

Genesis 27:1-10, 14-20, 26-29 New Living Translation

Jacob Steals Esau's Blessing

1 One day when Isaac was old and turning blind, he called for Esau, his older son, and said, "My son."

"Yes, Father?" Esau replied.

2 "I am an old man now," Isaac said, "and I don't know when I may die.

3 Take your bow and a quiver full of arrows, and go out into the open country to hunt some wild game for me. **4** Prepare my favorite dish, and bring it here for me to eat. Then I will pronounce the blessing that belongs to you, my firstborn son, before I die."

5 But Rebekah overheard what Isaac had said to his son Esau. So when Esau left to hunt for the wild game, **6** she said to her son Jacob, "Listen. I overheard your father say to Esau, **7** 'Bring me some wild game and prepare me a delicious meal. Then I will bless you in the Lord's presence before I die.' **8** Now, my son, listen to me. Do exactly as I tell you. **9** Go out to the flocks, and bring me two fine young goats. I'll use them to prepare your father's favorite dish. **10** Then take the food to your father so he can eat it and bless you before he dies."

14 So Jacob went out and got the young goats for his mother. Rebekah took them and prepared a delicious meal, just the way Isaac liked it. **15** Then she took Esau's favorite clothes, which were there in the house, and gave them to her younger son, Jacob. **16** She covered his arms and the smooth part of his neck with the skin of the young goats. **17** Then she gave Jacob the delicious meal, including freshly baked bread. **18** So Jacob took the food to his father. "My father?" he said.

"Yes, my son," Isaac answered. "Who are you—Esau or Jacob?"

19 Jacob replied, "It's Esau, your firstborn son. I've done as you told me. Here is the wild game. Now sit up and eat it so you can give me your blessing." **20** Isaac asked, "How did you find it so quickly, my son?" "The Lord your God put it in my path!" Jacob replied.

26 Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Please come a little closer and kiss me, my son." **27** So Jacob went over and kissed him. And when Isaac caught the smell of his clothes, he was finally convinced, and he blessed his son. He said, "Ah! The smell of my son is like the smell of the outdoors, which the Lord has blessed! **28** "From the dew of heaven and the richness of the earth, may God always give you abundant harvests of grain and bountiful new wine. **29** May many nations become your servants, and may they bow down to you. May you be the master over your brothers, and may your mother's sons bow down to you. All who curse you will be cursed, and all who bless you will be blessed."

Questions

1. What did Isaac ask his son Esau to do for him?

What did Isaac want to give to Esau?

2. Describe in your own words Rebekah's plan to get Isaac's blessing for Jacob.
3. Have you every told a lie or deceived your family or friends to get what you want?

How did this make you feel about what you got afterwards?

4. What does it mean to you to have the approval or blessing of your family?
5. Could your relationship with God provide the approval or blessing you are searching for? Explain