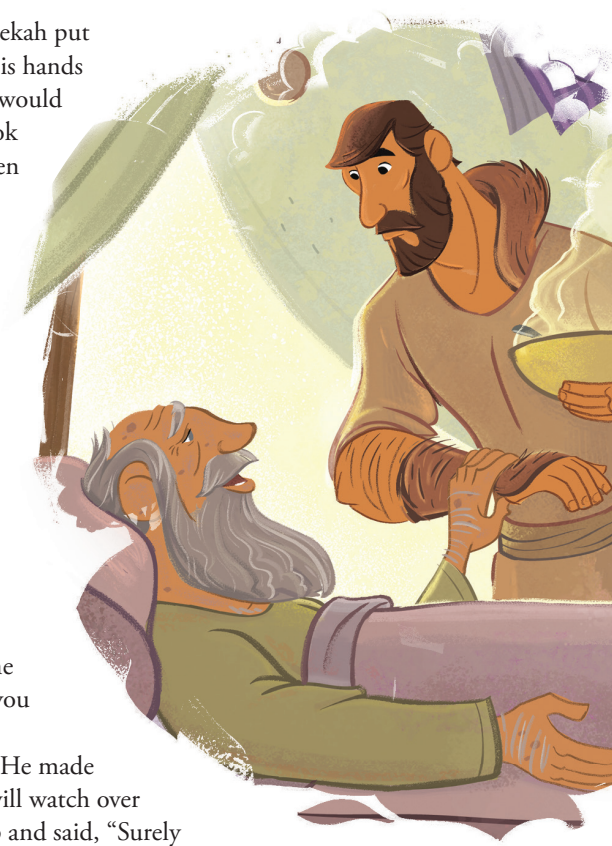
Rebekah made her own plan. Rebekah put Esau's clothes on Jacob and covered his hands and neck with goat hair so that Isaac would think Jacob was Esau. Then Jacob took the meal to his father, and he ate. Then Isaac offered him the blessing.

About this time, Esau came home. When he gave food to Isaac, his father told him that he had been tricked. Jacob had been given the blessing. Esau was angry, and he made a plan to kill Jacob. Isaac and Rebekah sent Jacob away.

Jacob had a dream of a stairway set on the ground with its top reaching the sky. Angels were going up and down the stairs. Then God spoke to Jacob: "I am the God of your grandfather, Abraham, and the God of your father, Isaac. I will give you and your offspring this land."

He gave Jacob the same covenant He made with Abraham. "I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go." Jacob woke up and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place." He renamed the place Bethel, and Jacob promised to follow God and honor Him.

Christ Connection: The promises for Abraham and Isaac also became the promises for Jacob. At Bethel, God showed that His plan was to continue the covenant through Jacob's family and eventually a whole nation, leading to the birth of Jesus—the promised Savior.



FOLD



Tricked!

Find and circle 10 differences between the two pictures.

Blessing Maze

Complete the maze. Use each word you pass through to fill in the blanks.

_____ and _____

tricked _____ into

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