

Stealing the Blessing Skit

Scene 1: The Plot

Parts: Isaac, Esau, Rebekah, Jacob

Props: sunglasses and chair for Isaac

Setting: Isaac's Tent

Isaac: *(Wearing sunglasses. Sits in a chair facing Esau.)* Esau, my son, I am old and cannot see. I may die any day. Please take your bow and arrows and go hunting. Make my favorite food for me to eat, and I will bless you before I die.

Esau: Yes, Father! I'll leave right away. *(Esau leaves.)*

Rebekah: *(Listening nearby.)* Oh no! Isaac plans to bless Esau, but God said that Jacob would get the blessing. I must do something. I've got to tell Jacob. *(Hurries over to Jacob looking worried.)*

Jacob: *(Standing off to one side.)* Hello, Mother. What is it? What's wrong?

Rebekah: Your father has sent Esau to hunt and fix him food so that he may bless him. Now, this is what we must do: go bring me two young goats, and I will make the food your father loves. Then you must take it to him so he will eat it and bless you.

Jacob: But Esau is a hairy man, and my skin is smooth. What if Father feels my skin? He will know I'm trying to trick him. Then he will curse me, not bless me.

Rebekah: Don't worry about that, just do what I told you.

Jacob: Yes, Mother.

Scene 2: The Deception

Parts: Jacob, Isaac

Setting: Isaac's Tent

Props: Wool mittens or fur coat for Jacob, bowl/plate and cup for Jacob, sunglasses and chair for Isaac

Isaac: *(Wearing sunglasses. Dozes in his chair, snoring.)*

Jacob: *(Wearing mittens or fur coat. Enters carrying bowl and cup.)* Father! I'm back.

Isaac: Who are you, my son?

Jacob: I am Esau, your firstborn. I've done what you told me. Please eat the meat I caught for you so you can bless me.

Isaac: How did you catch something so quickly?

Jacob: Because the Lord your God helped me.

Isaac: Come closer so I may touch you to see if you are really Esau.

Jacob: *(Comes closer to Isaac.)*

Isaac: *(Grabs Jacob's hands/arms and feels them.)* Hmm. Your voice sounds like Jacob's, but your hands feel like Esau's. Are you really my son Esau?

Jacob: I am.

Isaac: Bring the food here.

Jacob: *(Hands Isaac the bowl/plate and then the cup.)*

Isaac: *(Pretends to eat and drink. Hands the bowl and cup back to Jacob, who puts them aside.)* Come closer, my son, and I will bless you.

Jacob: *(Kneels before Isaac.)*

Isaac: *(Places his hands on Jacob's head.)*

Scene 3: The Discovery

Parts: Esau, Isaac

Props: bowl/plate and cup for Esau, sunglasses and chair for Isaac

Setting: Isaac's Tent

Isaac: (*Wearing sunglasses. Sitting in his chair, patting his stomach as if full and satisfied.*)
Mmm. That was very good.

Esau: (*Enters carrying bowl and cup.*) Father, come and eat what I've made for you so you may bless me.

Isaac: Who are you?

Esau: (*Places bowl and cup down.*) I am Esau.

Isaac: (*Trembles/shakes.*) Who? That can't be! Where is the one who already brought meat to me? I ate it before you came, and I blessed him. And he will be blessed!

Esau: Nooooo!!! Bless me, bless me too, Father!!

Isaac: Your brother tricked me. He has stolen your blessing.

Esau: (*Speaks angrily.*) Oh, that Jacob! He has deceived me two times. First he took away my birthright, and now he has stolen my blessing! Don't you have a blessing for me?

Isaac: I have made Jacob your master, and I have given him servants and wealth. What can I do now for you, my son?

Esau: You must have more than one blessing! Bless me, too! (*Starts crying.*)

Isaac: I do have another blessing. Come here, and I will give it to you.