



Jacob and the Blessing

Genesis 27:1-36



Simple Truth from Genesis

The Bible is a library with 66 books in it.
Genesis is the first book in the Bible.
It tells how God created the world
and outlines the history of the first people.

In the 'Simple Truth' Irene Green retells 18 stories from Genesis.
Widgit Symbol 'highlights' are used to provide the key message to the
passage of text.

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Reading the stories.

1. Reading the text with symbols gives you the basic story.
2. Reading all the text gives you the simple truth.
3. Reading with a partner is fun!

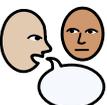
Will you read the text with symbols or the text without symbols?

      
Isaac is old and wants to bless Esau.

Isaac is getting very old and he cannot see well.
He tells Esau he is old and may die soon.
He wants to eat his favourite food and then bless Esau.

    
Isaac asks Esau to go hunting.

Isaac wants Esau to kill an animal and cook it for him.
He wants Esau to make his favourite food.
Then he wants to bless Esau.

     
Rebekah hears Isaac and tells Jacob.

Rebekah is listening as Isaac talks to Esau.
She tells Jacob, "Your father told Esau to make his favourite food.
He wants to eat it and then bless him."

Rebekah wants Isaac to bless Jacob.

Rebekah tells Jacob to bring her two goats.
She can cook the goats and make Isaac's favourite food.
She says, "Your father will eat the food and bless you."

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Jacob is not hairy like Esau.

Jacob says, "My brother is a hairy man.
Father will know it is not Esau when he touches me.
Then he will curse me not bless me."

Rebekah tells Jacob to get two goats.

Rebekah says, "I will take the blame if there is trouble.
Do as I say.
Go and get the goats for me "

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Rebekah cooks the goats and makes Isaac's favourite food.

Jacob gets two goats and brings them to his mother.

She cooks the goats a special way.

She makes Isaac's favourite food.

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Jacob wears Esau's clothes and hairy goat skins.

Rebekah tells Jacob to put on some of Esau's clothes.

She uses the goat skins to make Jacob seem hairy.

She gives Jacob the food to take to his father.

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Jacob asks Isaac to eat the food and bless him.

Jacob takes the food to his father.

Jacob says, "I am Esau and I have done the things you told me.

Now eat this food and then you can bless me."

 Isaac  knows  Esau  is  hairy  and  wants to  touch  Jacob.

Isaac asks, "How did you get back so quickly?"

Jacob says, "God allowed me to find the animals quickly."

Isaac wants to make sure that it is Esau.

 Isaac  thinks  it is  Esau  and  blesses  Jacob.

Jacob goes to Isaac who touches him.

Isaac thinks he hears Jacob's voice but he feels hairy arms.

He thinks the hairy arms belong to Esau.

 Esau  returns  and  goes to  his  father  for a  blessing.

Esau returns from hunting.

He makes his father's favourite food and brings it to him.

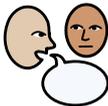
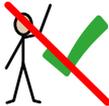
He asks his father to eat the food and bless him.

    
Isaac is confused. Who did he bless?

Isaac says, "Who are you?"

Esau says, "I am your son - your first son - Esau.

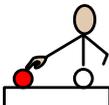
I have made your favourite food and come for my blessing.

    
Isaac says he cannot bless Esau.

Isaac says, "Then who cooked me food and brought it to me?"

I ate it all and blessed him.

Now there is no blessing for you."

    
Isaac knows that Jacob tricked him.

Esau is very angry.

He wants his father to bless him too.

Isaac says, "Your brother came and tricked me."

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Esau knows Jacob tricked him two times.

The name Jacob means 'tricky'.

Esau thinks this is a good name for his brother.

He says, "Now my brother has tricked me two times."

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Esau gets no money and no blessing.

Jacob tricks Esau out of his share of their father's money.

Now he tricks Esau out of his father's blessing.

Jacob gets everything.