

UNIT 3: BLESSING • LESSON 11:

"The Blessing"

GENESIS 27:1-45



BIBLE STORY:

As we move further into the book of Genesis we learn about twins Jacob and Esau. They were Isaac and Rebekah's children and Abraham's grandsons. They were always struggling with each other. This story teaches us to **what not to do**. You will see in the story below that people in the Bible didn't always make the best choices. When we take time to remember that God is by our side, we can make good choices and be honest with each other.

Jacob and Esau got older. Isaac and Rebekah got older. Isaac was nearly totally blind. Isaac thought,



"I am an old man. It is time to give my blessing to Esau." Isaac instructed Esau, "Please hunt and make my favorite food. Then I will give you my blessing." Esau left in search of food. Rebekah heard Isaac. She wanted Jacob to have the blessing. She helped Jacob dress in a disguise so Isaac would believe that Jacob was Esau. Rebekah made Isaac's favorite stew and gave it to Jacob to take to Isaac. Jacob went into Isaac's tent. "Who are you?" Isaac asked. "It's me, Esau," said Jacob, "here is your food." Isaac ate his food and then prayed a blessing over Jacob, "here is your food." Isaac ate his food and then prayed a blessing over Jacob. Esau returned to Isaac only to discover that Isaac had given the blessing to Jacob. Esau was very angry.

When we receive blessings, whether they are big or small, we need to be grateful and humble and share those blessings with others.

I am with you now,
I will protect you
everywhere you go.

Genesis 28:15



Dear God,
Help me to feel your presence,
especially when I am facing
tough decisions. We know you
are always with us and are there
to listen to us and guide us and
help us to make good choices.
Thank you for the blessings in our
lives and help us to share
our blessings with others.
Amen

WONDER QUESTIONS & ACTIVITIES:

- Who was blessed in today's Bible story?
- What do you think of Jacob stealing Esau's blessing?
- What would you have done if you were Esau?
- What do you think Isaac should have done when he found out what had happened? How do you feel when someone hurts you? How do you respond?
- How do you know you are blessed? What kind of blessings have you received or have given to others?
- **Can you make a blessing box?** All you need is a small box to decorate and a lip balm. You can give someone a blessing by drawing a simple symbol with the balm on their hand and telling them something special about them and that God loves them. Keep the balm safe inside the special box.

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