

## Read Genesis 27:1-4

- What is wrong in these verses?

## Read Genesis 27:5-13

- Evaluate this statement: “We are sometimes quick to judge Rebekah for her deceit. But put yourself in her place. She knew Jacob should receive the blessing. God had told her that specifically. There seems to have been no hope of changing Isaac’s mind. Yes, she should have left everything in God’s hands. But even though she did wrong in tricking Isaac, her heart yearned for the promise and she wanted nothing to stand in the way of its fulfillment. That was an act of faith.”
- Summarize Jacob’s response to his mother’s request.

## Read Genesis 27:14-25

- What commandments do you see Jacob breaking here?

## Read Genesis 27:26-29

- Look at the different parts of the blessing. What is each referring to?
  - May God give to you—  
from the dew of the sky  
and from the richness of the land—  
an abundance of grain and new wine.
  - May peoples serve you  
and nations bow down to you.  
Be master over your brothers;  
may your mother’s sons bow down to you.  
Those who curse you will be cursed,  
and those who bless you will be blessed.

Read Genesis 27:30-40

- Evaluate the blessing that God gave to Esau. Esau was the father of the Edomites. From what you know about the Edomites, show how this prophecy came true?

Read Genesis 27:41-46

- Note how Rebekah continues to use trickery and deception.
- Note: “The whole unlovely transaction, recorded in minute detail in this chapter, must be regarded as a net loss for Rebekah and Jacob. They actually gained nothing God hadn’t already promised them. Instead they both lost much. When Rebekah learned of Esau’s murderous scheme, she arranged to have Jacob go to her brother’s house in Haran, five hundred miles north, ‘for a while.’ The Lord of the calendar stretched that ‘a while’ out to 20 years, and by the time her favorite son returned home, Rebekah was dead.”  
—People’s Bible Commentary: Genesis, p. 231

