

Jacob Deceives His Dad

(Based on Gen 27:1-28:6)

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Isaac was becoming very old. He said to his oldest son, “Esau, go hunting and bring me back some yummy meat, then I will bless you before I die.”



Rebecca wanted Jacob to have the special blessing. "Jacob, get me two baby goats and I will make yummy meat. Take it to your father and he will give YOU the special blessing." "Mother, my brother is hairy! If Father feels me he'll know it's a trick!" gasped Jacob.



Jacob obeyed his mother. Rebecca gave Esau's best clothes to Jacob to wear. They put goat skins on Jacob's hands and wrapped them around his neck.



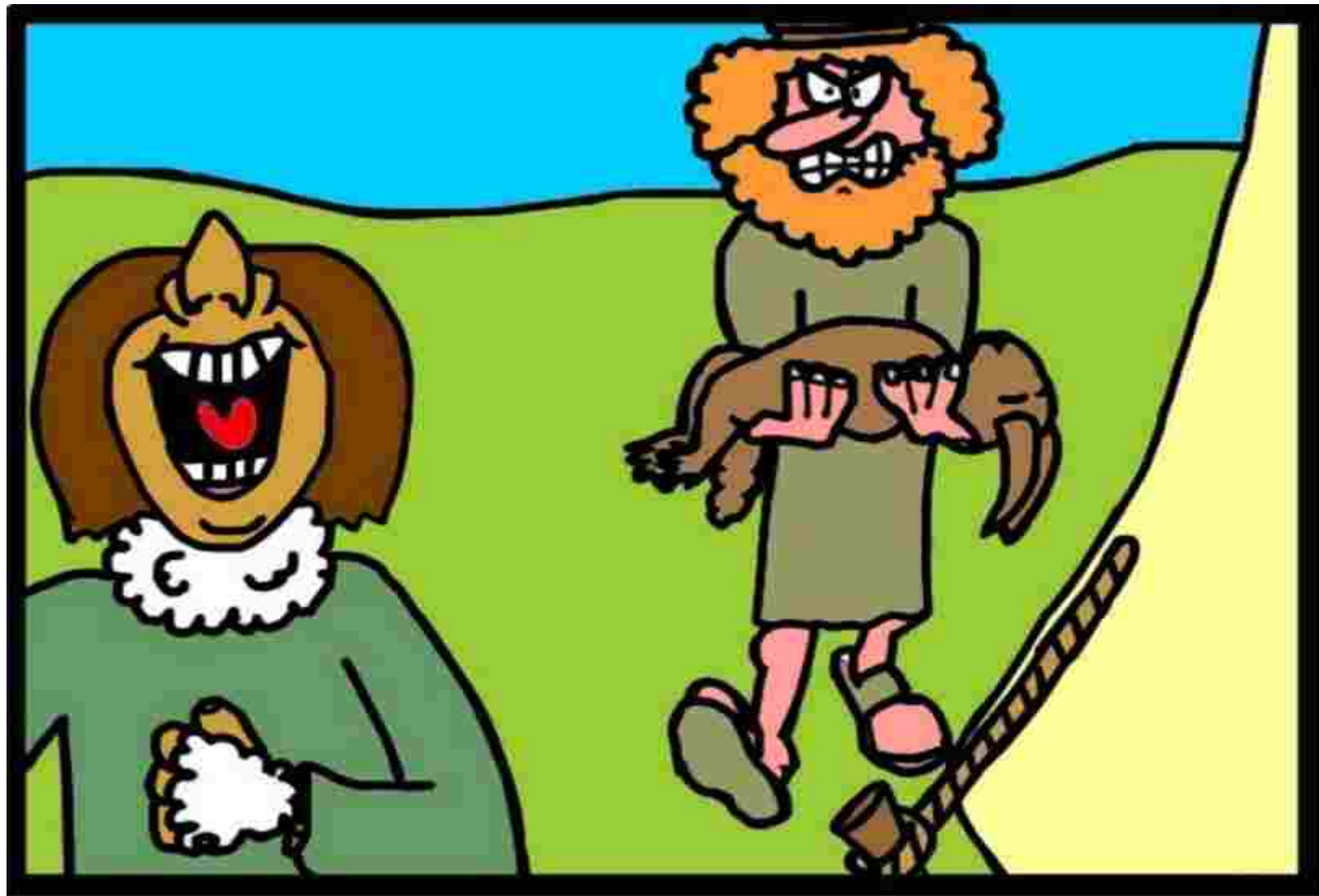
"I am Esau your oldest son," lied Jacob. "Please eat this animal I hunted so you can bless me." "How did you find it so quickly?" asked old Isaac. "Because, ah, the Lord your God brought it to me," Jacob lied again.



"Please come near that I may feel you, whether you are really my son Esau," said Isaac. Isaac was old and his eyes were so blind he could not see. Jacob came closer and let old Isaac feel his hands. "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau." Then he ate the meat.



"Come kiss me," said old Isaac. "Your clothes smell like a field. The Lord bless you with lots to eat and drink. Let people bow down to you. Cursed be everyone that curses you and blessed be everyone that blesses you."



Jacob had barely left when Esau arrived. Esau hated Jacob for what he had done and he promised himself that he would kill Jacob the moment their father was dead. Rebecca and Isaac didn't want Jacob to be killed so they sent him far away to stay with Rebecca's brother Laban.



Lord, help me to remember that I don't need to lie or cheat to get your blessings. I am glad you have enough blessings for us all.