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Jacob followed his mother's instructions. And even though Isaac was wary, sensing that something was amiss, the ruse worked, for Isaac was blind from old age. Isaac enjoyed the meal, drew Jacob to him, and gave him the blessing of the firstborn.

When Esau returned from his hunt and discovered what had happened, he flew into a rage. Soon he was plotting to kill Jacob. To protect her favorite son, Rebekah hurriedly dispatched Jacob to Mesopotamia, to the home of her brother Laban.

Digging Deeper...

A Man Must Have Control Over His Stomach

One of the factors that made Esau become the receiver of the blessings of their father is because he had sold his birthright to Jacob for a plate of food.

Esau lost the consciousness that he was the elder because he was hungry. He needed to just fill his stomach with food to quench his hunger. He sold his birthright to his brother Jacob for a plate of food. Their father Isaac may not have known when this happened between his two sons, however, when it was time to give the blessing out to the eldest son, Jacob had the blessing instead of Esau. A man must have control over his stomach. Hunger must not be the controller of a man.

Family Activity

Watch together the Crossroads Kids Club's video on YouTube.



God's Story: Jacob and Esau
Crossroads Kids' Club · 910K views · 7 years ago

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hGs1WfRKIoM>

Devotional Guide

For Individuals and Families (Issue #7)

THE JOURNEY OF TWO BROTHERS

From birth Jacob was totally different from his twin brother Esau, both in appearance and personality. Esau was hairy from head to foot. He loved hunting and the outdoors. Jacob, by contrast, was smooth-skinned, and liked to stay around the house.

Esau, the firstborn, happened to be Isaac's favorite. Rebekah countered by practicing favoritism toward Jacob. This set the stage for open rivalry between the boys as they grew into manhood. One day Jacob was tending a stew that simmered on the fire when Esau came in from a lengthy hunting trip. Exhausted and virtually at the point of collapse, Esau asked for something to eat. Jacob responded by saying, "Give me the special rights of inheritance you have as the firstborn, and I will give you food." Esau, famished and on the verge of death, consented.

But Jacob's treachery was far from over. Later, when Isaac was old and blind, Jacob deceived his own father to defraud Esau again. And this time Rebekah was Jacob's accomplice. In fact, she instigated the plot. It began when she overheard a conversation between Isaac and Esau. Fearing that death might soon overtake him, Isaac wanted to pronounce a blessing on his sons. As part of the blessing, the father normally passed his role as family leader to the firstborn. Isaac planned to give the blessing of the first born to Esau. As a preliminary to the blessing, he asked Esau to go to the field, hunt down some wild game, cook it, and bring it to Isaac's bedside. "After I eat your food," Isaac said, "I will give you my blessing." Esau left immediately to carry out his father's request. Rebekah, meanwhile, went to Jacob and had him retrieve two young goats from the flock. She cooked them with a flavoring Isaac liked. Then she dressed Jacob in some of Esau's clothing, glued hair from the goats on Jacob's smooth-skinned arms and hands, and told Jacob to take the food to his father, pretending to be Esau. (cont. on page 4)

Journey Through the Bible
Journey to a Better Family

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Genesis 27

DISCUSSION

READ THE PASSAGE
AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

*Read Genesis 27:1-5.

What were the names of Isaac's sons?

Why could Isaac not see very well?

Who did Isaac call for first?

What did Isaac ask his son, Esau, to do?

Who was listening to Isaac when he was talking to Esau?

*Read Genesis 27:6-10

Who did Rebekah talk to about what she heard from Isaac?

Who did Rebekah want Jacob to obey?

Where did Rebekah want Jacob to go?

Why did Rebekah want Jacob to take some food to his father, Isaac?

*Read Genesis 27:11-20

Rebekah wanted to trick Isaac into thinking that it was Esau who was bringing him the food. Why did Jacob think her plan would not work?

What was Jacob afraid would happen if his father found out that he was not Esau? How did Rebekah dress Jacob?

Where did Jacob go after he got dressed in Esau's clothes?

What question does Isaac ask Jacob?

Who did Jacob say he was?

Where does Jacob say the meal came from that he gave his father?

***Read Genesis
27:21-29**

**Why did Isaac
want to feel
Jacob? (v.21)**

**What did Isaac
say was different
about his son?
(v.22)**

**When did Isaac
bless Jacob?
(v.23)**

**What question
did Isaac ask
after he blessed
Jacob? (v.24)**

**How did Jacob
answer the
question? (v.24)**

**What did Isaac
smell when he
kissed Jacob?
(v.27)**

**In the blessing,
who will bow
down to Jacob?
(v.29)**

**Additional
Reading
Romans 9:10-18**

GOALS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

- Review/Discuss notes from Bible class.

MONDAY

- Read THE BIG STORY from page #1
- Start on "Discussion" from page #2

TUESDAY

- Complete "DISCUSSION" from page #2

WEDNESDAY

- Review/Discuss notes from Bible class.

THURSDAY

- Read and work on MEMORY VERSES

FRIDAY

- Use DIGGING DEEPER from page #4 as a guide for discussion.

SATURDAY

- Complete FAMILY ACTIVITY from page #4

MEMORY VERSES

Genesis 27:5

Now Rebekah was listening when Isaac spoke to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt game and to bring it.

Genesis 32:3

Then Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother in the land of Seir, the country of Edom.