

Lesson 29 Jacob Deceives Esau and Isaac
[Genesis 25:27-34 & 27:1-40](#)

Youtube Link: <https://youtu.be/WU2gX8VNLyE>

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/WJCjULYBL7g>

Worship Theme: God wants us to be honest.

Memory Verse: "The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in people who are trustworthy." (Proverbs 12:22)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. Be Careful Little Eyes <https://youtu.be/leoAGL9usF0>
2. Our God Is So Strong <https://youtu.be/zosjd2E8cmE>
3. Lord I Worship You <https://youtu.be/1C4guXZFdAw>

Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: "Tell the Truth!"

Say one sentence about yourself and end it by saying, "and that's no lie." For example, you could say, "I went to Angkor Wat, and that's no lie," or "I do all my school homework, and that's no lie," or "I take good care of my brother or sister, and that's no lie." The trick is, you can say something that's true or something that's not true. If it's not true, do your best to make us believe you're telling the truth. Then we'll decide if you're telling the truth or not.

- Could you tell if someone was telling the truth or not? Explain your answer. (Answer: Yes, because they laughed if it was false; no, some of them made it sound believable.)
- How do you feel when someone lies to you? (Answer: I feel like they don't respect me; I get angry; I don't want to trust that person anymore.)

Sometimes it can be hard to know if someone is telling the truth or telling a lie. People tell lies for many reasons. Usually they're trying to hide something or are afraid they'll get in trouble. When people lie to us, we have trouble believing anything else that person says. God knows how important it is to trust others. We never have to wonder if we can trust him. God is always truthful. And that's no lie!

Introduction:

How many of you have ever stole money from your mother? How many of you told a lie to your parents? How many of you borrowed something from a friend and never returned it? Everyone struggles with telling the truth. But God is always truthful. If God says something will happen, it will! If God makes a promise, he'll keep it! If God teaches something through his Word, it's true—without a doubt! We can trust God to always be truthful, unlike humans. In today's Scripture, Jacob and Esau demonstrate how different we are from God. Humans lie and trick others to get what they want. But God never does that. We can always trust that God tells only the truth.

Bible Story:

After Isaac married Rebekah, they had twin boys, Jacob and Esau. Esau, the firstborn, was Isaac's favorite, and Jacob was Rebekah's favorite. It is not good to have favoritism in a family. God loves all of us the same even if we are different!

In Israel, being the firstborn meant that God gives him double portion of the inheritance. When Esau came home one day, he was very hungry. He asked Jacob to give him some food. Jacob deceived Esau and told him to sell his birthright for some food. Esau didn't think the blessing he got from God as a firstborn was important, so he swore an oath saying that he will give up his right as a firstborn for food! God is not happy when we deceive people. Jacob did a bad thing in God's eyes.

Though Esau had lost the birthright, Isaac could still give him the fatherly blessing before he died, and Isaac really wanted to do that. But Rebekah committed the second deception. She told Jacob to dress up like Esau and take his father’s blessing, pretending to be Esau. Isaac was blind and could not see very well.

To understand Rebekah, in Genesis 25:23 God had promised that the older of her twin sons would serve the younger. She probably thought she was helping God by lying to Isaac! But God does not need our help, especially if it is lying or deceiving! Whatever the reason, Rebekah helped Jacob deceive his aged father into giving him the blessing intended for Esau.

This deception made trouble for the family. Esau vowed to kill Jacob as soon as their father died (Gen. 27:41). Jacob had to run away, and never saw his mother alive again.

Questions to discuss:

- 1. Who tricked the father to get the father’s blessing? (Jacob)
- 2. Who helped Jacob trick his father? (Jacob’s mother, Rebekah)
- 3. How do Jacob and his mother trick Isaac? (Jacob prepared food for his father and pretended to be Esau)
- 4. Should Jacob have tricked his father? (No, God wants us to be good, faithful, and honest)

Game: “Good or Bad”



- 1. Write “good” or “bad” on the wall and keep it hidden and have the students walk around to music.
- 2. When the music stops, they have to choose a wall. The group that chose the wall that has “good” wins the game.
- 3. After the game, ask children how they felt about choosing the wall that was “good.” Remind the children that they have to be careful when they make choices.

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Craft:

Materials Needed: Paper, pencils



Write “Good” and “Bad” on a big piece of paper and tape them on opposite sides of the wall. Give students 2 papers with one that says “Good” and the other that says “Bad.” Ask students what are some “good” things that they can do. Write them on the “Good” paper. Ask students what are some bad things that they can do. Write them on the “Bad”

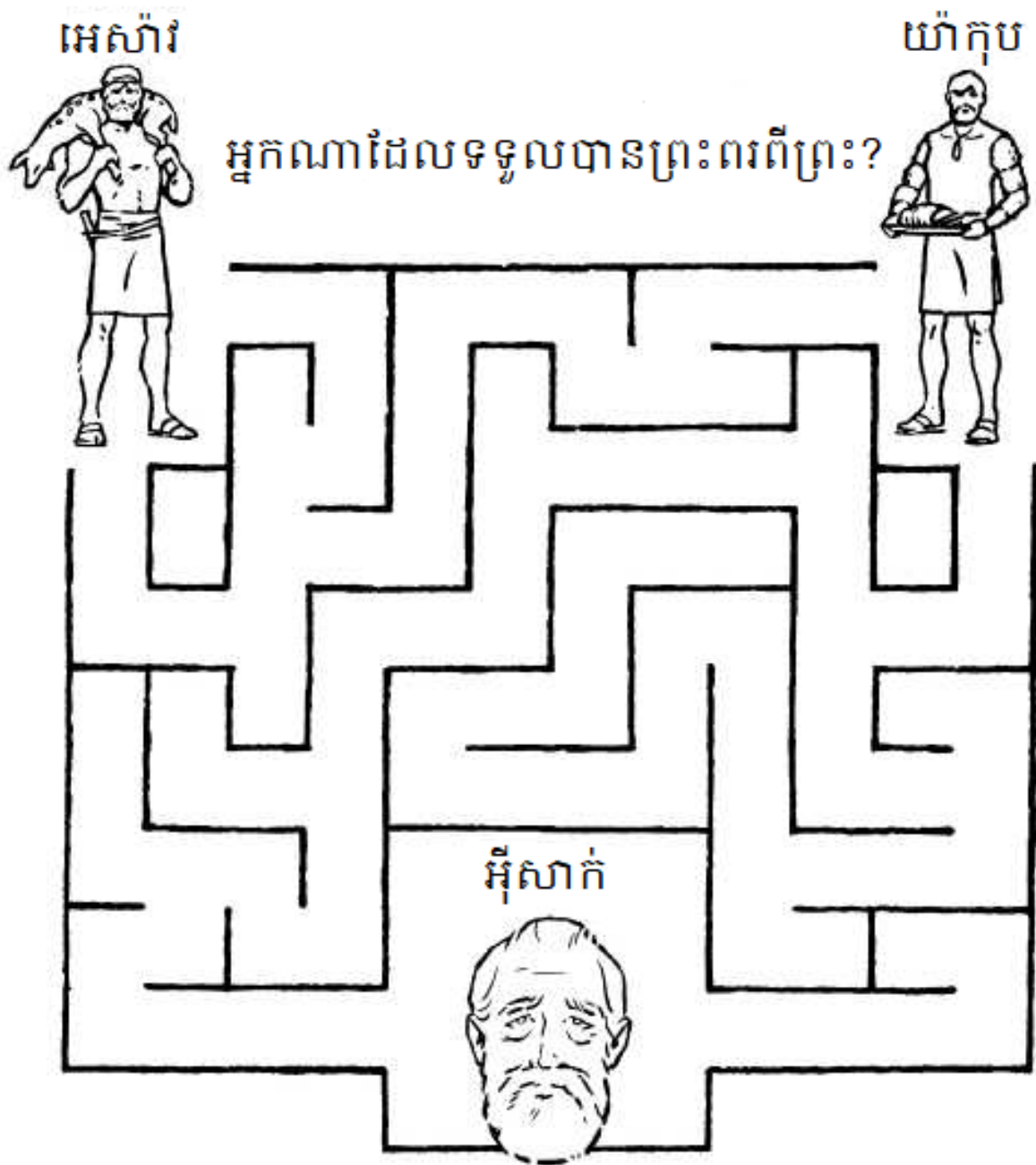
paper. Once the list is complete, explain to the students that because God is always good, we need to try our best to be good. Have each student come out and tape their paper on the correct side of the wall.

(Optional Craft) - “Who Received Blessings from God?” Maze (see below)

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Prayer

Devotion for Teachers:
When we choose honesty and trust God with an outcome, he is happy and protects us. This path is not always easy, but it will bring us closer to Jesus. Have you ever been dishonest with God? with yourself? with others? We need courage to step out of deception and commit to truthfulness. Take a moment to ask God to bring to mind any dishonesty. Confess your weakness to God, and ask for his strength and integrity.



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