

Rebellion: Jacob Deceives His Father

Genesis 27:1—28:9



Old Testament 2
Part 2: Israel

SUNDAY MORNING

Old Testament 2 [Class Attendance Sheet](#) provided in activity sheets (NOTE: The document is interactive, allowing the teacher to type in the Class, Teacher, and the children's names.)

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

Genesis 27:1-28:9; Hebrews 11:20; 12:15-17

MEMORY WORK:

“You shall not covet...anything that is your neighbor's” (Exodus 20:17).

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- Ask adults and/or teenagers to act out the story.
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PERSONAL APPLICATION:

When we make bad choices, there will always be bad consequences.

LESSON STARTS HERE

INTRODUCTION: (YOUNGER CHILDREN)

Last week we studied about Isaac and Rebekah having twin boys. Do you remember their names? (Jacob and Esau) Today we will talk about a bad decision that Jacob made which hurt his whole family.

INTRODUCTION: (OLDER CHILDREN)

Review last week's lesson.

When you do something wrong (i.e., make a bad choice), do you always “get caught” and get into trouble? Not always—or not right away. Even if you think you “get away” with something, the consequences for what you did will come sooner or later (Read Ecclesiastes 12:13-14).

Today we will talk about Jacob and Esau again. You remember that they were the twin sons of Isaac and Rebekah, the grandsons of Abraham and Sarah. Last week, we learned about their selfishness. This week, we will learn how one of them, with the help of his mother, tricked his father Isaac and how everyone in the family was hurt by his choices. Let's see what else the Bible says about this family and what we can learn from their story.

POINTS TO EMPHASIZE:

1. Review last week's lesson on Esau selling his birthright to Jacob for a bowl of stew, and how selfish both brothers were.
2. Older children: Show the Venn diagrams from OT2 Lesson 8 illustrating the different characteristics of Jacob and Esau.
3. Sometime after Esau sold his birthright to Jacob, Isaac asked Esau to go hunting for him. Isaac was very old, and he was blind. He may have been expecting to die sometime in the near future because he asked Esau to do him a special favor: go hunting and come back home to prepare his favorite food. Isaac promised to give Esau the final blessing as the oldest son after Esau did this favor for him.
4. Rebekah was listening to this conversation and decided that **her** favorite son, Jacob, should receive his father's blessing instead of Esau. She told Jacob what she had heard and told him that she had a plan to help him get Isaac's blessing instead of Esau. Rebekah wanted Jacob to pretend to be Esau and trick Isaac, to lie to his own father.
5. God had already promised that the older son (Esau) would serve the younger (Jacob) (Genesis 25:23), speaking of the descendants of Jacob and Esau. Instead of praying to God for guidance, Rebekah wasn't paying attention to God's promises. She rushed to “handle things” on her own.
6. Jacob did not want to follow his mother's instructions because he was afraid that Isaac would curse him instead of bless him. Jacob also knew that Esau would be very angry with him for taking something else away that rightfully belonged to him as the oldest son. But **Jacob** decided to follow his mother's instructions anyway and lie to his own father.



The name “**Jacob**” means deceiver; supplanter; heel catcher.

7. Rebekah prepared the special meat dish that Isaac liked while Esau was gone. When Jacob took the food to his father, Isaac knew right away that the voice was not the voice of Esau. But Jacob lied and said he was Esau. In fact, Jacob did many things to deceive his father and make Isaac think he was Esau. He put on some of Esau’s clothes. He even covered his arms and the back of his neck with animal skins so that he would seem to be hairy like Esau. Isaac touched Jacob’s neck and arms and asked Jacob to come close so he could smell Esau’s clothes. With all of his tricks, Jacob convinced his father that he really was Esau. So, Isaac gave Jacob the blessing that was intended for Esau.
8. The blessing or curse of the father for his children was like a prayer to God on their behalf. Whatever the father said about their future was expected to happen. Isaac’s blessing on Jacob was that he would have good crops and big herds of animals (and therefore wealth), people of other nations would bow down to him, and that he would be master over his brother (i.e., his brother would some day serve him).
9. Almost as soon as Isaac had spoken the blessing to Jacob, Esau returned from hunting. He prepared the special dish Isaac had asked for and took it to him. Immediately Isaac knew he had been tricked, and he was so upset that he trembled! He explained to Esau what had happened. Esau was **very** angry and so upset that he cried (Hebrews 12:17). He decided that when his father died, he would kill Jacob and take back the birthright and the blessing that Jacob had taken from him.
10. Rebekah found out that Esau was planning to kill Jacob, so she told Jacob to go to her brother Laban, far away from home. She convinced Isaac that Jacob should go back to her family to find a wife.
11. Rebekah and Jacob made some very bad choices that had terrible consequences. Both parents were hurt, and the family fell apart. Jacob never saw his mother again; she died while he was gone. Because he was so angry, Esau made some bad decisions just to hurt his parents. His descendents would be enemies of Jacob’s descendants for hundreds of years. [Esau married three women from among the idol-worshipping people of Canaan (Genesis 28:8-9).]
12. Other people sometimes have things that are nicer or better or bigger than what we have. But God does not want us to covet what other people have (to want their things or the same things so badly that we will do almost anything to have them). God expects us to work for, and be grateful for, what we have—not to want what other people have. Sometimes people covet so many things that they are even willing to hurt other people or steal from them. That is not only disobeying God, it is choosing not to treat others like you want to be treated. (With older children, read together Romans 13:9-10; Luke 12:15; Exodus 20:17.)

PRE-CLASS ACTIVITIES/LEARNING CENTERS (TO BE USED AS CHILDREN ARE ARRIVING—BEFORE CLASS, AND UP TO THE FIRST FIVE MINUTES OF CLASS; OR AS HOMEWORK):

- Click here for complete [Activity Book](#) and [Answer Key](#).

Ages 2-5:

- “[Jacob Tricks His Father Coloring Sheet](#)” (provided in activity sheets)
- Provide child-sized robes so the children can dress up like the four characters in this story. You

could also provide fake fur for “Jacob’s” arms, a bow and arrow for “Esau,” a large pot for cooking the special meal.

- On cardstock or construction paper, trace around plastic letters to spell out the important words from this lesson. Laminate the pages. Supply the children with the plastic letters they will need to match the traced letters.

1st-2nd Graders:

- Provide child-sized robes so the children can dress up like the four characters in this story. You could also provide fake fur for “Jacob’s” arms, a bow and arrow for “Esau,” and a large pot for cooking the special meal.
- [“Jacob Deceives His Father”](#) crossword puzzle (provided in activity sheets)
- [Tic-Tac-Toe questions](#), [Instructions](#), and [Board](#) provided in activity section of the site

3rd-4th Graders:

- Have the children read Genesis chapters 27-28 (and chapter 26, if they have not done so this quarter). [This could be assigned Sunday, to be completed by Wednesday.]
- [“Jacob Deceives His Father”](#) crossword puzzle (provided in activity sheets)
- Play Hang Man with clues from this and previous lessons. ([OT2 Review Questions](#) provided on the curriculum Web site)
- [Tic-Tac-Toe questions](#), [Instructions](#), and [Board](#) provided in activity section of the site
- Have the children read *Isaac Blesses Jacob and Esau*, by Stephenie Hovland, Arch books
- Have the children read pp. 56-61 of *Noah and the People of Faith*, Contemporary Bible Series, Scandinavia, Contemporary English Version (DISCLAIMERS: p. 8—change “give life to” to “bring forth”; p. 13—remove “before the day is over” from the last sentence; p. 20—change “destroy” to “rule over”; p. 24—change appropriate sentences to “every kind of land animal...” and “Noah took males and females of every...”).

SONGS:

“THE TEN COMMANDMENTS”

Author: Jeff Miller

(Tune: See [“Kids Prep”](#) CD)

No other Gods before Me.
No carved images to bow down and serve.
Don’t take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
Remember and keep the Sabbath holy.

Honor your father and your mother.
No murder; no adultery; and you shall not steal.
Don’t lie against your neighbor,
Or covet what is his.

These are the Ten Commandments.

“JACOB’S LIE” ([Click to Hear](#))

Author: Unknown*

(Tune: “Here We Go Round The Mulberry Bush”)

Jacob with his mother’s help, his mother’s help, his mother’s help.
Jacob with his mother’s help,
Lied to his father.

He put goats hair all over his arms, all over his arms, all over his arms.
He put goats hair all over his arms,
And served food cooked by his Mother.

How could he tell his father, his father, his father.
How could he tell his father,
That he was Esau his brother?

The extra blessing cost a lot, cost a lot, cost a lot.
The extra blessing cost a lot.
He fled to the land of his mother.

It never pays to tell a lie, to tell a lie, to tell a lie.
It never pays to tell a lie.
Put others first and here is why.

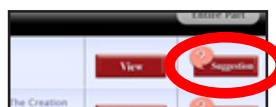
God wants us to act like His Son, act like His Son, act like His Son.
God wants us to act like His Son,
Who was a servant to everyone.

And if we do our very best, our very best, our very best.
And if we do our very best,
Life will be good, and we’ll be blest.

But if we lie like Jacob did, like Jacob did, like Jacob did.
But if we lie like Jacob did,
We will surely suffer.

*Author Unknown: Please contact us through the feedback button for this lesson if you are aware of any copyright information for this song.

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Jacob's Dream

Genesis 28:10-22



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WEDNESDAY EVENING

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PERSONAL APPLICATION:

No matter where I am, no matter how I feel, God is with me and will take care of me.



INTRODUCTION:

- [Abraham & Israel](#) Bible fact cards (provided under “O.T. 2 Bible Facts” on curriculum Web site)
- Review Sunday’s lesson (see [O.T. 2 Review Questions](#) for example questions)

POINTS TO EMPHASIZE:

TEACHING ALERTS:



- Note that angels when on Earth are consistently portrayed as having the appearance of a human male (i.e., without wings; e.g., Genesis 18-19; Hebrews 13:2; Judges 13), though sometimes glowing/shining (e.g., Luke 24:4; Daniel 3:25).

1. Review Sunday morning lesson (see [O.T. 2 Review Questions](#) for example questions)
2. Esau was very angry with Jacob for lying to their father and getting the blessing that was supposed to be his, along with the birthright. He said that he would kill Jacob after their father died. To protect Jacob, Rebekah decided that he should go far away to where her family lived.
3. She told Isaac that Jacob needed to go away to find a wife. Isaac agreed and sent him to Rebekah’s home country, Paddan-aram. Rebekah did not plan on Jacob being gone 20 years though. As far as we know, Jacob never saw his mother again.
4. Jacob left Beersheba and started on the long journey to Haran. One night during this journey, he stopped after sundown and found a place to rest. The place where he stopped was one of the places his grandfather Abraham had built an altar to God many years before on his journey from Ur to Canaan. The place was called Bethel (or Luz). Using a stone for a pillow, Jacob went to sleep.
5. During the night Jacob had a wonderful dream. This was not a dream like you and I have, nor was it his imagination. It was God’s way of speaking to Jacob and giving him a very special message. He saw a ladder reaching up to heaven, with angels going up and down on it. God spoke to Jacob, telling him the same promises that He had made to Abraham and to Isaac:
 - I will give the land of Canaan to you and to your descendants.
 - Your descendants shall be like the dust of the Earth.
 - Through your descendants all people of the Earth will be blessed.
 - I will always be with you.
6. When Jacob woke up, he was afraid because he knew that God Himself had spoken to him. He took the stone that had been his pillow during the night and set it up as a pillar (a special marker) to remind him later what a special place this was. Jacob worshipped God there at Bethel (which means “house of God”) and promised that, from that time on, he would give one tenth of everything he had to God.

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- See Sunday morning lesson.
- Jacob’s Ladder game: Divide the class into teams or let the class play as a whole. Make an angel out of poster board (Two if you have divided the class into teams), and a ladder from poster board or cardboard. Ask the children review questions from the story. When they answer correctly, they can move the angel(s) up the ladder(s).

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