

'Jacob tricks his father' Genesis 27:1-29



Last week we learnt about **Jacob and Esau**. They were twins but they were very different. Esau liked being outside and he enjoyed hunting for animals but Jacob was a quiet boy who liked to stay at home. He was also a trickster! +

Last week, we also learned how **Esau gave Jacob his special promise from God in exchange for a bowl of soup!**



This week Jacob is tricking again! God had promised to bless **Abraham's** family and make them into a great nation. It was into this family God would send the **Saviour of the world**. **Esau** as the oldest twin should have had this blessing but **Jacob** his younger twin brother wanted the blessing even more.



Isaac was old and blind and it was time to pass the promise of blessing God gave to his father **Abraham**, down to his eldest son **Esau**, before he died. He sent a servant to find **Esau**.



'Take your bow and arrow and go **hunting**. I want you to cook me some of your **tasty venison stew** to eat before I **pray and bless you**,' **Isaac** told **Esau**.



Rebekah, Jacob and Esau's mother, heard Isaac talking. She wanted her favourite younger twin son Jacob to get the blessing and made a plan to trick her husband.



'I will make your father's special meal for you to take it in and get Esau's blessing,' she said. 'But my brother is hairy and my skin is smooth. He will know it is me and be angry,' Jacob replied.



'Put on Esau's clothes and put these hairy skins on your hands and neck so you will feel and smell like Esau,' Rebekah told him.



'Here is the meat you love, Father,' said Jacob. 'You sound like Jacob,' Isaac answered. 'Come near so I can smell your clothes and feel if you are hairy like Esau.'

Then Isaac prayed that God would bless his son with plenty of food and prayed that nations would honour him and his brothers serve him.

God's promises to Abraham and Isaac now went to Jacob!

Jacob did something very unkind. He tricked Isaac into giving him his Father's Blessing.

Isaac was very upset about this, but having given his blessing to Jacob, he could not give it to Esau!

As the first-born son, Esau was entitled to a greater blessing and a greater share of his Father's money.

Worse still, this action of Jacob's caused him and Esau to fall out so badly that Jacob had to run away, far away from Esau.

You see, Esau threatened to kill him.

Later on in the story, after Jacob is married and has become a very rich man, Esau and Jacob meet again. Jacob gave Esau gifts and they are reconciled - they are friends again.

It's hard to understand why God let Jacob do this to Esau, but God had a plan for Jacob and his children, he planned that he would be the father of a great nation. He knew that Jacob would be a man of God, a great leader.

*We know that in everything God works for the good
of those who love him. Romans 8:28*

It's wonderful, we can trust that God has a plan for our lives!

Even if we get it wrong and mess it up, God is willing to forgive us and put us back on the right road.

Dear Lord,

Thank you that you have a wonderful plan for our lives. Thank you that even if we get everything wrong, you help us get it right. Thank you you hear us when we say 'I'm and help us start again. Thank for your patience, thank you your love.



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[Esau and Jacob told by Heather](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hGs1WfRKIoM> Story of Jacob and Esau

Jacob and Esau

Esau and Jacob Craft Activity

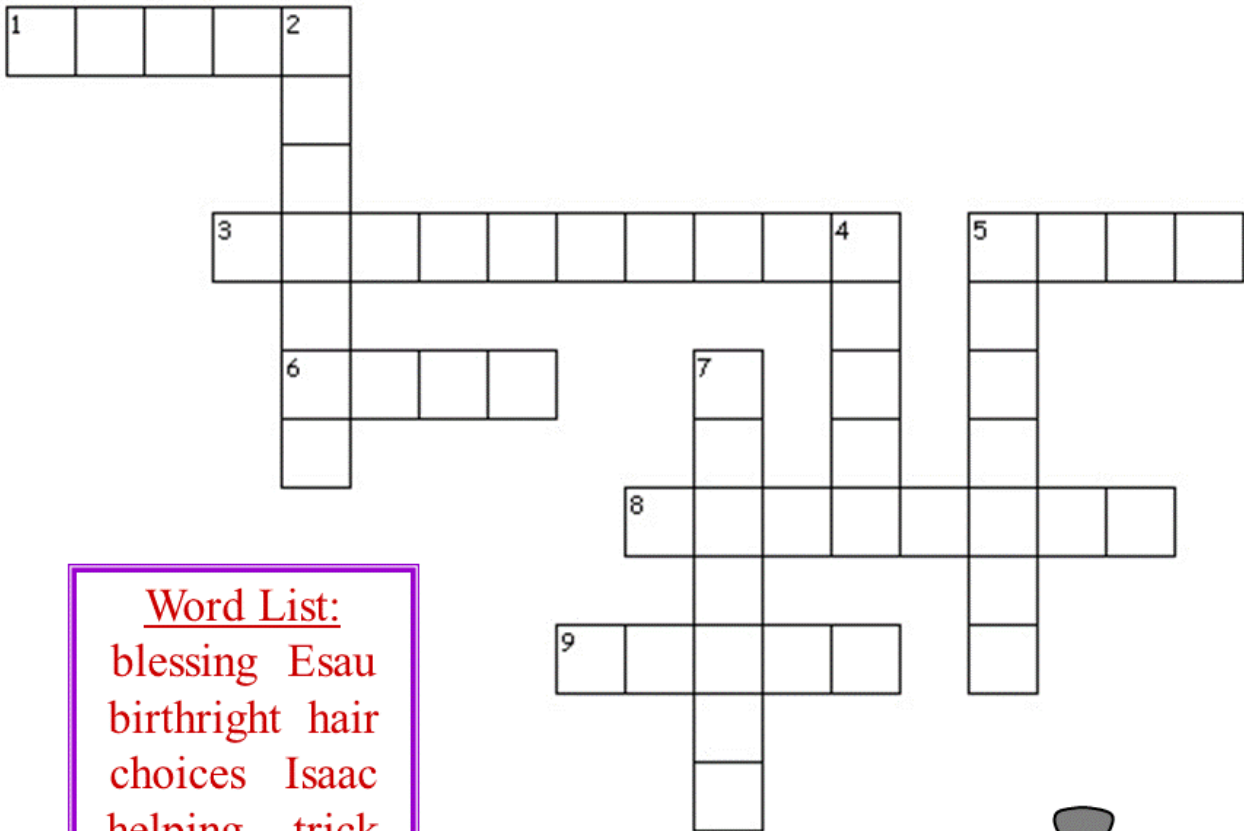


Isaac blessing Jacob instead of Esau

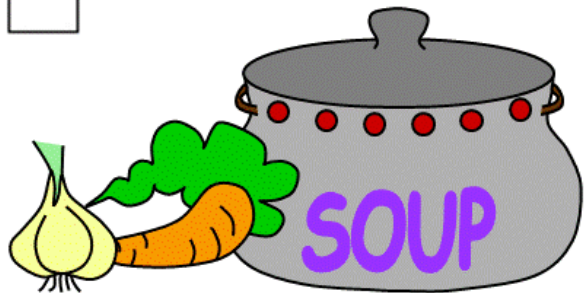
Jacob tricks Isaac.
Genesis 27:1-45



Jacob and Esau Crossword



Word List:
 blessing Esau
 birthright hair
 choices Isaac
 helping trick
 hunting twins



Across

1. The name of Jacob and Esau's father.
3. Esau gave up this for a bowl of soup.
5. Jacob tricked his father by putting extra ____ on his body so he'd be more like Esau.
6. He was the first of the twins to be born.
8. Isaac gave this to Jacob instead of to Esau.
9. Rebekah came up with a way to ____ Isaac into giving his blessing to Jacob.

Down

2. This story is about making the right ____.
4. Jacob and Esau were not just brothers but were this as well.
5. Esau was good at ____ and doing things outside.
7. Jacob enjoyed ____ others, (especially his mom).