

Esau had been born first, so he had special rights; for example, he would become the head of the family when his father died. This was called the birthright.

One day Jacob was cooking a stew when Esau came in, feeling very hungry. He had been hunting and the stew smelled so good!

"Give me some stew, I'm starving", he said.

Jacob was very crafty. He wanted something in exchange for the stew.

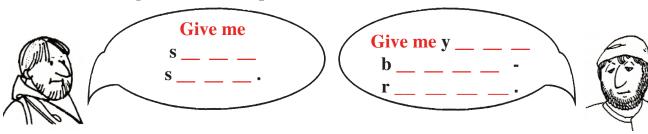
"I will give you some stew if you give me your birthright", he said.

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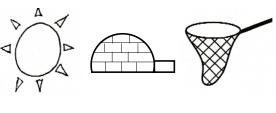
Esau didn't stop to think, he was so hungry! He didn't think much of his birthright, did he? Jacob was no better than his brother, because he tricked Esau into giving away his birthright.

Fill in the missing words in the speech bubbles.



Sometimes we think only about ourselves and what we want, just like Esau and Jacob. This is wrong.

Write down the first letter of each object to discover what the Bible calls 'doing wrong'.



We all have done wrong and need God's forgiveness, if we want to be in Heaven.

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# Lesson No. 2 - Jacob deceives his father

You can read this story in your Bible





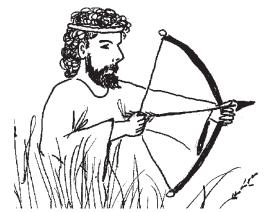
Genesis 27: 20
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When Isaac was an old man he became blind. He wanted to bless his favourite son Esau before he died. He also wanted to enjoy a meal that had been prepared by Esau.

"Go and hunt a wild animal", he said to Esau, "and cook it for me, then I will give you my blessing". Esau went hunting with his bow and arrows.



Rebekah had been listening! She wanted her favourite son, Jacob, to have the blessing. She told Jacob to kill two goats and said she would cook a meal for Jacob to give to Isaac. Jacob thought of a problem.

"If he touches me", he said, "he will know I am not Esau. My skin is smooth, but Esau's skin is hairy".

"Do as I say!" said Rebekah. Jacob did as he was told. They were both planning to cheat Isaac.

### Put the answers to these questions in the Word Grid.

- 1. Who was Rebekah's favourite son?
- 2. What did Isaac tell Esau to do?
- 3. Who was listening?
- 4. What did Esau take with him?
- 5. What animals did Rebekah cook?

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When the meal was ready, Rebekah covered Jacob's neck and hands with the skins from the goats. Jacob put on Esau's clothes and took the meal to Isaac! "Which son are you?" asked Isaac.

"I am Esau", said Jacob.

What lie did Jacob tell his old father?

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How did Jacob cheat his blind father? Fill in the missing letters.

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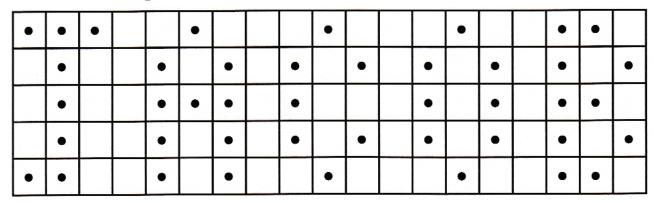
Isaac was suspicious because he thought the voice sounded like Jacob's voice, but when he touched the son in front of him, he thought he must be Esau.



- He was dressed like Esau.
- He felt like Esau.
- His clothes smelled like Esau's clothes.

But who was he?

Colour in each square which has a dot in it to find out



Isaac blessed Jacob. When Esau found out what had happened he was very upset and very angry, and so was Isaac.

When we do wrong things, such as cheating and telling lies, we upset other people, but most of all we upset God.



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### Lesson No. 3 - Jacob meets God

You can read this story in your Bible





Genesis 28: 16
Ask somebody to help you find this verse

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Have you always lived in the same house? Sometimes we have to move to another town or village. Isaac told his son Jacob, to go to Haran to visit his Uncle Laban and marry one of his daughters. As Jacob's twin brother Esau was planning to kill him, Jacob thought it was a good idea to go away for a while!

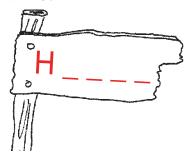
Write on the signpost the name of the place to which Jacob was going.

Circle the name of Jacob's uncle.

Abraham

Laban

Esau

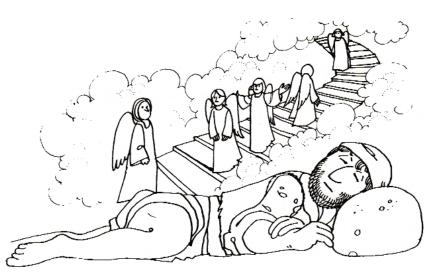


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Jacob set out on his journey. When night came he camped at a place called Luz, using a stone for a pillow.

He had a very strange dream. He dreamed he saw a stairway (or ladder). The bottom was on the ground and the top reached Heaven.



Write down the first letter

of each object to discover who were going up and down the stairway.













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In the dream, God spoke to Jacob. He promised to bless him and his family. He said, "I will be with you and protect you wherever you go. I will bless all nations through your descendants".

Remember all the wrong things that Jacob had done!

We are just like Jacob. We have done wrong things. God loves us, just as He loved Jacob. He sent His Son to die on the cross for us.

By dying for our sins, He became for us the 'ladder' from earth to Heaven.

Put a ✓ after each sentence which is right, and an X after each one that is wrong.

- 1. Jacob used a cushion for his pillow.
- 2. God loved Jacob.
- 3. God loves us.
- 4. Jesus died on the cross for us.



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Jacob was afraid. He began to think about God. Jacob made God a promise. He said, "If I return safely to my father's house, then You will be my God".

But God had already said,

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and **p\_\_ o \_\_ \_ c** \_\_ you".

Fill in the missing letters above.



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Jacob still had to learn that God always keeps His promises! This is why we should not be afraid to trust Him.

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## Lesson No. 4 - Jacob finds a wife

You can read this story in your Bible





Genesis 29: 28
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Jacob went to visit Uncle Laban and his family in Haran. He had never seen them and they didn't know he was coming. After a long journey, Jacob met some shepherds beside a well with their sheep.

- "Where are you from?" he asked them.
- "Haran", they replied.
- "Do you know Laban?" asked Jacob.



"Yes", they said, "here is his daughter, Rachel, with her father's flock of sheep".

How thrilled Jacob must have been to meet someone from his own family! God had promised to protect Jacob and God had guided him to the correct place.

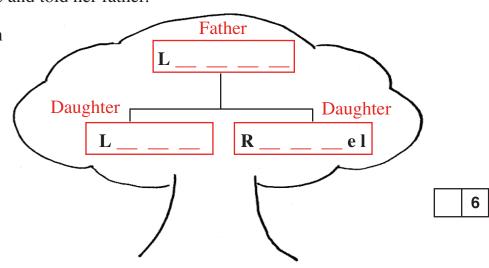
Complete the names of the people in the story.

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Jacob helped Rachel to give water to the sheep, then he told her that he was related to her. Rachel ran home and told her father.

Laban asked Jacob to stay with them, so Jacob stayed and worked for his uncle. Laban had another daughter called Leah.

Fill in the names on this 'family tree'.





After a month had gone by, Laban said, "You must not work for me without any wages. How much do you want?"

Jacob did not ask for money. He loved Rachel and said he would work for seven years, if he could marry Rachel at the end of that time.

Laban agreed but when the seven years had passed he tricked Jacob by giving him Leah instead! Jacob did not want to marry Leah!

#### Fill in the missing words.

"I worked for s \_ \_ \_ \_ years to marry R \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ 1".

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Laban said Leah ought to be married first because she was older than Rachel. Poor Jacob! He had been cheated, just as he had cheated his brother and his father.

How often the wrong we do to others comes back to us! The Bible says, "Be sure your sin will find you out". (Numbers 32: 23)

#### Circle the answers to these questions.

How many daughters did Laban have?

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How many years did Jacob work before he married Leah?

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Many men in those days had more than one wife, although this was not God's way. A week after he married Leah, Jacob married Rachel also.



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He then had to work for his uncle for another seven years.

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