The Bible Under the Baobab · Discussion sheet for episode 15

Jacob and the Stolen Blessing

Genesis 27 · For ages 3 to 10 · Video: 7 min 54



The story in brief

The Stolen Blessing. Isaac has grown old and his eyes can no longer see. He sends Esau out hunting and promises to bless him when he comes back. Rebekah has heard everything. She dresses Jacob in his brother's clothes and covers his hands with goatskin. "Who are you, my son?" "I am Esau, your firstborn." Isaac touches his hands: "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are Esau's hands." And he blesses him. When Esau comes home, it is too late. He weeps, and Jacob has to go far away from home. Grandma Adjoua tells this story to Kofi and Nia, who has just copied her brother's voice.

> **Note for parents.** In the Bible, Esau wants to kill his brother. The episode speaks only of his great anger, and says clearly that Jacob's lie hurt the whole family.

Let's talk about it

1. Why does Isaac not know at once that it is Jacob?
2. How does Jacob dress up? Who helps him?
3. How does Esau feel when he finds out what happened?
4. Have you ever told a lie? What did it change around you?

> **Notes for the grown-up.** Isaac is old and he can no longer see. Rebekah dresses Jacob in Esau's clothes and covers his hands and neck with goatskin. Esau gives a great cry and weeps. The lie hurts the whole family: Jacob has to go far away from home.

To remember

Tell the truth, even when it is hard.

The song: Tell the truth

Tell the truth, even when it is hard.
A heart that does not lie, God keeps in peace!

To do

Voice game: one child closes their eyes, another says "hello" in a changed voice. Who spoke? Then draw Jacob on the road, with his staff.

Watch the episode and hear the song: labiblesouslebaobab.com/en/episodes/jacob-and-the-stolen-blessing/
From the book of Genesis, chapter 27. Free for home, Sunday school and children's ministry.