

JACOB'S LIE

The purpose of God will stand in spite of man's sin.



THE STORY: GENESIS 27:1-4

MONDAY

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TALK ABOUT IT:

Did Isaac ask God to guide him in choosing a son to bless? (*No, Isaac assumed the oldest, his favorite son, should be blessed.*)

If Isaac had prayed, what son would God have told him to bless? (Jacob)

PRAY:

Ask God to help you love and seek His Word to direct your life.



THE STORY: GENESIS 27: 5-17

TUESDAY

Rebekah directs Jacob to deceive his father

Rebekah directs Jacob to deceive his father – Rebekah loved Jacob more than Esau (Genesis 25:28) and made a plan to deceive her husband. God used even this deception to accomplish His plan. Rebekah missed an opportunity to trust in the Lord and watch Him work out His plan. In the end God worked out everything according to His plan, but He could have done that without Rebekah's deception.

TALK ABOUT IT:

Why is integrity in following God so important? (*We are made in the image of God. So, we are to be holy like God is holy [1 Peter 1:15]. God is faithful and true and cannot lie [Hebrews 6:18]. Therefore we should strive to be like Him.*)

PRAY:

Ask God for the strength to live with integrity and to trust God to do all He promises in His Word.



THE STORY: ACTS 7:8-53

WEDNESDAY

Where is Jesus?

Jacob, not Esau was to carry on the promise which would lead to the “coming of the Righteous One” (Acts 7:52). The plan was set even before either of the twins were born. God would be known as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Esau’s name would not be chosen to represent the promise of God.

TALK ABOUT IT:

How did Jacob fit into the plan God? (*Jesus is the direct descendant of Jacob. Jacob’s name along with that of his father and grandfather become one of the descriptive names of God. God would be known as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.*)

PRAY:

Thank God for the way He brought His plan to pass using sinful people like us.



THE STORY: GENESIS 27:18-38

THURSDAY

Isaac’s blessing is bestowed on Jacob

Isaac’s blessing is bestowed on Jacob—Isaac blessed Jacob, and Esau tried to convince him to change his mind. But Isaac did not try to bless Esau at that time. Perhaps Isaac realized the purpose of God, that the older would serve the younger, had been fulfilled and that there was no use fighting against the purpose of God.

TALK ABOUT IT:

How did God work out His plan in spite of the sins of men? *(God used the sinful decisions of Esau, Jacob, Rachel and Isaac all together to achieve His plan and purpose.)*

Why should knowing that God works in spite of sin encourage us? *(God's plan can not be thwarted or hindered by anyone's sin. Our salvation in Jesus Christ can not be undone by the sin in our lives. That is worth celebrating!)*

PRAY:

Thank God for His sovereign plan that works all things, even our sin, for good.



THE STORY: JEREMIAH 23:5-6

FRIDAY

On the road to Emmaus.

Connecting the passage to Christ: The righteous branch spoken of in this passage is Jesus. Jeremiah tells us that this righteous branch will come from the line of Jesse. Jesse was the father of David and Jesus was born into the lineage of David.

TALK ABOUT IT:

Who is the righteous branch Jeremiah tells us will come? *(Jesus is the righteous branch.)*

What does the Bible mean when it uses the metaphors and pictures of branch, stock, or root? *(Jeremiah is saying that down the line in the family tree there will be a descendant of Jesse recognized by God as righteous. Jesus is the only one who is righteous. The rest of us are inherently unrighteous.)*

How is Jesse connected with Jesus? *(Jesse was David's father. We learn from Matthew 1:6 it is into the family line of Jesse, through the line of David, that Jesus was born.)*

PRAY:

Thank God that He sent His son to die on the cross for our sins. Jesus the Righteous Branch was able to be our sacrifice because He was without sin.

