

JACOB TRICKS ISAAC

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¹When Isaac was old and his eyes were so weak that he could no longer see, he called for Esau his older son and said to him, “My son.”

“Here I am,” he answered.

²Isaac said, “I am now an old man and don’t know the day of my death. ³Now then, get your weapons—your quiver and bow—and go out to the open country to hunt some wild game for me. ⁴Prepare me the kind of tasty food I like and bring it to me to eat, so that I may give you my blessing before I die.”

⁵Now Rebekah was listening as Isaac spoke to his son Esau. When Esau left for the open country to hunt game and bring it back, ⁶Rebekah said to her son Jacob, “Look, I overheard your father say to your brother Esau, ⁷‘Bring me some game and prepare me some tasty food to eat, so that I may give you my blessing in the presence of the LORD before I die.’ ⁸Now, my son, listen carefully and do what I tell you: ⁹Go out to the flock and bring me two choice young goats, so I can prepare some tasty food for your father, just the way he likes it. ¹⁰Then take it to your father to eat, so that he may give you his blessing before he dies.”

¹¹Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, “But my brother Esau is a hairy man, and I’m a man with smooth skin. ¹²What if my father touches me? I would appear to be tricking him and would bring down a curse on myself rather than a blessing.”

¹³His mother said to him, “My son, let the curse fall on me. Just do what I say; go and get them for me.”

¹⁴So he went and got them and brought them to his mother, and she prepared some tasty food, just the way his father liked it. ¹⁵Then Rebekah took the best clothes of Esau her older son, which she had in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob. ¹⁶She also covered his hands and the smooth part of his neck with the goatskins. ¹⁷Then she handed to her son Jacob the tasty food and the bread she had made.

¹⁸He went to his father and said, “My father.”

“Yes, my son,” he answered. “Who is it?”

¹⁹Jacob said to his father, “I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me. Please sit up and eat some of my game so that you may give me your blessing.”

²⁰Isaac asked his son, “How did you find it so quickly, my son?”

“The LORD your God gave me success,” he replied.

²¹Then Isaac said to Jacob, “Come near so I can touch you, my son, to know whether you really are my son Esau or not.”

²²Jacob went close to his father Isaac, who touched him and said, “The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau.” ²³He did not recognize him, for his hands were hairy like those of his brother Esau; so he blessed him. ²⁴“Are you really my son Esau?” he asked.

“I am,” he replied.

²⁵Then he said, “My son, bring me some of your game to eat, so that I may give you my blessing.”

Jacob brought it to him and he ate; and he brought some wine and he drank. ²⁶Then his father Isaac said to him, “Come here, my son, and kiss me.”

²⁷So he went to him and kissed him. When Isaac caught the smell of his clothes, he blessed him and said,

“Ah, the smell of my son
is like the smell of a field
that the LORD has blessed.

²⁸ May God give you of heaven’s dew
and of earth’s richness—
an abundance of grain and new wine.

²⁹ May nations serve you
and peoples bow down to you.
Be lord over your brothers,
and may the sons of your mother bow down to you.
May those who curse you be cursed
and those who bless you be blessed.”

³⁰After Isaac finished blessing him and Jacob had scarcely left his father’s presence, his brother Esau came in from hunting. ³¹He too prepared some tasty food and brought it to his father. Then he said to him, “My father, sit up and eat some of my game, so that you may give me your blessing.”

³²His father Isaac asked him, “Who are you?”

“I am your son,” he answered, “your firstborn, Esau.”

³³Isaac trembled violently and said, “Who was it, then, that hunted game and brought it to me? I ate it just before you came and I blessed him—and indeed he will be blessed!”

³⁴When Esau heard his father’s words, he burst out with a loud and bitter cry and said to his father, “Bless me—me too, my father!”

³⁵But he said, “Your brother came deceitfully and took your blessing.”

³⁶Esau said, “Isn’t he rightly named Jacob? He has deceived me these two times: He took my birthright, and now he’s taken my blessing!” Then he asked, “Haven’t you reserved any blessing for me?”

³⁷Isaac answered Esau, “I have made him lord over you and have made all his relatives his servants, and I have sustained him with grain and new wine. So what can I possibly do for you, my son?”

³⁸Esau said to his father, “Do you have only one blessing, my father? Bless me too, my father!” Then Esau wept aloud.

³⁹His father Isaac answered him,

“Your dwelling will be
away from the earth’s richness,
away from the dew of heaven above.

⁴⁰ You will live by the sword
and you will serve your brother.
But when you grow restless,
you will throw his yoke
from off your neck.”

⁴¹Esau held a grudge against Jacob because of the blessing his father had given him. He said to himself, “The days of mourning for my father are near; then I will kill my brother Jacob.”

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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: I AM ESAU

Students will play a game called “I am Esau” to remind them of how Jacob tricked his father Isaac.

MATERIALS

1. Chair (for Isaac)
2. Blindfold



DIRECTIONS

1. Choose someone to be Isaac.
2. Put the blindfold on so that “Isaac” cannot see people walking up behind him.
3. Have each student take turns walking up to “Isaac” and whispering, “I am Esau, father, give me your blessing.”
4. Students should disguise their voice to trick “Isaac”
5. “Isaac” must guess who he/she thinks “Esau” really is.
6. If “Isaac” can guess who “Esau” is, “Esau” becomes “Isaac”.
7. Repeat as many times as you have time for.

FOR DISCUSSION

Before playing “I am Esau”, discuss how Isaac was tricked by his younger son Jacob. With the help of his mother Rebekah, Jacob posed as his brother Esau and obtain his blessing.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 15 minutes

MEMORY VERSE

“The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?” Jeremiah 17:9

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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: JACOB'S FUR

Students will make a piece of fur to remind them that Jacob tricked Isaac by dressing in fur to resemble his brother Esau and steal his blessing.

MATERIALS

1. 67 lb White Cardstock
2. Fur Pattern
3. Brown Yarn (cut in ½ inch pieces)
4. Glue
5. Rubber Bands



DIRECTIONS

1. Make a copy of the “fur pattern” onto 67 lb white cardstock for each student.
2. Allow students to glue pieces of brown yarn onto the pattern.
3. Cut the piece of “fur” out.
4. When dry, attach “fur” loosely to students’ arms with rubber bands.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are gluing “fur” to their patterns, remind them that Jacob tricked his father whose eyesight was failing. Encourage students to be truthful at all times.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 15 minutes

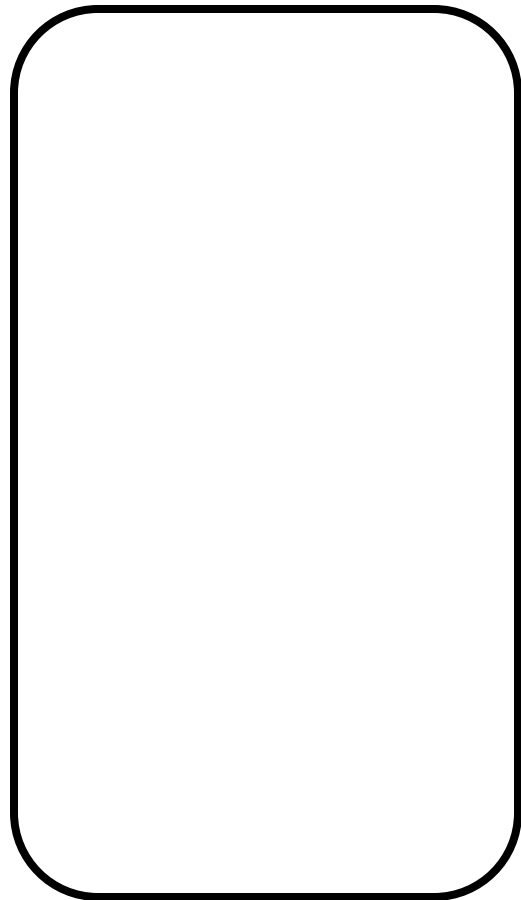
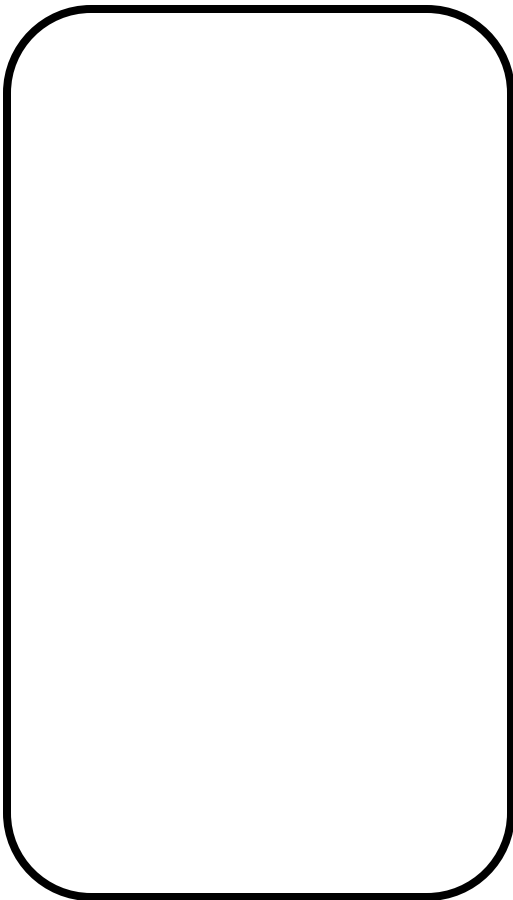
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FUR PATTERN



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| POSSIBLE POINTS | MY POINTS | QUESTIONS |
|-----------------|-----------|--|
| 5 | | 1.) What did Rebekah and Jacob do to trick Isaac? |
| 5 | | 2.) Why did Jacob want to trick his father? (Verse 19) |
| 5 | | 3.) What did Esau want to do to Jacob? (Verse 41) |
| 5 | | 4.) Why do you think Esau cried? (Verse 34) |

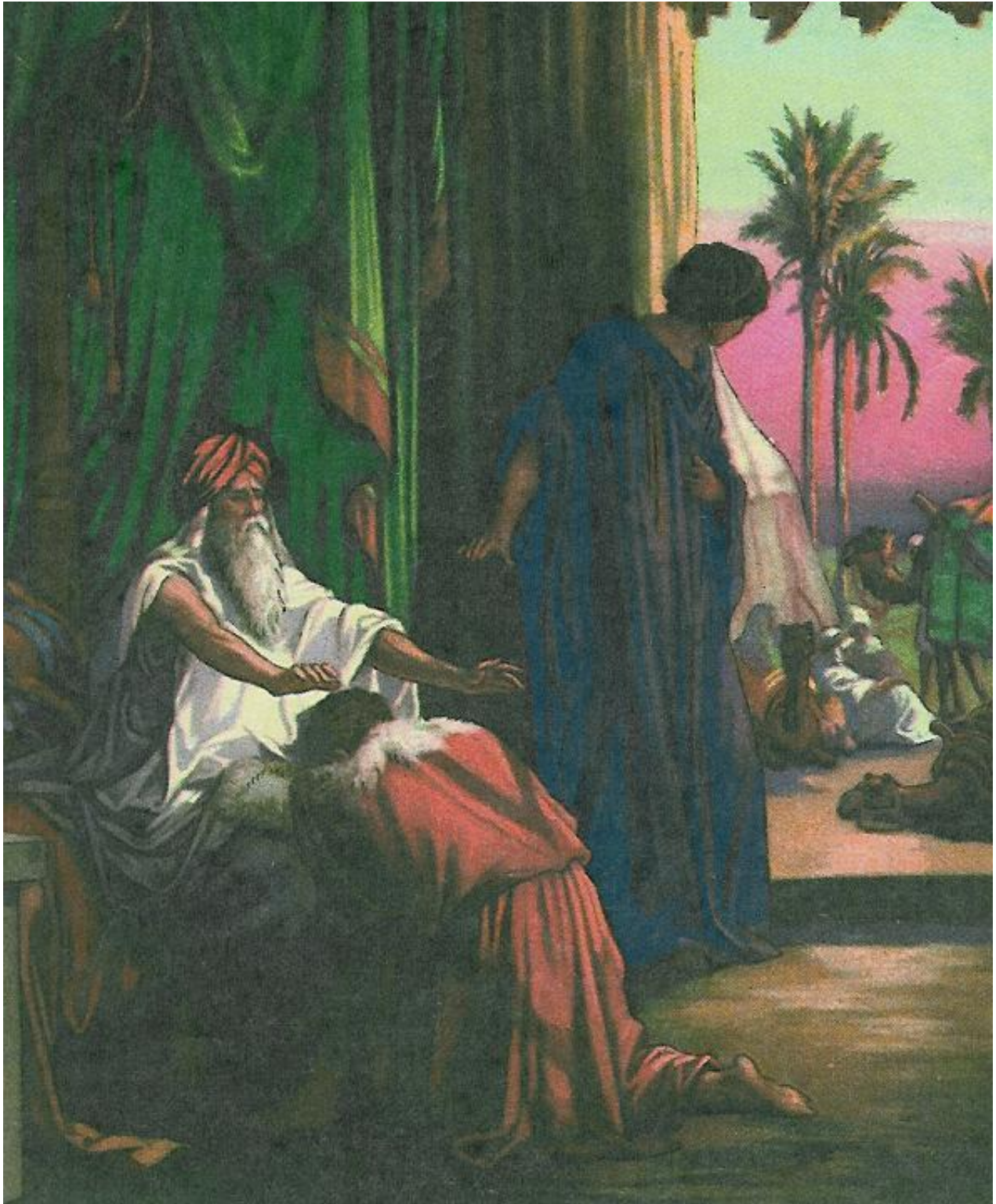
| POSSIBLE POINTS | MY POINTS | MEMORY VERSE |
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| 10 | | "The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?" Jeremiah 17:9 |

| POSSIBLE POINTS | MY POINTS | HOME CONNECTION | PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE |
|-----------------|-----------|--|---------------------------|
| 5 | | <i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i> | |
| 5 | | <i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i> | |
| 10 | | <i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i> | |

| TOTAL POINTS | CLUB CONNECTION |
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| | LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___ |

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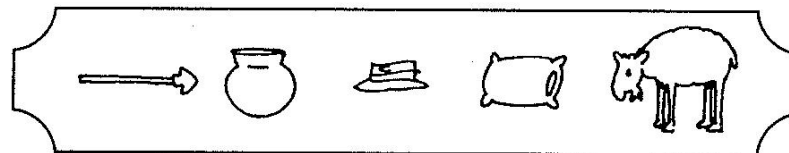
Jacob dresses in goatskin to trick his father Isaac

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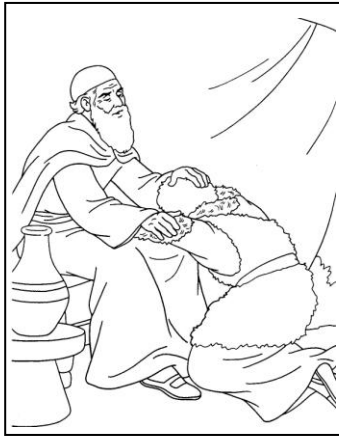
Before Isaac gave Esau the family blessing, he asked him to prepare his favorite dinner. While Esau was hunting meat for the dinner, Jacob tricked his father into giving him the family blessing.



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A SPECIAL REPORT ON GENESIS 27:1-41

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A man named Isaac was getting older and could not see so well anymore. He called his older son Esau to talk to him. Isaac told Esau to bring him some tasty food. Isaac also wanted

to give Esau his blessing. This meant Esau would receive his father's inheritance when Isaac died.

Isaac's wife, Rebekah, overheard Isaac talking to Esau. Rebekah told her younger son, Jacob, what Isaac had said. She told Jacob how they could trick Isaac. They were going to make Isaac think that Jacob was really Esau. She told Jacob to hunt for some of Isaac's favorite food. Then she had Jacob dress up like Esau. She also had Jacob put on some goat skin because Esau was so hairy.

Jacob, dressed like Esau, came close to Isaac. Isaac touched Jacob and thought he was Esau. Isaac gave Jacob the blessing that should have gone to his brother Esau! When Esau found out what had happened, he began to cry. He asked his father for a blessing, but his brother had already gotten it.

For additional details about this story, please read Genesis 27:1-41 in your Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. What was Isaac going to give to his older son Esau?
2. How did Jacob and his mother trick Isaac?
3. Why was Esau so upset?
4. Why do you think Jacob tricked his father Isaac?

MEMORY VERSE

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FINISH THE PICTURE



Ideas For Home:

Today your child learned how Jacob tricked his dad to get his brother Esau's blessing.

1. Have your child finish coloring this book.
2. Help your child learn the *Memory Verse*.
3. Practice the *Bible Story Rhyme*.
4. Read and discuss the bible story with your child.
5. Isaac touched animal fur on Jacob's arm and he thought it was his son Esau. Put a small object inside a sock. Have him/her guess what it is. See if you can trick your child!

Bible Story Mini Book

Jacob Tricks Isaac



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Colored by: _____



Jacob's brother Esau
was angry with Jacob
for taking his blessing.



Esau was a hairy man.
Jacob was his brother.

Memory Verse

“The heart is deceitful....”
Jeremiah 17:9

Bible Story Rhyme

Jacob dressed in animal skin,
(Pet your arm)

In the hopes that he would win,
*(Hands held palms up then close fingers
and bring hands to heart)*

A blessing from his dear old dad,
*(Bring flat hand from high above head to
your temple and touch your thumb to your
temple)*

He told a lie and that is bad.
(Shake pointer finger back and forth)



Jacob put on animal fur to
make his father think that
he was Esau.

Have You Ever Sinned?

The Bible teaches that we have *all* sinned and do not measure up to God's glory. It also teaches that the price for sin is death which separates us from God. But even though we are sinners, Christ died for us and paid the price for our sin. We just need to ask him to forgive us and receive his free gift of salvation. Just pray this prayer, with a sincere heart, and Jesus will forgive you of your sins. You will become a child of God and live with Him in heaven.

“Dear Jesus,

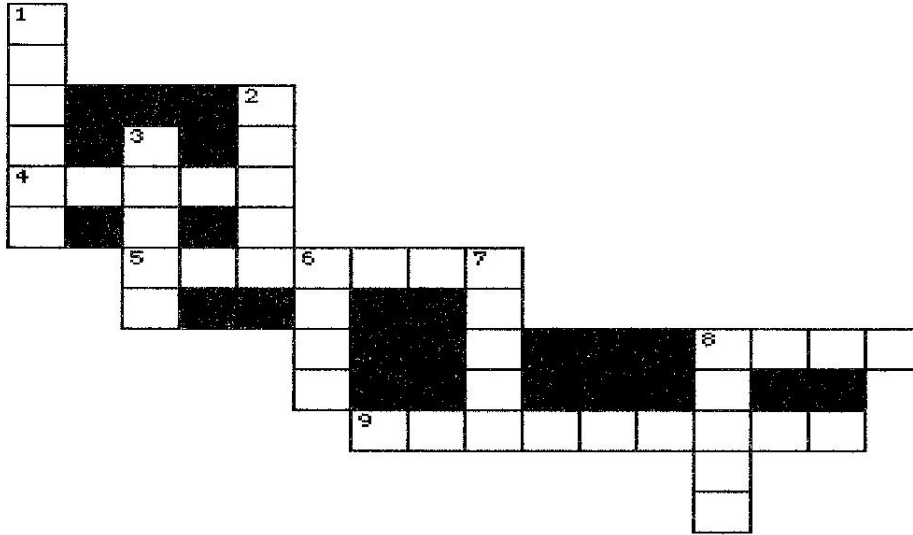
Please forgive me for the bad things that I have done. Please come into my heart and be my Lord and savior. In your name I pray, Amen.”



Isaac touched Jacob and thought he was Esau. Isaac gave Jacob his brother's blessing.

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- 8 DOWN "By _____ Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come." **HEBREWS 11:20**
- 4 ACROSS "Now it came to pass, when _____ was old and his eyes were so dim that he could not see, that he called Esau his older son and said to him, 'My son.' And he answered him, 'Here I am.'" **GENESIS 27 :1**
- 8 ACROSS Isaac said to Esau, "Make me savory _____ such as I love, and bring it to me that I may eat, that my soul may bless you before I die." **GENESIS 27:4**
- 9 ACROSS "Now Rebekah was _____ when Isaac spoke to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt game and to bring it." **GENESIS 27:5**
- 5 ACROSS "Then _____ took the choice clothes of her elder son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son." **GENESIS 27:15**
- 7 DOWN Rebekah "put the skins of the kids of the goats on his _____ and on the smooth part of his neck." **GENESIS 27:16**
- 3 DOWN Isaac "did not recognize him, because his hands were _____ like his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him." **GENESIS 27:23**
- 6 DOWN "Then it happened, as soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, and Jacob had scarcely gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that _____ his brother came in from his hunting." **GENESIS 27:30**
- 1 DOWN Isaac said to Esau, "Your brother came with _____ and has taken away your blessing." **GENESIS 27:35**
- 2 DOWN "So Esau hated _____ because of the blessing with which his father blessed him, and Esau said in his heart, 'The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then I will kill my brother Jacob.'" **GENESIS 27:41**

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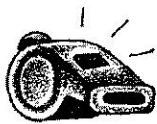
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PRESCHOOL GAME

Supplies: none

Use this game to help children learn about their sense of touch and how they can find out about people or things without using their eyes.

Help children sit in a circle facing the center.
Ask: What do you notice about the people in our class? Who has short hair? Long hair? Who has a bow in her hair?



Coach's Comment

Always offer young children the choice of wearing a blindfold or closing their eyes tightly. Sometimes a stretchy headband or wristband works better than a traditional blindfold.

Say: Isaac was blind, but he thought he could discover which of his sons was with him by the hair he felt. Let's see how well we can do figuring out who someone is by touching his or her hair.

Select one person to be Jacob and Esau's father, Isaac. Have Isaac sit on a chair in the center of the circle, and blindfold him or her. Select another child to come near Isaac and see if Isaac can guess the person's identity by gently touching his or her hair and clothing. If Isaac is having difficulty guessing correctly, ask the other children to give some clues. Take turns until everyone has had the opportunity to be either Isaac or the other child.

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PRESCHOOL BIBLE STORY RHYME



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