



Grades 4-5 • Lesson 42

Jacob Steals the Blessing

Genesis 27:27-29, 27:39-40

Use the Key Code to decode the secret phrase below.

KEY CODE

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J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
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What You Heard *In the Word*

- Rebekah and Jacob deceived Isaac into blessing Jacob instead of Esau.
- Esau was angry and wanted to kill Jacob for stealing the blessing, which forced Jacob to flee from his home.

OutWord *For Family Discussion*

Suppose your friend tells you his parents, who are not Christians, think he is at a friend's house when he is actually attending a church event. He says it doesn't matter that he tricked his parents because he's going to a church event where he'll learn about God. **What could you say?**

That's great that you want to attend church and learn more about God. But lying and deceiving your parents is sin, which doesn't please the Lord. It is better to tell the truth and obey your parents. When they see how you respect and obey them, they may want to learn more about God, too.

HomeWord *For Parents*

Before Isaac would bless Esau, he asked him to go hunting and then prepare a tasty meal for him. Rebekah overheard and quickly plotted with Jacob to deceive Isaac. Disguised as Esau, Jacob took a meal to his father. When Isaac asked who he was, Jacob said that he was Esau. Isaac was fooled by the hairy goat skins and the smell of Esau's clothing on Jacob. He ate the meal and blessed Jacob, naming him master of the household. Jacob would receive Isaac's wealth, and his descendants would rule over other nations, including the descendants of Esau.

Jacob had just left Isaac's tent when Esau arrived. Jacob's deception was discovered, and Esau cried out with bitterness and begged for his own blessing. But Isaac confirmed Jacob's blessing in Genesis 27:33 when he said, "Yes, and he shall be blessed."

Rebekah and Jacob's sin had severe consequences. Esau hated Jacob and determined to kill him once Isaac died. Rebekah's solution was to send Jacob away to her brother Laban. Although she obtained the blessing for Jacob, she also lost him because he was forced to flee. How might things have been if she and Jacob had waited for God's timing? We don't know, but we do see that God fulfilled his will in spite of human error.

