

## Lesson 11

# Jacob Lies

Genesis 27:1–46

### Memory Verse

“Thou shalt not bear  
false witness against  
thy neighbour”  
(Exodus 20:16)

### Teacher’s Objective

At the end of the session,  
the students should be  
able to:

**Define** in their own  
words what it means to be  
honest

**Locate** in their Bible the  
commandment that God  
gives us about not lying

**Describe** times when  
they might be tempted to  
lie

**Express** they will be  
determined with God’s  
help to be honest and not  
lie

## Teacher’s Bible Study

This particular story is a story of parental favoritism, spiritual insensitivity, and more importantly, deception. The entire family, Isaac, Rebekah, Esau and Jacob, are all at fault. Isaac knew about God’s oracle to Rebekah that the elder would serve the younger (Genesis 25:23). Isaac sought to change it by going on ahead and telling Esau to prepare food and come and receive the blessing. Rebekah knew of this same oracle, yet she thought she needed to take action and help God out and stop Isaac’s plan. Esau, agreeing with his father, broke the oath he had made with Jacob (Genesis 25:23). Then Jacob, agreeing with his mother, lied to his father. Not just once, but twice.

What is the definition of a lie? A lie is an utterance or act with intent to mislead or delude. It is no surprise that Scripture condemns lies. As we have read in the Bible, good men tell lies, but God does not approve of them. Read the following examples:

*Abraham*—Genesis 12:13–19; 20:2–13

*Isaac*—Genesis 26:7–9

*Jacob*—Genesis 27

There are two important lessons to emphasize when teaching this lesson: Trust in God, and commit to His ways. “Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.” (Psalm 37:5) Truth, not lies will serve you far better. When we trust that the will of God will be done, we do not have the need nor the desire to make things happen. When Rebekah and Jacob plotted to deceive Isaac, he [Jacob] stood before his father and lied, “I am Esau your firstborn.” This lie was not only wrong, but unnecessary. Did Rebekah forget what God said at Jacob and Esau’s birth (Genesis 25:23)?

In the end all did work out. What was the price? There was bitterness between Jacob and Esau. Esau hated Jacob so much he plotted to kill him. Because of this Rebekah had to send her favorite son away for twenty years, and did not live to see him return.

All of this could have been avoided had Jacob and Rebekah simply trusted God and rejected deceit.

### Suggested reading for the week:

Prophecy Concerning Jacob—Numbers 24:15–19

Waiting on God—Psalm 37

## Presenting the Bible Story

<b>Genesis 27:1–4</b>	Isaac/Esau	<b>S</b> ome important points are given here. Isaac desired to bless Esau, even though he too knew what God said at the twin’s birth (Genesis 25:23). Isaac was blind. He loved the taste of wild game and he expected to die soon. However, he lived years after Jacob’s twenty-year sojourn in Haran (Genesis 31:41). He died at the age of 180 (Genesis 35:28).
<b>Genesis 27:5–17</b>		
	Rebekah/Jacob	Rebekah sends Jacob out to get a goat. She is sure she can make it taste like wild game. Jacob did not show guilt about this plan, but he did fear. What was he fearful of? He was fearful he would be found out and receive a curse. No matter what the risk, Rebekah insisted that they must go through with their plan (Genesis 27:12,13)
<b>Genesis 27:18–29</b>	Jacob/Isaac	Jacob deceived his father. Deceive means to make a person believe something that is not true, to mislead. Jacob lied twice to his father.
	Jacob involves God in his lie	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. He lied about his identity—<i>verse 19</i>.</li><li>2. He lied that God had given him success in his hunting—<i>verse 20</i>.</li></ol>
<b>Genesis 27:30–40</b>	Esau/Isaac	Three times Isaac voiced suspicion. Reread verses 20, 22, 24. Deceived by the sense of smell and touch, Isaac blessed Jacob.
<b>Genesis 27:41–46</b>	Jacob’s flight	When Esau came home and found out Jacob had received the blessing, he cried out to his father to bless him, too. Esau was bitter and angry. Reread verse 34. Isaac knew he was at fault as well. Isaac knew of God’s oracle to Rebekah (Genesis

25:23) yet he set out to bless Esau anyway. Esau began to see the true character of his brother Jacob. Twice he deceived him. First by taking his birthright, and next by taking his blessing.

Because Jacob lied, he now had to leave home. Once again, Rebekah deceived her husband. She expressed disgust with her two Hittite daughters-in-law (Genesis 27:46; 26:34–35). So she asks Isaac to let Jacob get a wife from her own people. This deceit provided a way for Jacob to flee Esau’s wrath and receive Isaac’s blessing (Genesis 28:1).

### **Art and Activity**

## **Teaching Activities**

### **Young Children**

Provide copies of Activity Pages appropriate for your students.

### **Older Children**

Provide copies of Activity Pages appropriate for your students.

**Explore the following questions with your students:**

## **Explore the Subject**

1. What was the lie Rebekah and Jacob perpetrated?
2. How does one lie lead to another? Give examples from today’s story.
3. In spite of human beings, God’s way does triumph. Look up Romans 8:28. Explain this verse in relation to the story.

**Always close your class with prayer**

## **Respond and Reinforce**

1. Discuss the memory verse.
2. Go over the definition of a lie. Reinforce that lying is a sin.
3. Ask, “Should we not lie just to avoid a punishment or should

# Activity Page

## Jacob's Deception

### Genesis 27

Read the scriptures and find the hidden words within the puzzle below.

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O	E	M	E	I	S	A	A	C	N
W	M	N	B	R	O	N	K	K	C
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B	L	E	S	S	S	E	L	K	R
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WEAPONS

SONS

MAN

SMELL

KISS

TREMbled

FAT

DEW

CURSE

HAIRY

JACOB

SUPPLANTED

YOKE

NECK

FIELD

OBEY

KID

SKIN

UP

HOLD

SMOOTH

ESAU

VENISON

BLESS

KILL

SWORD

FEEL

SKINS

ISAAC

## Activity Page

### Jacob's Deception Genesis 27

Read the chapter indicated and unscramble the words and write them

1. (Genesis 27:3) S E P N W A O

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2. (Genesis 27:3) U R Q I V E

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3. (Genesis 27:4) R O A Y V S

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4. (Genesis 27:7) N S V I O E N

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5. (Genesis 27:11) A R H I Y

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6. (Genesis 27:11) M O S T O H

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7. (Genesis 27:16) I K S S N

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8. (Genesis 27:27) L M D E E S L

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9. (Genesis 27:33) M R B T L D E E

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10. (Genesis 27:36) P A T S P N U L E D

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1. WEAPONS; 2. QUIVER; 3. SAVORY; 4. VENISON; 5. HARRY; 6. SMOOTH; 7. SKINS; 8. SMELLED; 9. TREMBLED; 10. SUPPLANTED.

## Activity Page

### The Stolen Blessing

Genesis 27:1–28:5

Jacob and his mother Rebekah fooled Isaac. Jacob pretended to be Esau, so Isaac blessed Jacob instead of Esau.

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## Activity Page

### The Stolen Blessing

Genesis 27:1–28:5

Isaac was old and nearly blind. He told Esau to hunt some wild game and prepare it for him to eat. Then he would give him his blessing as the firstborn. Read the scriptures and unscramble the words to fill in the blanks, that tell the story.

Rebekah \_\_\_\_\_ what Isaac \_\_\_\_\_ to Esau. She \_\_\_\_\_ Jacob and \_\_\_\_\_ him to \_\_\_\_\_ two \_\_\_\_\_. She \_\_\_\_\_ them the \_\_\_\_\_ Isaac \_\_\_\_\_. Then she \_\_\_\_\_ Jacob in Esau's \_\_\_\_\_. She \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_. So Jacob \_\_\_\_\_ to Isaac with the \_\_\_\_\_ and said, "I am Esau." Isaac \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_. He \_\_\_\_\_ some \_\_\_\_\_. Then he \_\_\_\_\_ Jacob and \_\_\_\_\_ him his \_\_\_\_\_.

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When Esau returned from hunting, Isaac realized what had happened. Esau was very angry and wanted to kill Jacob. Rebekah suggested Jacob flee to her brother Laban in Haran. Isaac commanded him to flee there and marry there. He blessed him and sent him away.

