

# 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?

## 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.

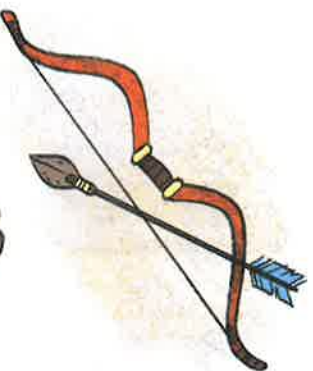


- FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS**
- Did Rebekah and Jacob trust God's promises?
  - Why did God choose Jacob over Esau as part of His plan? (See Rom. 9:6-12.)
  - How can this story help you trust God when life happens differently than you plan?

*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.*

# Jacob and Esau

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Draw a line connecting Jacob and Esau to the things they like best. Review last week's story as needed.



REBEKAH



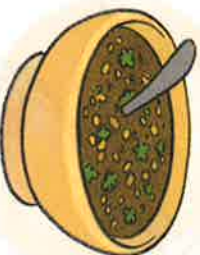
JACOB



ESAU



ISAAC



*Preschool Activity Pages*  
**Unit 3 • Session 1**  
**Jacob and Esau**

**BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:**

- Rebekah wanted Isaac to bless Jacob instead of Esau.
- Jacob tricked Isaac into giving him the blessing.
- God showed Jacob in a dream that He would bless him and his family.

**KEY PASSAGE:** Genesis 28:1-5a

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

- Does God keep His promises? God always keeps His promises.

**FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

- Did Rebekah and Jacob make a right choice or a wrong choice?
- Did Rebekah and Jacob's wrong choice stop God's plan for their family?
- How does God bless us through Jacob's family?

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

- Find a place where the whole family can climb stairs safely. Imagine what it would be like to see a staircase from earth to heaven.
- Invite another family to join you on a rock hunt. Review the Bible story and talk about how Jacob set up a rock to remember where God spoke to him.



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# It's Hair-d to Tell

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Draw thick hair on Jacob (right) to make him look more like Esau (left).



*Younger Kids Activity Pages*  
**Unit 3 • Session 1**  
**Jacob and Esau**

**BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:**

- Isaac was old and his eyesight had faded.
- Isaac wanted to bless Esau before he died.
- Rebekah wanted Isaac to bless Jacob.
- Rebekah and Jacob tricked Isaac into blessing Jacob.

**KEY PASSAGE:** Genesis 28:15

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

- Does God keep His promises? God always keeps His promises because He is faithful.

**FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

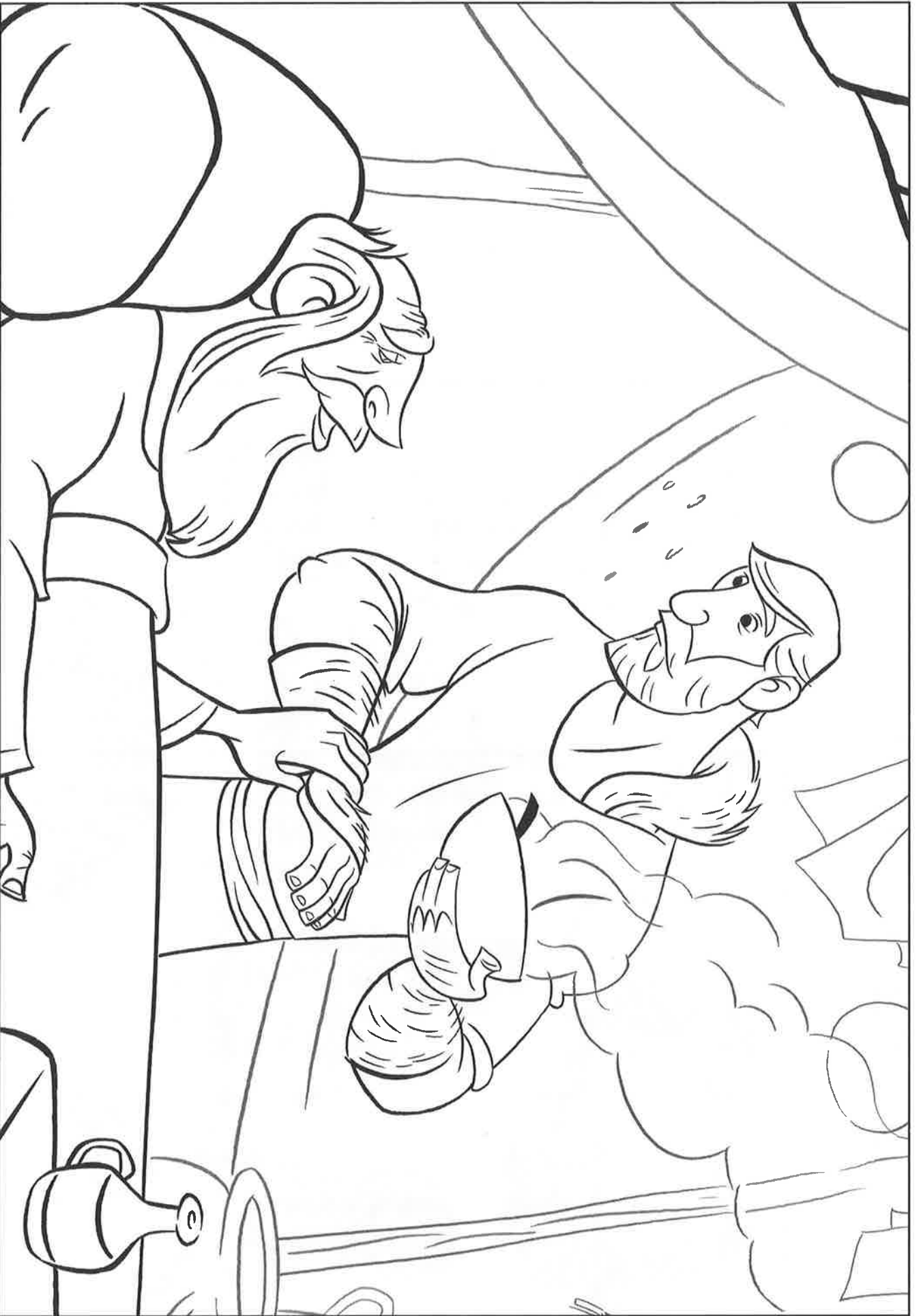
- Why didn't God reject Jacob after he tricked Isaac?
- Did Rebekah and Jacob trust God's promises?
- How can we grow to trust God more?

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

- Cook dinner as a family. Discuss the events of the story, and remind your kids that God can work His plans even when we make sinful choices.
- Use fake fur to play dress-up with your kids.



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**STORY POINT: JACOB TRICKED ISAAC.**

# DOWNTOWN ZOO QUESTIONS

*After watching our video and reading the provided Bible passage go through these questions as a family. These are great questions to discuss as a family. Don't just have your child answer, answer them together and discuss the lesson.*

1. Whom did Isaac plan to give his blessing to? Whom did he bless instead?
2. How did Rebekah and Jacob trick Isaac into giving Jacob the blessing?
3. How did Esau feel when he learned what Jacob had done?
4. What did God promise Jacob in his dream?

## UPTOWN KIDS QUESTIONS (LIGHTHOUSE & THRIVE)

1. Why did Jacob trick Isaac by pretending to be Esau?
2. How did Esau react when he learned what Jacob had done?
3. What did Jacob dream of as he fled from his brother Esau?
4. How was God's promise to Jacob similar to His promises to Isaac and Abraham?
5. How was Jesus a blessing to the whole world? How can we be a part of God's mission to bless the whole world through Jesus?