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Notes for Parents & Teachers

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- a. Rebekah wanted her favorite son to get the better blessing, so she helped him.
- b. Note all the details of how the deception takes place. Isaac should have trusted that the voice told him the truth, not the hands. You can get children to imagine what would happen if a friend tried to pretend he was someone else when they don't see him. The voice would give him away.
- c. Note that Jacob lied to get the blessing, saying he was Esau. (You might say that Jacob paid for his lie, because he had to run away from his home for many years).
- d. Esau was very unhappy, but also very angry.



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The Lord Lets Jacob Get the Better Blessing

Many years later, when Isaac was old and could not see well, he called Esau to him and said, “I am old. Now take your bow and arrow and hunt me some meat. Then make me the stew that I love and bring it to me that I may bless you before I die.” And Rebekah heard what Isaac said and when Esau was gone into the field to hunt, she called Jacob and said, “Go and get two baby goats and I will make them into the stew that your father loves. And you shall take it to your father that he may eat and bless you before he dies.”

Now Jacob was afraid that Isaac would know he was not Esau but his mother said to him, “Listen to me and obey me.”

Then Rebekah put Esau’s clothes on Jacob. She took the skins of the goats and put them on his hands and his neck to make him hairy. And she gave him the stew to take to Isaac in the tent. Then Jacob went into Isaac’s tent. Isaac said to Jacob, “Come near me that I may feel that you are really my son, Esau.” He felt Jacob, and said, “The voice is Jacob’s voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau.” And he did not recognize him. So he blessed him.

When Esau came home, he discovered that Jacob had tricked their father into giving him the blessing. Isaac, his father, was sorry. He gave Esau another blessing, but it was not the one for the oldest son as he had already given that to Jacob. He could not change that.

Esau was very sad and very angry with his brother Jacob.

Genesis 27

