

# JACOB STEALS A BLESSING

Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17

**KIDS**  
**3RD-6TH**

**NL**

**Key Verse:**

“Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go.”  
Genesis 28:15

**The Point:**

God can turn people’s deceptions into an occasion to provide blessings.

**Making Connections:**

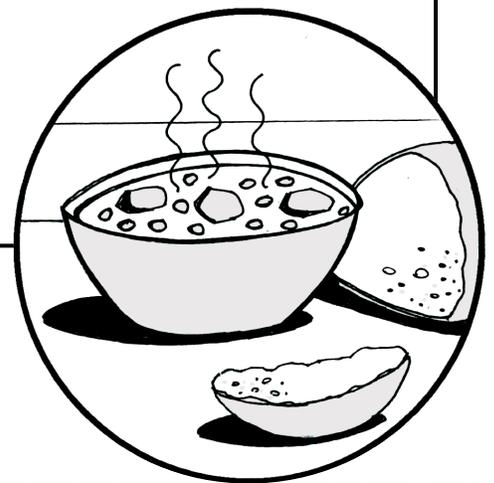
God Provides Blessings

**Bible Nuts & Bolts:**

Bible Citations

**Spiritual Practice:**

Worship



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# BACKGROUND

## **Making Connections**

God continues to provide blessings for God's people. In our lesson today, we see that God blesses even when people are dishonest. Even in the midst of our human fallibility and brokenness, God demonstrates never-ending mercy.

## **Story Summary:**

### ***Jacob Steals a Blessing***

The Bible tells us that Jacob is the father of the twelve tribes of Israel, so we might expect that the Bible would paint a favorable portrait of him. However, Jacob's early story is far from perfect. He deceives his father Isaac into believing that he is his older brother Esau, so Isaac will give him Esau's blessing. Now alienated from his brother, Jacob leaves his family and travels alone to the wilderness. There, something unexpected happens: not only does God come to comfort Jacob, but God promises him great increase and power. This sets the tone for the entire Bible: God will constantly surprise us with how God works, and whom God chooses to do important things.

## **The Point**

**God can turn even deceptions into occasions to provide blessings.** The characters we read about in the Bible are realistic people. These people have the same flaws and brokenness that we carry with us today: jealousy, hatred, murder, infidelity, and anger. The great story of our faith history is that God continues to bless God's people

in spite of our human failings. Today's story is a classic example. Out of one of the great families of the faith comes this story of betrayal, sibling rivalry, and God's ongoing forgiveness.

## **Bible Nuts & Bolts:**

### ***Bible Citations***

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## **Spiritual Practice: Worship**

Whenever we express our gratitude to God, or ask for God's help, or even share our heartbreak with God, we are worshipping. Sometimes, it helps for us to use a physical reminder of our experience of God's presence, and create a touchstone that we can come back to when needed.



# JACOB & ESAU

Discover the hidden words.

B	R	O	T	H	E	R	F	S	E	D	N	N	S	D
M	R	I	F	T	T	D	A	B	V	X	N	S	V	T
G	O	E	G	A	V	Z	T	Q	L	Z	Z	D	U	H
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B	I	R	T	H	R	I	G	H	T	N	E	O	Z	P
A	U	K	H	I	B	K	E	A	X	F	I	R	S	T

## Word Bank

BROTHERS  
FIRST  
HAIRY  
ESAU

JACOB  
GOAT  
BIRTHRIGHT  
HUNTING

MOTHER  
FATHER  
REBEKAH  
ISAAC



# Esau Sells His Birthright

Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright. Genesis 25:34

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



F	W	O	N	M	A	Y	C	I	B	Q	T	E	V	G	U	D	S	H	K	P	X	Z	R	L	J
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

- 26-6-8-3-10 \_\_\_\_\_
- 13-18-6-16 \_\_\_\_\_
- 12-2-9-4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 10-3-7-18 \_\_\_\_\_
- 19-16-4-12-13-24 \_\_\_\_\_
- 8-3-3-20-9-4-15 \_\_\_\_\_
- 18-12-13-2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 10-9-24-12-19-24-9-15-19-12 \_\_\_\_\_

## FIND 10 DIFFERENCES

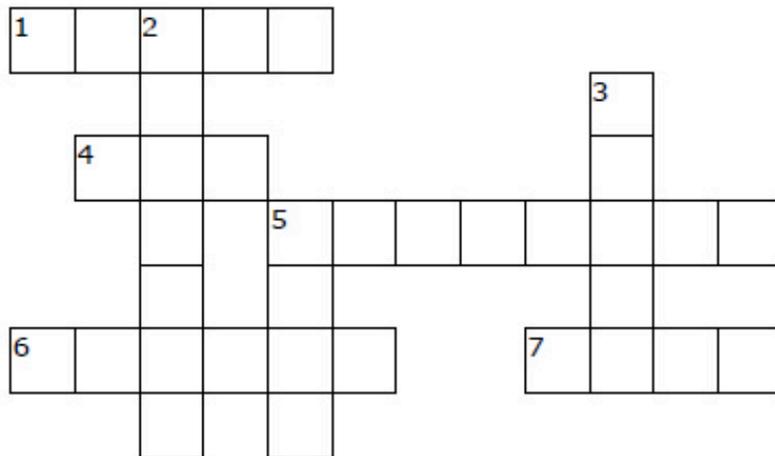




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Puzzle is based on Genesis 25:19-34



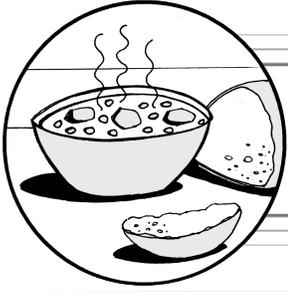
## ACROSS

1. The twin brother of Esau
4. A male child
5. Suffering from a lack of food
6. A person who likes to search for and kill wild animals
7. The oldest son of Isaac who loved to hunt

## DOWN

2. Preparing food by heating it
3. Two children born to the same mother on the same occasion
5. A dish of meat and vegetables cooked slowly in liquid

COOKING	HUNTER	TWINS	STARVING
STEW	BOY	JACOB	ESAU



# THE STORY @ HOME

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**Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story**  
Narrative Lectionary, Year 4 (2025-2026)

**Lesson #4-3**  
Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17

## LAST WEEK

After a very long time waiting, the son God promised Abraham and Sarah was born: Isaac  
(Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14).

## THIS WEEK

Isaac himself has two sons: Esau and Jacob. Jacob tricked his father into giving him Esau's blessing  
(Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17).

## STORY SUMMARY

### Jacob Steals a Blessing

Jacob's early story is a bit rocky. He deceives his father Isaac into believing that he is his older brother Esau, hoping that Isaac will give him Esau's blessing. The plot works. But now, alienated from his brother, Jacob leaves his family and travels alone to the wilderness. That is when something unexpected happens: God comes to comfort Jacob, promising him great blessings.

## PRACTICE WORSHIP

Sometimes, it helps for us to use a physical reminder of our experience of God's presence, a touchstone that we can come back to when needed. Find something in your home that your family can use as a physical reminder that God is always with you. Use it as a centerpiece when you worship together.

## THE POINT

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## BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

### *Bible Citations*

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## NEXT WEEK

God hears the cries of the Israelites enslaved in Egypt and sends Moses to lead them to freedom  
(Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-14).

### *Family Discussions*

Use the questions below—or any you have—to discuss this lesson’s Scripture reading with your family.

- † Did you find anything in this reading that was surprising?
- † What does this Scripture have to do with our lives today?
- † What part of this Scripture is the most interesting to you? Why?

### *Family Devotions*

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God’s message to us? How should we respond?

#### **Sunday—Read Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17**

Jacob plots to steal Isaac’s blessing from Esau. Find something fuzzy and something smooth. Close your eyes and feel both. Can you tell the difference?

#### **Monday—Read Genesis 29:1-30**

Jacob works for seven years because of his love for Rachel. Wait for seven minutes. At the end, pray together thanking God for providing for you.

#### **Tuesday—Read Genesis 29:31–30:24**

Jacob is blessed with 12 sons. See if you can find sets of 12 to count in your house (12 grapes, pairs of socks, freckles, etc.).

#### **Wednesday—Read Genesis 37:2-36; 39:20-23**

Jealousy drives Joseph’s brothers to sell him into slavery. What does someone else have that you wish you had? Pray for God to take away your jealousy.

#### **Thursday—Read Genesis 40:2-3, 5, 9-23; 41:14-45**

Joseph uses his gifts from God, even while he is imprisoned. Talk about interesting dreams you have had. What might God be telling us in our dreams?

#### **Friday—Read Genesis 47:1-12; 50:22-26**

Joseph forgives his brothers and saves them from the famine. Think of someone who has been mean to you. What could you do for them to make their life better?

#### **Saturday—Read Exodus 1:8-14; 2:1-25**

The story of Moses begins, pointing again to God’s protection of God’s people. Find a basket and a doll. Act out the story of Moses floating on the river and being rescued.