

New lesson plans each Sunday

GRACE UNITED METHODIST VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Blessing

Jacob now has his brother's birthright, but to receive the inheritance he must also receive the full blessing from his father, Isaac.



To make this happen, Rebecca comes up with a plan to deceive Isaac. The plan involves Jacob dressing in such a way that he appears to be his brother Esau.

Jacob makes himself very hairy and brings his father savory food. Isaac is very old and cannot see so he depends on smell and touch to assure himself the person before him is really Esau. Though Isaac still questions the identity of "Esau," he does bestow his blessing on Jacob.

Spiritual Practice

When we're angry, we sometimes do and say things we don't mean. When you are angry, it's a good time to stop and pray!

Encourage one another to let go of anger this week. Sometimes if you stop and think instead of reacting right away, you will make wiser choices.

WONDER Question

What do you do when you are really angry?

NEW UNIT: FAITH WORD



WELCOME TO
CELEBRATE WONDER

November 22, 2020

MEET YOU AT OUR GRACE WEBSITE
GRACESIOUXCITY.ORG

*Although we can't gather together
we can still gather with Christ.
We do miss our church family but
the church is WHERE WE ARE!*

THANKSGIVING BREAK

Reminder:
There will be no online video lesson
for November 29th.
Happy Thanksgiving!



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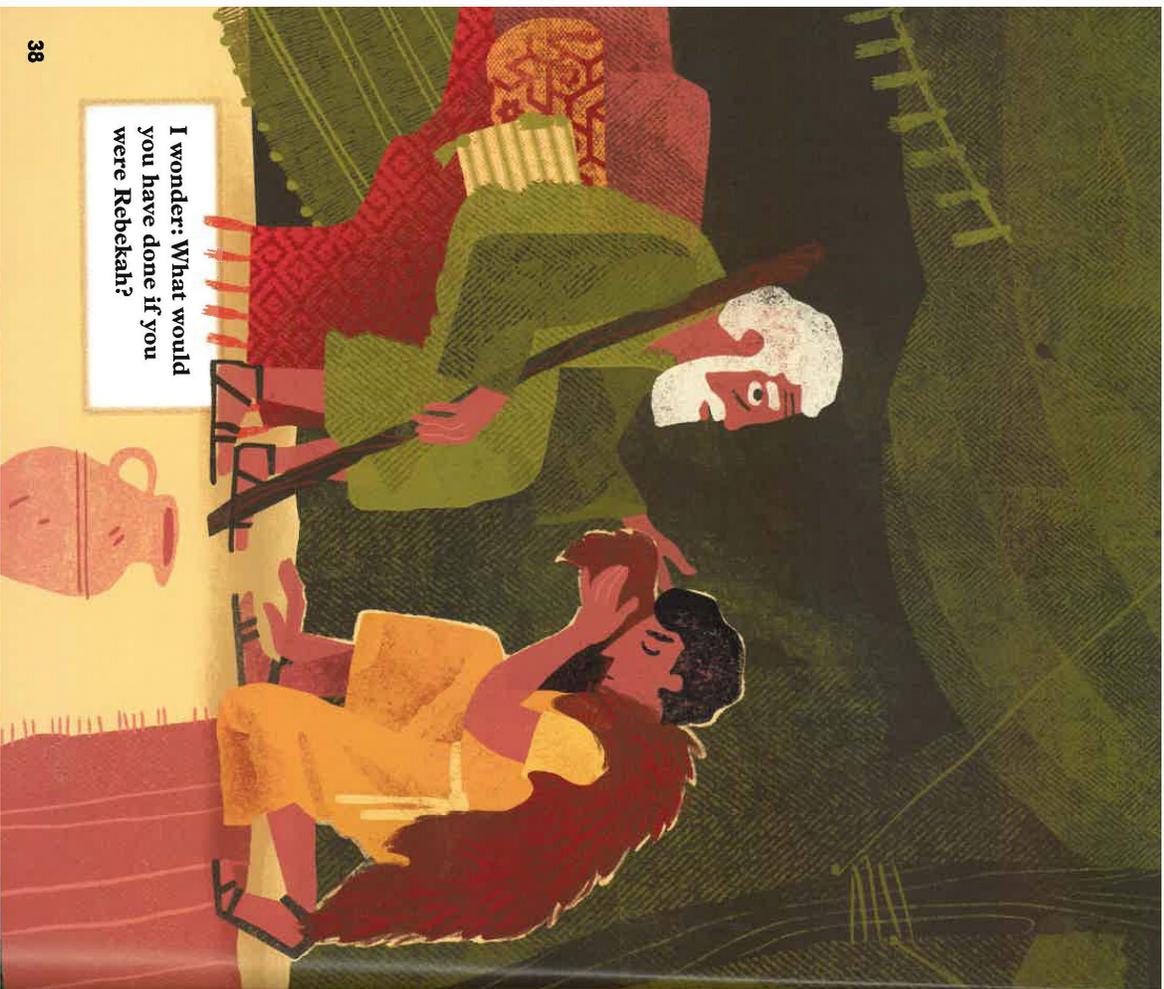


Grace UMC Sioux City, Iowa
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Access code for site: **Gracekids**

Under the children's ministry tab, you will find Virtual Sunday School. Per the request of Cokesbury Kids in place of a registration for live stream, we are giving an easy code word for the kids of Grace to access it. We will be creating packets with our weekly letter that has materials for upcoming Sundays. If you are new to Grace and would like to participate in our Sunday school please send us a message and we'll reply with an invite. You will find materials on the next few pages with some fun games and skits.

Follow along in our Bible Story time then roll your wonder cube to answer questions with your family.



I wonder: What would you have done if you were Rebekah?

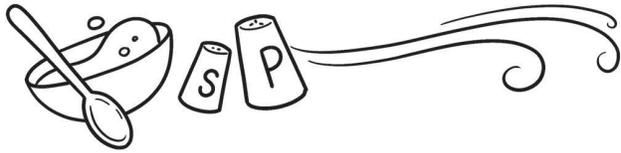


The Blessing

Genesis 27:1-46

Jacob and Esau got older. Isaac and Rebekah got older. Isaac thought, *I am an old man. It is time to give my blessing to Esau.* "Esau, please hunt and make my favorite food. Then I will give you my blessing," Isaac instructed. Esau left in search of food. Rebekah heard Isaac. She wanted Jacob to have the blessing. She helped Jacob dress in a disguise so Isaac would believe that Jacob was Esau. Rebekah made Isaac's favorite stew and gave it to Jacob to take to Isaac. Jacob went into Isaac's tent. "Who are you?" Isaac asked. "It's me, Esau," said Jacob, "here is your food." Isaac ate his food and then prayed a blessing over Jacob. Esau returned to Isaac only to discover that Isaac had given the blessing to Jacob. Esau was very angry.

CELEBRATE WONDER™ My Recipe



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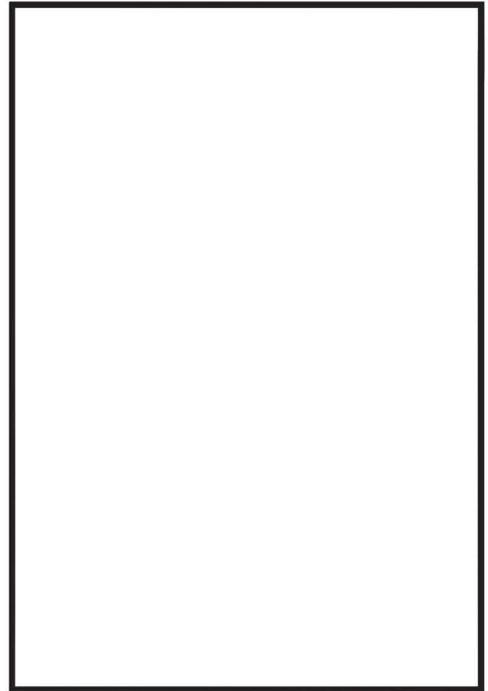
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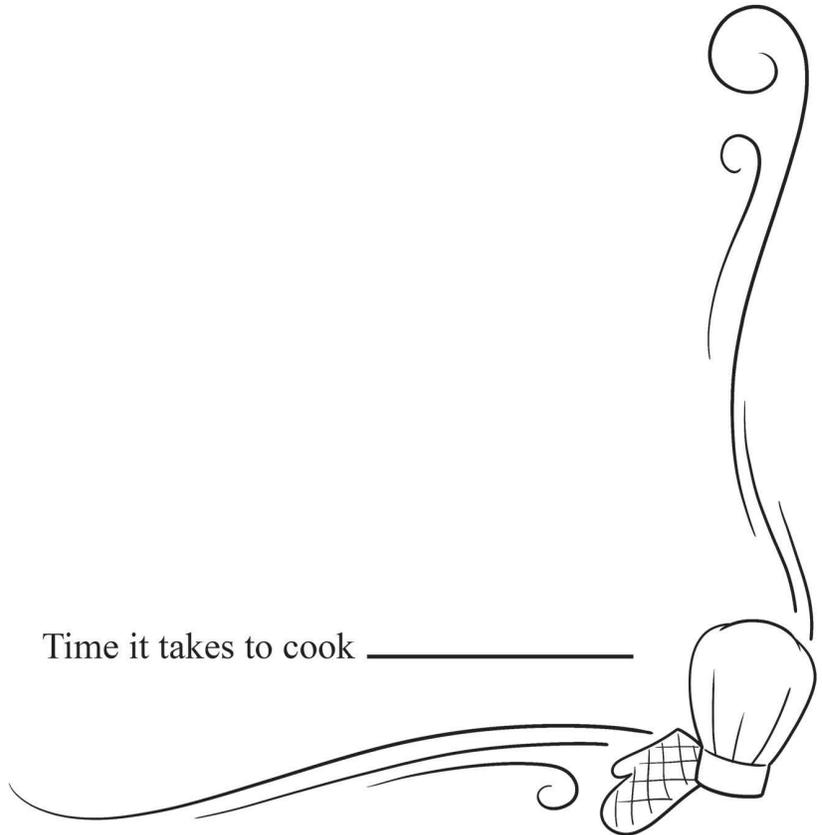
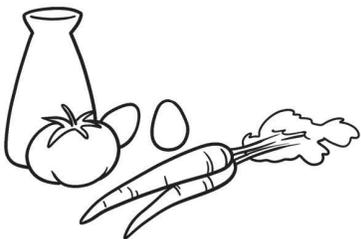
2. _____ 5. _____

3. _____ 6. _____



Directions

Time it takes to cook _____



The Blessing

Blessing Cards

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*May God bless you
and your family
today and always*



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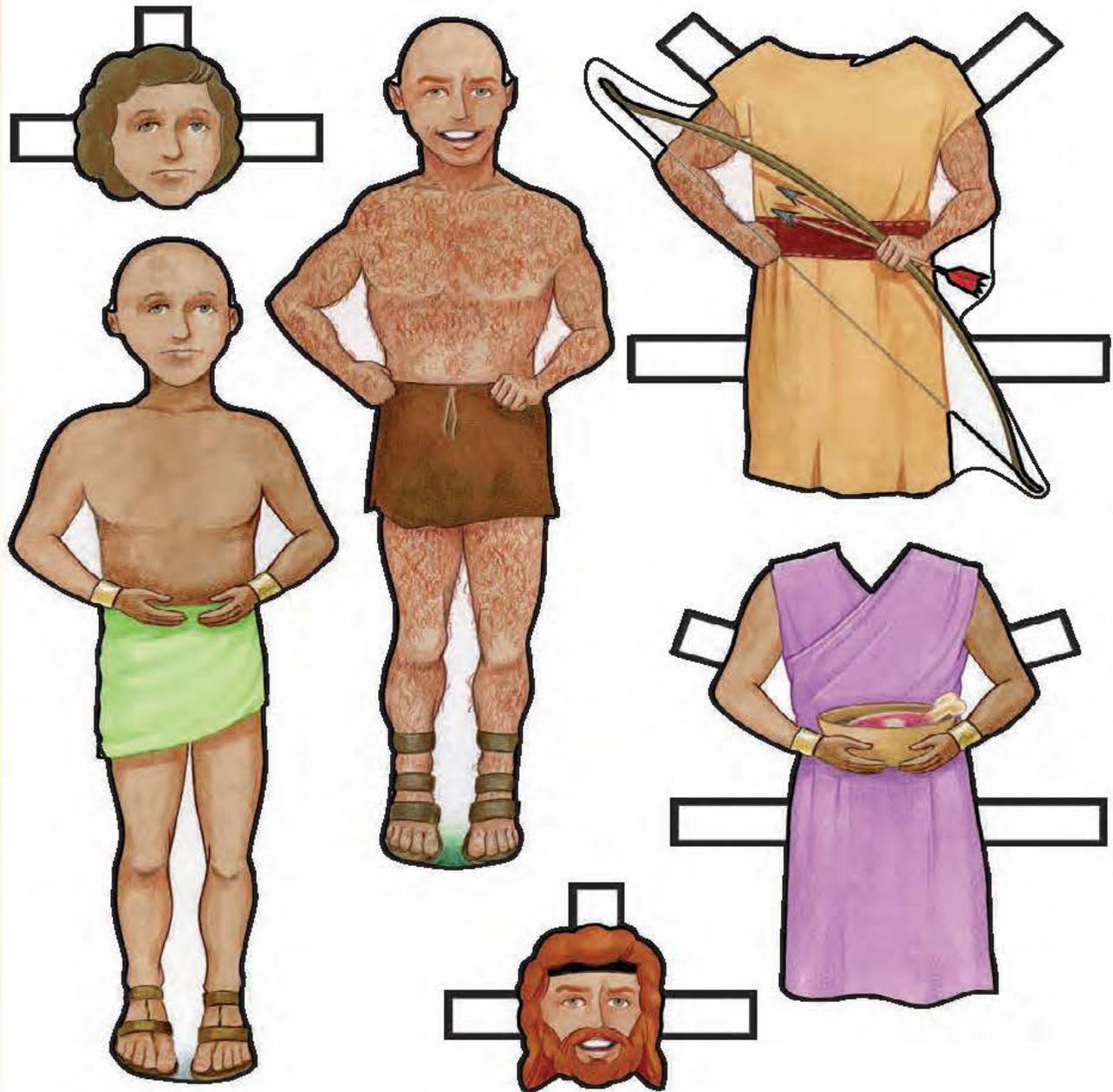


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The Blessing

Who Is Who?

CELEBRATE
WONDER[™]
Session 11 • Ages 6–8



Instructions:

1. Cut out the figures and other pieces, Use the mto create the Bible Characters--Jacob and Esau.
2. Use the figres as you hear today's Bible Story.

The Blessing

Jacob Takes the Blessing

**CELEBRATE
WONDER**
Session 11 • Ages 9+

Instructions

Assign parts, and then retell the Bible story.

SCENE 1

Narrator: Isaac had grown old and could not see well. He thought it was time for him to give his blessing to his oldest son, Esau. He called Esau to him.

Isaac: Please go out hunting. Then make me some delicious food to eat. After that, I will bless you.

Narrator: Esau's mother, Rebekah, was listening. She wanted her other son, Jacob, to have the blessing. When Esau went out to hunt, she told Jacob that he should pretend to be Esau so that Isaac would bless him instead of Esau.

Jacob: Mother, my brother is a hairy man, but I have smooth skin. What if my father touches me, realizes who I am, and becomes upset that I have tricked him?

Rebekah: Do as I say.

Narrator: Rebekah gathered some of Esau's favorite clothes for Jacob to wear and some goat hides to put on Jacob's arms so that Isaac would not know that Jacob was not Esau. And Rebekah made Isaac's favorite stew for Jacob to take to Isaac. Jacob went to Isaac wearing the disguise and offered him the stew.

SCENE 2

Jacob: Hello, Father.

Isaac: Which of my son's are you?

Jacob: I'm Esau, your oldest son. I have the food that you asked for. Now you can eat and bless me.

Isaac: That was very quick, my son. How did you finish hunting so fast?

Jacob: The LORD helped me.

Isaac: Come closer. Are you sure you are Esau? Let me touch your arm to make sure.



Narrator: Jacob went to Isaac. When Isaac touched Jacob's arm, Isaac believed that Jacob was Esau because of the disguise Rebekah had made.

Isaac: Let me eat some of the food you have made so that I can bless you.

Narrator: Isaac gave Jacob all of Esau's blessings. Then Esau came in from his hunt.

Esau: Father, have some of this delicious food I have made for you.

Isaac: Who are you? I just saw my oldest son and blessed him.

Esau: I am your oldest son, Esau.

Isaac: Well, another hunter came here with food and said he was you. I blessed him, and he will stay blessed!

Narrator: Esau cried loudly.

Esau: *(Pantomime crying loudly.)*

Isaac: It was your brother, Jacob, who secretly took your blessing.

Esau: He took my birthright, and now he has taken my blessing too! Father, haven't you saved a blessing for me?

Isaac: I have already made him more powerful than you. I made him strong and made all of his brothers servants to him. What can I do for you, my son?

Esau: Bless me too, Father.

Narrator: Isaac gave Esau a smaller blessing that was nowhere close to what he would have gotten if Jacob had not taken his blessing.

SCENE 3

Narrator: Esau was furious with Jacob. Their father had died, and Esau planned to harm Jacob. Their mother, Rebekah, found out about Esau's plan and sent Jacob away to keep him safe.

Jacob: *(Pantomime packing.)*

Rebekah: Your brother is planning revenge. You must escape to my brother Laban in Haran. Stay there until your brother stops being angry. Then I will send word for you to come back.



YOU'VE BEEN FLOCKED!

**BY GRACE U.M.C
CHRISTIAN ED.
MINISTRY**

TAKE A PICTURE, EMAIL TO
CHRISTIANED@GRACESIOUXCITY.ORG
THEN CALL US ,TO LET US KNOW WHO IN
YOUTH MINISTRY WE SHOULD FLOCK NEXT 712-276-3452.

Christian Ed Ministry has been out and about since September finding new ways to keep connections with our Grace Children and Youth.

Most everyone knows about our awesome Sunday school classes or evening Zoom Game nights, but what they didn't suspect was coming home to be FLOCKED.

We missyou and we're thinking of you!

We also know your thinking of the friends you can't currently see at church. For the six families we have surprised, we only requested a picture with our beautiful flamingos and they have the fun task of selecting the next family to be flocked. **YOU COULD BE NEXT!**



AT HOME WEEKLY CHILDRENS MINISTRY

Parents Page

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Spiritual Practice for Adults

Practice the phrase, "I am here." Life is full of interruptions. But, it's important to stay attentive and aware of our own feelings and to be in the presence of God. This week when life brings unwanted interruptions or unexpected events or emotions, practice saying, **"I am here."**

BULLETIN BOARD REMINDERS

FAMILY ADVENT TAKE HOME KIT



Join together as a family and complete these simple activities to engage you and your family in faith conversations during the Advent season beginning November 29th!

Faith Family Club is Preparing a **Spiritual** focus for December in the monthly activities with a Family Advent Take Home Kit. Each kit will include instructions and all materials needed to complete suggested activities. Families of students currently on our Celebrate Wonder Sunday School list will already receive one soon. There are a limited number of kits available, so if you would like one, be sure to request one at christianed@gracesiouxcity.org. Last day for requests, will be on November 23 or when all kits are claimed.

People in God's family are honest.

This is a lesson about community. Sometimes, through unethical means, we try to "help" God do things that He has promised to do. Living in community with other Christians means that we are obedient to God and respectful of others.

We are to trust that God is powerful and able to do what He says He will without taking things into our own hands. When we lie and deceive others in order to get our own way (even if we think something good will come of it), it causes problems in our families and in our churches. This does not honor God or benefit our community

"Jacob had learned from his mother of the divine intimation that the birthright should fall to him, and he was filled with an unspeakable desire for the privileges which it would confer. It was not the possession of his father's wealth that he craved; the spiritual birthright was the object of his longing.

To commune with God as did righteous Abraham, to offer the sacrifice of atonement for his family, to be the progenitor of the chosen people and of the promised Messiah, and to inherit the immortal possessions embraced in the blessings of the covenant—here were the privileges and honors that kindled his most ardent desires. His mind was ever reaching forward to the future, and seeking to grasp its unseen blessings"

"Jacob and Rebekah succeeded in their purpose, but they gained only trouble and sorrow by their deception.



We really appreciate the photos we've received of your kiddos enjoying our Sunday School lessons and games. If you would like to share any family activities through Sunday School, Faith Family Club, or just what you're up to. We'd love to keep the connection. Email to Christianed@gracesiouxcity.org

