

GOOD NEWS CLUB AGENDA

PATRIARCHS OF OUR FAITH #4 – “Jacob and Esau, the Birthright and the Blessing” Genesis 25:21–34; 26:34-35; 27:1–28:5

WEEK OF:

MAIN TRUTH: You should put God first.

TO DO AS THE CHILDREN ARRIVE:

1. Greet the children; make them feel welcome.
2. Take attendance.
3. Listen to previous week’s memory verse.
4. Have children put money in missions bank.

PRE-SESSION ACTIVITY:

1. OLDER CHILD: “Showing My Faith in God”
2. YOUNGER CHILD: “Jacob and Esau”

SONG: (2 minutes)

PRAYER: (4 minutes)

1. Prayer song: _____
2. Ask the children to share any “Thank You Prayers” or “Please Prayers” they have.
3. Lead the class in “Thank You Prayers” and “Please Prayers.”

MEMORY VERSE: (7 minutes)

Matthew 6:33 – ***“But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.”***

(The underlined portion of the verse indicates what the younger children should memorize. See “**Involvement Helps for Younger Children**” for helps in teaching the verse to the younger children.)

“**Sing It**” – After you have read this verse from your Bible, explained what it means, and repeated it at least two times, you may begin this drill. Sing it to the tune provided in the agenda packet, substituting “Matthew 6:33” for the word “Alleluia.”

HYMN FOR PATRIARCHS OF OUR FAITH: (2 minutes)

BIBLE LESSON: (20 minutes)

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(See “**Involvement Helps for Younger Children**” for ways to involve the children in the Bible lesson.)

COUNSEL TIME:

(If you have a helper, hostess, or Teacher Junior Grade, let them do the review time while you counsel those who responded to the invitation. Otherwise, at the end of club, be sure to remind them to stay for a few minutes so you can counsel them.)

QUIET TIME NOTEBOOK/TAKE TIME TO REVIEW: (1 minute)

From the returned TTtR/Q.T.N.s, mention one or two of the children's responses to the Main Truth challenge. Hand out Take Time to Review/Quiet Time Notebook, Patriarchs of Our Faith #4. Ask the children to complete the booklet before the next club. Remind them that they need to show you their TTtR/Q.T. Notebook next week.

LEARNING ABOUT THE BIBLE & THE OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS: (5 minutes)

Teach information for Week #21.

MISSIONARY TIME: (13 minutes)

1. Sing "God's Way" while child comes to look in the "Go and Tell" Box.
2. Share missionary information for Week #20 using the "Go and Tell" Box and pray. (See attached page.)
3. Show goal chart and mention the amount given so far.
4. Missions song: _____
5. Story: *Until the Letter Came*. Teach the part of the story for Week #12.

REVIEW ACTIVITY: (6 minutes)

Use the activity below or the Bible Learning Game from the "**Involvement Helps for Younger Children.**"

"Red and Green" – Prepare the gumdrops by coloring ten of them red and ten green. (See attached pattern.) Back for the flannelboard and cut out gumdrops. Place the gumdrops in a bag or dish. Divide the class into two teams—the Green Team and the Red Team. Each time a child correctly answers a review question, he may reach into the bag and pull out a gumdrop and place it on his team's side of the flannelboard. The object of the game is to see which team will have the most gumdrops of its color when the game is over. At the end of the game give each child a real gumdrop to eat. - by Rita L. Lobdell, *Give and Take*, November/December 1996.

Review questions for PATRIARCHS OF OUR FAITH #4:

1. **After not being able to have children for 20 years, how did God answer Isaac's prayer?** (Had twin boys)
2. **What were their sons' names?** (Esau and Jacob)
3. **One day Esau was so hungry. What did he sell to Jacob for a bowl of stew?** (His birthright)
4. **Who was listening in when Isaac talked to Esau about giving him the blessing that went with the birthright?** (Rebekah)
5. **What was Rebekah's plan, so Jacob would get the blessing?** (Jacob disguised himself as Esau using goat skin on arms/neck and gave father special food.)
6. **What convinced Isaac that Jacob was Esau?** (The smell of the outdoors)
7. **What did Esau decided to do because he was so angry that Jacob stole his blessing?** (He was going to kill Jacob after their father died.)
8. **What does Jacob's name mean?** (Deceiver)
9. **How did Rebekah keep Esau from killing his brother?** (She told Isaac she didn't want Isaac to marry a Canaanite woman. He was to go to her brother, Laban in Haran.)
10. **Sin always has consequences. How did Jesus take the consequence we deserve for sin?** (He died on the cross and gave His precious blood for our sin.)
11. **How can true happiness be found?** (By putting God first)

*COUNSEL TIME: (*Only if you did not counsel with the children earlier.)

SEND HOME WITH THE CHILDREN:

1. Pre-session papers for the older and younger child
2. Memory verse token
3. Quiet Time Notebook/Take Time to Review, Patriarchs of Our Faith #4


Showing My Faith in God

You show you have faith in God by the things you do. You know that Jesus is the Son of God, and you have asked Him to be in charge of your life. But what about the times when you know what Jesus would like you to do, but you'd rather do something else?

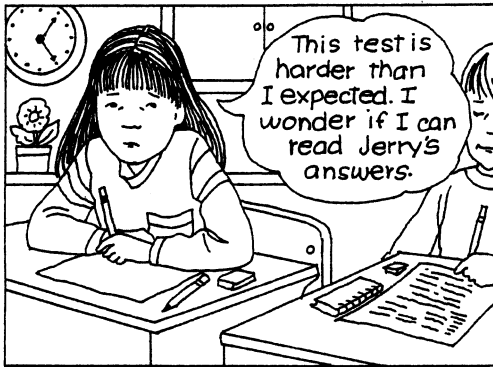
I'M PROUD OF THESE KIDS. LOOK AT THE SMART THINGS THEY ARE CHOOSING TO DO.



YOU'RE RIGHT. WE COULD LEARN A LOT FROM THEM.

 **What could these kids do to show that they have faith in Jesus? Write your answers on the blank lines.**





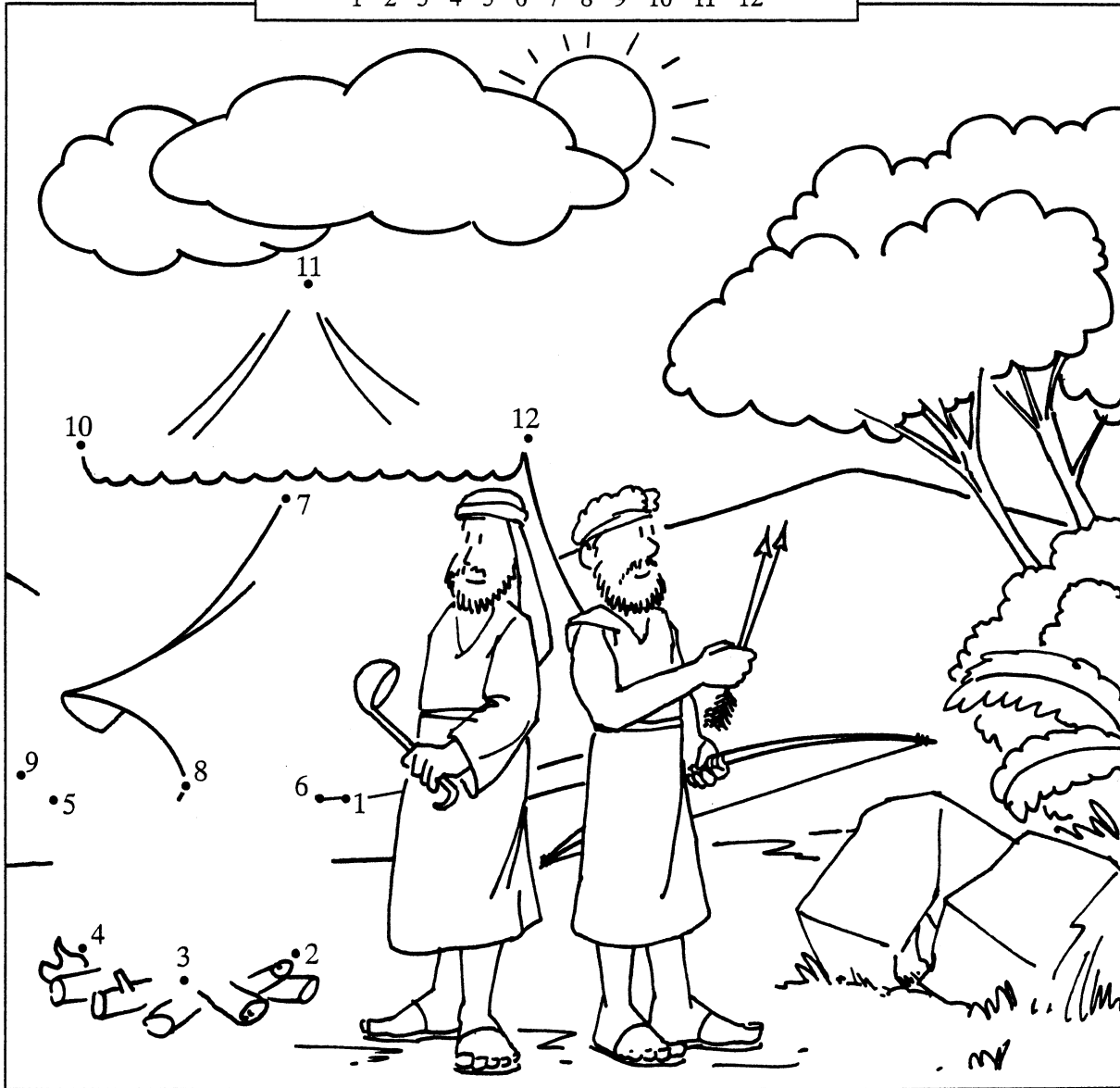


Jacob and Esau

Esau, the hunter, sold his birthright to his younger twin brother, Jacob, just for some stew.

Connect the dots:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12



“... Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness”
Matthew 6:33

MEMORY VERSE HELPS

Patriarchs of our Faith #4 - "Jacob and Esau, the Birthright and the Blessing"

Matthew 6:33

**"But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness;
and all these things shall be added unto you."**

NOTE: Teach this verse following the lesson.



Introduction:

Andre visited his friend Gary's house. Gary's family was rich and he had lots of nice things—his own room, the latest clothes and toys, etc. When Andre came home to the small room he shared with his brothers, he complained— "It's not fair. Gary's family has so much more than we do. When I grow up I'm going to be rich so I can buy a big house and have everything I want." How important are things to you? Our verse today tells us what God says about what should be most important

Presentation:

(Read the verse from the Bible. Then hold the flashcard for children to see and have them read the verse with you.)

Explanation:

But seek ye (you) first the kingdom of God – wanting with your whole heart to know God and His plan for your life.

and his righteousness – wanting with your whole heart to be and to do what God wants.

and all these things shall be added unto you – everything you need for a life that please God.

Application:

(Saved) Andre thought that having a big house and nice things would give him a happy life. Perhaps you have sometimes felt that way, but if you've believed in Jesus as your Saviour, look for the way God wants you to do things and then obey His right way. Remember that seeking God's kingdom and His righteousness is the only way to have a life that pleases God and gives you joy inside.

(Unsaved) The first step in seeking God's kingdom is to receive His Son, the Lord Jesus, as your Saviour from sin.

Repetition:

After saying the verse two or three times, sing it to the tune provided in the agenda packet, substituting Matthew 6:33 for the word alleluia.

Teaching tip for reinforcing the memory verse in the class hour:

Have children look for things in Matthew 6 God says they can trust Him for (vv. 10-14, 25-31). Write them on a chalkboard.

SEEK YE FIRST COMMIT THY WAY

Matthew 6:33
Psalm 37:5

Unknown

But seek ye— first the— king - dom of God, And his— right- eous - ness,
Com - mit thy— way un - to the Lord, Trust al - so so in him,

And all these things shall be add - ed un - to you! Matt - hew six thir - ty thr - ee
And he— shall br - ing it to— pass Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

INVOLVEMENT HELPS FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

by Sara Bowers and Linda D. Ruth

Patriarchs #4 – “The Birthright and the Blessing”

MEMORY VERSE: Shortened verse

Matthew 6:33 – “... Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness”

Can be sung to well-known tune. Sing words of this shortened verse twice.

BIBLE LESSON HELPS:

Flashcard 3-6 ~ Have children hold up two fingers and wiggle them while looking surprised.

~ Have children smile while pretending to rock the babies.

Flashcard 4-1 ~ Have children shake their heads yes or no in answer to your question.

Flashcard 4-2 ~ Have children pretend to stir a pot of stew.

~ Have children say, “I’m soooooo hungry!”

Flashcard 4-4 ~ Have children pretend to eat the food.

Flashcard 5-5 ~ Have children show an angry face.

BIBLE LEARNING GAME: “Who’s There?”

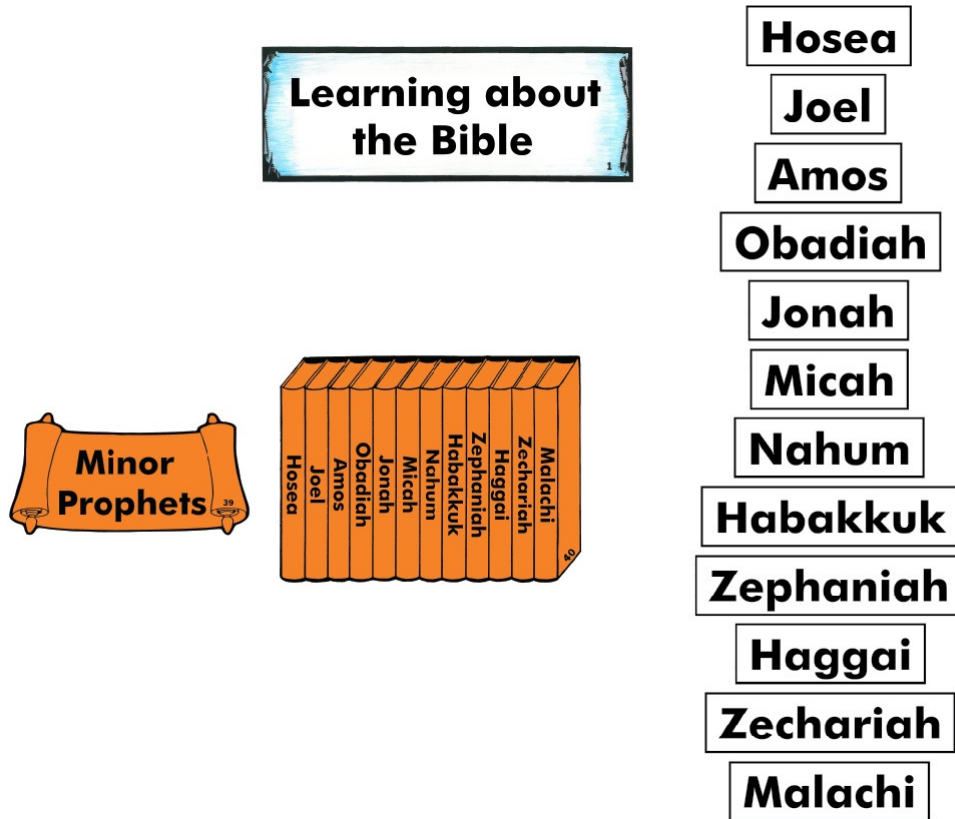
Have children stand in a line across one end of room. Choose one child to be “Isaac,” sitting at the opposite end of room with his/her back to group. Point to someone to be “Jacob.” At your signal, the line of children begins to walk slowly toward “Isaac.” As “Isaac” hears their approach, he/she calls out, “*Who’s there?*” Children stop walking. The child chosen as “Jacob” replies, “*It’s me, Esau.*” “Isaac” has three chances to guess the identity of the voice.

Say, “*The Bible says that Isaac was tricked because Jacob wanted to do things his own way. He did not put God first. If Jesus is your Saviour, you should put God first.*”

Whether “Isaac” guessed correctly or not, choose other children and play again.

LEARNING ABOUT THE BIBLE & THE OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS

WEEK #21



(Place figure #1.) There are 12 Minor Prophets. *(Place figures #39 and #40.)* They are called Minor Prophets, not because they are less important than the Major Prophets, but because they are shorter in length. Their names are sort of unusual and perhaps more difficult to say, so today, we are going to spend some time just practicing the names of the 12 Minor Prophets. When we learned about the Minor Prophets, we only learned two a week. So let's review two at a time too. Maybe that will help us remember them more easily. The first two are Hosea and Joel. The next two are Amos and Obadiah. The next two are Jonah and Micah. The next two are Nahum and Habakkuk. The next two are Zephaniah and Haggai. The last two are Zechariah and Malachi. Now let's try one more time to say all 12 Minor Prophets together: *Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi.* Next week, we are going to review all the books of the Old Testament. I hope you will practice saying them at home this week so that you will be able to do well when we start to review them.



GO AND TELL BOX

WEEK #20 – GREAT COMMISSION PART 2

INFORMATION

(Suggested item to put in the “Go and Tell” Box – Christian, Nominal, and Unbeliever figures.)

What is in our “Go and Tell” Box today? *(Pull out each figure with wordstrip as you talk about them.)*

Today, we are going to think about those people who have heard the Good News about Jesus and how they have responded to the message of salvation. These are people who have: Bibles in their language, many believers within their culture who are living for God, a church building available, and tools for sharing the Gospel are available through radio, TV, tracts, etc. In America, everyone is able to purchase a Bible, even at the Dollar Store. (94% of the world’s population has access to a New Testament printed in their language.)



1. **Christian** – 41% (127 million) of those who live in America are professing (say they are) Christians. *(Place figure and wordstrip on flannelboard.)* They have believed in Jesus’ death, burial and resurrection and have received Jesus as their personal Saviour. Many are involved in a local, Bible-teaching church. The Christians are the ones who are potential missionaries.

2. **Nominal** – There are about 42% (130 million) nominal Christians—those who are Christian in name only. They know about Jesus and the Bible. But they do not follow or obey what God says. *(Place figure and wordstrip on flannelboard.)* They are found in churches in every town and city of America.



3. **Unbeliever** – They do not go to church but are neighbors of the Christians and the nominal Christians. *(Place figure and wordstrip on flannelboard.)* They may have some knowledge of the Gospel but have not believed and received Jesus as Saviour.



Remember that the Great Commission, as recorded in Mark 16:15, says, “. . . **Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature.**” (person). As Christians, we have a big job. God loves each person in the world, and He wants everyone to hear about His Son, so that they can have the opportunity to receive Jesus as their Saviour.

*Adapted from: THE GREAT COMMISSION – MISSIONS (Original content from William Carey Library)
Religious Statistics from Barna Research 2007*

PRAYER

THANK God for His Word, the Bible, and for your salvation.

ASK God to help you live like Jesus so that others will want to listen when you share with them about Jesus’ death, burial and resurrection.



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Review Game: Red
& Green



**You
should
put God
first.**



- Isaac, "Who are you?" "Esau, firstborn" Isaac trembled, "Who was just here? I already blessed him." (Read Genesis 27:34)

- Isaac, "Your brother used deceit to take your blessing."

- Esau, "Isn't he rightly named?" (Jacob means Deceiver) "He's taken my birthright, now blessing." (Read Gen. 27:41)

- Esau furious, decided to kill Jacob after their father died.

- Sin causing lots of problems. For us too, why need Saviour

P, E

Romans 5:8 - "...**God commendeth His love towards us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**"

- I'm thankful Jesus came to be our Saviour b/c sin causes prob.

FLASHCARD 4-6

- Word got to Rebekah that Esau would kill Jacob. She called for Jacob, "Obey my voice, flee to my brother Laban until Esau's anger cools."

- Rebekah to Isaac, "I don't want Jacob to marry Canaanite like Esau. Send him to my brother in Haran to find a wife."

- Although Isaac/Rebekah/Esau/Jacob weren't putting God first, His promises to Abraham hadn't changed. God could bring good from bad choices.

- Isaac/Rebekah's wrong choice of favoritism caused division.

- Esau's wrong choice to sell birthright caused him to hate brother

- Jacob's wrong choice caused him to flee home

- Always consequences for sinful choices. Jesus took conseq. we deserve for sin. He wants to be your Saviour. Will you believe on Him today?

INVITATION

Acts 16:31 - "**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.**"

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P, E
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**BOW HEADS
RESPONSE**

CHALLENGE

G - Go over **MT
YOU SHOULD PUT GOD
FIRST**

R - Review **PAS** verse **Matthew 6:33** - "**But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and all His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.**" (MV)

O - Overview **PAS** examples

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

W - Will you do it?

Patriarchs of Our Faith #4

Genesis 25:21-34; 26:34-35; 27:1-28:5

- Imagine planning a trip to your favorite amusement park. Show on your face how you'd feel.

- You'd be really happy, but what if weather canceled your trip or car broke? Still be happy?

- True happiness not found in stuff, people, or activities? Stuff breaks, gets lost. People disappoint us, make us sad. Activities get canceled

- True happiness can only be found in God and putting Him first in your life.

- In today's Bible lesson we will see what happens when you don't put God first. Let's listen.

FLASHCARD 3-6

- Last week ended with Isaac marrying Rebekah

- Abraham had believed God would lead Eliezer to right wife. God did. Probably thanked God.

- Abraham had learned that true happiness comes from putting God first

**MT - YOU SHOULD PUT GOD
FIRST**

- Only by putting God first can you have true happiness that doesn't go away when problems happen.

- Abraham learned this a lot during life. Must have taught Isaac importance of putting God first and worshipping Him alone.

- As years went by, Isaac and Rebekah remained childless

- Isaac prayed to God. (Read Genesis 25:21)

- God answered. She became pregnant but felt like a struggle going on inside of her. Asked God what it meant. He answered. (Read Gen. 25:23)

- She was going to have twins

- But what did God mean the older would serve the younger?

- Day finally came for babies to be born. 1st baby covered in red hair, named Esau (hairy). 2nd baby was born holding Esau's heel. They named him Jacob.

- They had waited 20 years for children, now had 2. Very happy

- Abraham happy, too, knowing God was keeping His promises.

- Abraham died at age 175. Esau/Jacob were 15. He never saw God keep all His promises, but he died believing God would

FLASHCARD 4-1

- Boys grew. Esau became skillful hunter & enjoyed outdoors. Jacob content to stay home in the tents.

- Is/Reb. each had a favorite son

- (Read Gen. 25:28)

- This doesn't happen with God.

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- Isaac & Rebekah didn't love sons equally. Do you think this might cause problems?

FLASHCARD 4-2

- One day Jacob cooking stew

- Esau came in from field faint with hunger, "Jacob, feed me some stew, I'm so hungry!"

- Jacob, "Sell me your birthright in exchange for some stew."

- Jacob was talking about the right Esau had as firstborn to be in charge when their father died

- Might sound good to be in charge, but it came with lots of responsibility caring for own family as well as extended family. That's why oldest son was given double portion of father's inheritance (all things he owned and money he had).

- Esau, "I'm about to die of hunger. What good is this birthright to me?"

- Jacob, "Promise to give it to me in exchange for some stew."

- Jacob was taking advantage of brother to get what he wanted...

- Was being selfish. That's sin.

S, PAU

Isaiah 53:6 – "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way"

1.

2.

3.

- Jacob wanted Esau's birthright. He sinned by taking advantage of Esau.

- Esau promised to sell his birthright in exchange for stew. (Read Genesis 25:34) His responsibilities as firstborn were not important to him.

FLASHCARD 4-3

- Time went by. Isaac older, no longer could see. Called Esau, "I'm old. Don't know when I'll die. Hunt wild game. Make tasty food for me. Then I'll bless you."

- Esau left to do what his father said. But someone was listening. Who? Rebekah.

- Rebekah to Jacob, "I heard your father tell Esau to bring him some wild game to eat. Then he'll bless him before he dies."

- Rebekah had a plan. (Read Genesis 27:8-10)

- Sounded like a good idea. Jacob already had birthright & the blessing that went with it.

- Don't know if Isaac/Rebekah knew Esau sold birthright, but knew what God said about twins before born – the elder would serve the younger

- Instead of putting God first and allowing Him to bring it about, Rebekah took matter into hands

MT, PAS – YOU SHOULD PUT GOD FIRST

Matthew 6:33 – "***But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.***" (MV)

1.

2.

3.

- Rebekah wasn't putting God first. She had a plan. Jacob noticed problem, "My brother's hairy. I'm smooth. If Father touches me, know I'm not Esau. Then he'll curse me instead"

- Rebekah "Then the curse be upon me. Just obey my voice."

- Jacob did as mother instructed although it was wrong

- Rebekah took Esau's clothes for Jacob to wear. Secured goat skins to his hands/neck so he'd feel hairy in case Isaac touched

- Rebekah's plan in place. Tasty meal was made way Isaac loved. Jacob disguised. Sure blind Isaac wouldn't figure it out.

FLASHCARD 4-4

- Jacob went to father who asked, "Who are you, my son?"

- Jacob lied, "I'm firstborn Esau. Eat tasty food. Give blessing"

- Isaac, "How hunt so quickly?" Jacob lied, "God brought it."

- Isaac not convinced. Couldn't see, but voice not right. "Come closer so I may feel you."

- Isaac's fingers felt the coarse hair attached to Jacob.

- Isaac, "Your voice's Jacob's, but hand's Esau's."

- Isaac ate food, kissed cheek, smelled outdoors. Must be Esau, so he blessed Jacob w/blessing meant for firstborn.

- (Read Genesis 27:28-29) Reminds me of promises God gave Abraham: bless/course, great nation, all people blessed.

- It would be through promised Saviour. Abraham didn't know His name. You and I do – Jesus

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- Jesus was promised Saviour Abraham/family looking forward to. Jesus would be born into Abraham's family, but would it be Esau's or Jacob's family?

FLASHCARD 4-5

- Jacob left. Esau showed up, "Father eat and give blessing."