Dear Children's Church small group leaders,

Thank you for serving the children in Children's Church!!! You will join the children in Grace Park (the large area in the children's building) for worship and the Bible lesson. It will be your responsibility to shepherd them and, if needed, provide redirection during this time so that the leader leading worship or the Bible lesson can focus on leading and engaging the group. Below you will find a schedule for each age group and information about how to use the curriculum for small group time.

Schedule:

11:05ish	Kids dismissed from service	11:30	Small Group time in classrooms
11:05ish	Worship in Grace Park	12ish	Parent Pickup
11:10ish	Bible Lesson in Grace Park		

Using the Curriculum:
We will be utilizing the same curriculum (and hence, Bible passage) for Grace Groups and Children's Church. It's our prayer that this double exposure to the same Bible passage in different ways and by different teachers will allow children to know God's Word better; provide them with the time they need to process its meaning, significance and application for their lives through meaningful interaction and engaging activities; and leave them with a clear takeaway from Sunday morning's ministries.

You'll find the small group curriculum and resources for the Sunday that you're serving in this pdf. A copy of this curriculum and supplies that you request will be provided in your small group bin. This is located on the shelf above the microwave in the children's resource room and is labeled by small group.

NOTE: Please select the activities that you'll need for your group by the Wednesday before you serve. Please contact Jacob (for K-2nd grade classes) or Alicia (for PreK class) no later than 9:00am on Wednesday before you serve to request activities and/or supplies that you'll utilize for your small group time. Please include which memory verse game and lesson review game you'd like to do. The supplies will then be placed in your basket for you to use the coming Sunday.

Elements that should be used in Children's Church Small Group Time:

- ***A hands-on activity or two (e.g., game, craft, coloring page) that are found in this document***: At your request, supplies for the hands-on activity/ies will be gathered for you and placed in the small group bin. You may need to do some minimal, final prep on Sunday before children's church begins
- ***Memory Verse Game****: Instead of using this curriculum's memory verse, please use the small group's Awana verse(s) for the coming week.
- ***Lesson Review Game****: Kids may have already did this in their Grace Group, but you're welcome to do this again in children's church. The reason is that you may choose a different game than they did during Grace Group and/or each child will most likely be answering different questions than they did in Grace Groups. In order to get to the other elements of small group time, you may want to shorten the game by asking fewer questions.
- ***Prayer***: Please pray with your class.

*Lesson Review Games and Memory Verse Games options are found in the appendix located both with the curriculum in the bin for your small group. It's also found at graceplacechurch.org/servekids. Simply click on the button "Memory Verse and Lesson Review Games." If you have another game in mind, you're welcome to use it instead. The Review Questions and hands-on activity/ies that you have selected will be ready for you to use with your small group are found before the appendix in this document.
**Awana verses are found in this pdf and are organized by grade & date.

IMPORTANT: Please prepare in advance!

- Please read the passage (found on the first page of the lesson) and Prepare to Share!
- For all items that you'll need (copies, coloring pages, game supplies, etc…), please inform Jacob (for K-2nd grade classes) or Alicia (for PreK class) of supplies you need by 9 am of Wednesday prior to serving.

Thank you again for serving!

Should you need anything or have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to us!
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Genesis 27:1-28:5



Jacob Steals the Blessing

Isaac is tricked into blessing Jacob instead of Esau.

Lesson Focus

Isaac wanted to bless Esau, but Jacob and Rebekah deceived him into blessing Jacob instead. God's will was accomplished in spite of the sinful methods used by Jacob and Rebekah. The consequences of their deception led to Esau wanting to kill Jacob and Jacob fleeing to Rebekah's brother for safety.

Key Passages

Genesis 27:18–19, 27:41

Memory Verse

Proverbs 3:5–6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

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Prepare to Share

Scriptural Background

Prepare to teach by preparing your heart. Read the key passages for this lesson along with this background.

Genesis 27 picks up the account of Isaac and his family when Isaac is an old man with failing eyesight. In the previous chapter, Esau married two Canaanite women when he was 40 years old. His wives were a source of grief to Isaac and Rebekah. Despite Esau's ungodly wives, Isaac still favored Esau.

Although he would end up living 50 more years, in Genesis 27:2, Isaac says he is old and doesn't know when he will die. It appears that the aged Isaac wanted to get his affairs in order before his passing, and he wanted to give Esau the blessing reserved for the firstborn son. Because God said that the older son would serve the younger (Genesis 25:23), Isaac should have willingly given the blessing to Jacob, his younger son. By ignoring God's prophecy regarding his sons, Isaac was being disobedient.

Before Isaac would bless Esau, he asked him to go into the field to hunt and then prepare a tasty meal for him. Rebekah overheard her husband's conversation with Esau and quickly hatched a plot. Her motives were honorable because she wanted to see God's prophecy fulfilled on behalf of Jacob. However, her deceitful methods were not honoring to God. She called Jacob and told him her plan to take goats from the flock and prepare them into a meal that Isaac would like. Jacob would take the food to his father and receive the blessing intended for Esau. Jacob did not object to lying or deceiving his father. It seems that he was more concerned about getting caught and receiving a curse rather than a blessing (Genesis 27:11–12). Rebekah responded by taking responsibility for any curse he might receive. Jacob obeyed his mother and brought the goats for her to prepare. She made a meal and then put the goat skins on Jacob's hands and neck to simulate Esau's hair. Jacob, dressed in his brother's clothes, brought his father the meal Rebekah had made. When Isaac asked who he was, Jacob lied and said that he was Esau. Isaac recognized Jacob's voice but was fooled by the goat skins and the smell of Esau's clothing. He ate the meal and blessed Jacob, naming him master of the household. Jacob would receive Isaac's wealth, and his descendants would rule over other nations, including the descendants of Esau.

Jacob had just left Isaac's tent when Esau entered with the meal he had prepared. Jacob's deception was discovered, and Esau cried out with bitterness and begged for his own blessing. Isaac confirmed Jacob's blessing in Genesis 27:33 when he said, "Yes, and he shall be blessed." This indicates that Isaac finally acknowledged God's will for Jacob. Esau felt wronged on two counts: losing both his birthright and his blessing. However, he was to blame for losing his birthright because he had sold it for a bowl of stew. Jacob lived up to his name by deceiving and supplanting his brother's position (Genesis 27:36).

Isaac did bless Esau also, telling him: "Behold, away from the fatness of the earth shall your dwelling be, and away from the dew of heaven on high. By your sword you shall live, and you shall serve your brother; but when you grow restless you shall break his yoke from your neck" (Genesis 27:39–40). However, this "blessing" Esau received was tantamount to a curse because Isaac prophesied that Esau's descendants would live in an infertile, arid area.

Rebekah's and Jacob's sin ended with severe consequences. Esau hated Jacob and determined to kill him once Isaac died. Rebekah heard of Esau's murderous intent and warned Jacob. Her solution was to send Jacob away to her brother Laban until Esau's anger subsided. Although she obtained the blessing for Jacob, she also lost him because he was forced to flee. How might things have gone if she and Jacob had waited for God's timing? We don't know, but we do see that God fulfilled his will in spite of human sin.

Historical/Apologetics Background

Like the birthright, the Old Testament blessing of a father was esteemed. A blessing could be given regardless of birthright. However, a greater blessing was given to the one who held the birthright. A father's blessing could be encouragement, details about a son's inheritance, or prophecy concerning the future. Such blessings acted as a "last will and testament" and were highly prized as a means of revealing God's will.

Isaac's blessing to Jacob, which was intended for Esau, gave him the earth's bounty and authority

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over his brother. The end of the blessing, which says, "Cursed be everyone who curses you, and blessed be everyone who blesses you!" (Genesis 27:29) is similar to God's promise to Abram in Genesis 12:3: "I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse." These are powerful promises coming from God! We see an example of this prophecy's fulfillment when the Israelites left Egypt and were traveling to the land of Canaan under Moses' leadership. In Numbers 22, a frightened Balak, king of the Moabites, sent for Balaam son of Beor to curse the Israelites so he could drive them out of the land (Numbers 22:6). However, God intervened, and Balaam blessed the Israelites three times (Numbers 23–24), causing a frustrated Balak to give up. In this case, God prevented his people from being cursed by their enemies.

One question that arises from the Genesis 27 account of Jacob's deception is whether or not God condoned his sin. After all, it appears as though God used Rebekah and Jacob's deception to give the blessing to Jacob. But the answer is no—God's perfect plan is never for us to sin. God worked to accomplish his purpose *in spite of* Jacob's deceit, but God never condones sin. Rebekah's plot to trick her husband stemmed from good motives: she wanted God's prophecy fulfilled regarding her son Jacob. However, it was not right for her to deceive her husband. God did not spare her from the consequences, either. She lost her favorite son because Jacob was forced to flee or face revenge at the hands of his brother.

Christian people today may be tempted to fall into the same trap—excusing sin that is committed for a "good" purpose. But sin is still sin, and God never wants his children to sin, no matter how honorable the purpose may seem. Often we just need to prayerfully bring the situation to God and patiently wait for him to act in his perfect timing.

Memory Verses For Children's Church (Oct 2026 - Dec 2026)
*Verses are in ESV Translation

Date	3's-PreK	Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade
Oct 18	Jeremiah 10:10 **The LORD is the true God**; He is the living God and the everlasting King. *(Short version is in bold.)*	Psalm 118:1 Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good…	Jeremiah 32:27 Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for Me?	John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word [Jesus Christ], and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He [Jesus Christ] was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made.
Oct 25	Psalm 31:14 **But I trust in You, O LORD**; I say, "You are my God. *(Short version is in bold.)*	1 John 4:19 We love because He first loved us.	Proverbs 20:11 Even a child makes himself known by his acts, by whether his conduct is pure and upright.	Isaiah 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Nov 1	Matthew 4:10 **Worship the Lord your God** and Him only shall you serve. *(Short version is in bold.)*	Genesis 1:1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.	Psalm 23:1-3 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.	Deuteronomy 31:8 It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; He will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.
Nov 8	John 10:27 **My sheep hear My voice, and I know them,** and they follow Me. *(Short version is in bold.)*	Genesis 1:31 And God everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good…	Psalm 23:4-5 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.	Psalm 100:4 Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!
Nov 15	Psalm 100:4 **Enter His gates with thanksgiving**, and his courts with praise… *(Short version is in bold.)*	Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.	Psalm 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.	Matthew 19:14 But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."
Nov 22	Psalm 100:4 **Enter His gates with thanksgiving**, and his courts with praise… *(Short version is in bold.)*	Genesis 1:1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.	Psalm 23 *For today's memory verse, select one of the above three sections from Psalm 23.*	Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.
Nov 29	Isaiah 53:6 **All we like sheep have gone astray**; we have turned — every one — to his own way. *(Short version is in bold.)*	John 17:17 Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.	Psalm 23 *For today's memory verse, select one of the above three sections from Psalm 23.*	Isaiah 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Dec 6	Psalm 23:4 … **I will fear no evil, for You are with me**; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.	1 Peter 1:25 But the word of the Lord remains forever…	Mark 16:15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."	1 John 4:15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

	(Short version is in bold.)			
Dec 13	Luke 1:49 "**For He** who is mighty **has done great things for me**, and holy is His name. *(Short version is in bold.)*	John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through Me."	1 Peter 1:25 But the word of the Lord remains forever…	Romans 5:8 But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Dec 20	Luke 1:49 "**For He** who is mighty **has done great things for me**, and holy is His name. *(Short version is in bold.)*	John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through Me."	1 Peter 1:25 But the word of the Lord remains forever…	Romans 5:8 But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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Review Questions

K–1st Review Questions

1. Jacob already got the birthright from Esau. What did he want now? *The blessing.*
2. What was wrong with Jacob and Esau's father, Isaac? *He was old and blind.*
3. What did Isaac tell Esau to go and do before he gave him the blessing? *Go hunting and cook his favorite food for him.*
4. Who helped Jacob trick his father? *Rebekah, his mother.*
5. Name one thing they did to trick Isaac. *(Allow several students to answer.) Cooked his favorite food. Put on Esau's clothes. Put goat hair on Jacob's neck and hands. Lied about being Esau.*
6. When Isaac asked who was there, who did Jacob say he was? *Esau.*
7. How did Isaac try to figure out if Jacob was really Esau? What did he feel? *Jacob's skin/hands.*
8. Isaac used his sense of smell to see if Jacob was really Esau. What was Jacob wearing that made him smell like Esau? *Esau's clothes.*
9. How did Esau feel about Jacob when he found out Jacob stole the blessing? *He was very angry. He hated Jacob. He wanted to kill Jacob.*
10. What did Jacob have to do because Esau was so angry? *Run away to his uncle's home.*
11. When we sin, there are consequences. Can you tell me what that means? *Something bad will happen because of the sin we did.*
12. What was one of the consequences that happened after Rebekah and Jacob sinned by tricking Isaac? *Jacob's relationship with Esau was ruined—Esau hated him; Rebekah had to send Jacob away to keep him safe.*
13. Jacob should have trusted God. Can we trust God only sometimes or all the time? *All the time.*
14. God knew what Jacob did. What word means God knows and sees everything we do? *Omniscient.*
15. Who does the memory verse say we should trust in? *The Lord.*

Pre-K Review Questions

1. Jacob already got the birthright from Esau. What did he want now? *The blessing.*
2. What was wrong with Jacob and Esau's father, Isaac? *He was old and blind.*
3. What did Isaac tell Esau to go and do before he gave him the blessing? *Go hunting and cook his favorite food for him.*
4. Name one thing Rebekah and Jacob did to trick Isaac. *(Allow several students to answer.) Cooked his favorite food. Put on Esau's clothes. Put goat hair on Jacob's neck and hands. Lied about being Esau.*
5. How did Isaac try to figure out if Jacob was really Esau? What did he feel? *Felt Jacob's skin/hands.*
6. Isaac smelled Jacob to see if he was really Esau. What was Jacob wearing that made him smell like Esau? *Esau's clothes.*
7. How did Esau feel about Jacob when he found out Jacob stole the blessing? *He was very angry. He hated Jacob. He wanted to kill Jacob.*
8. What did Jacob have to do because Esau was so angry? *Run away to his uncle's home.*
9. Was it right or wrong for Jacob to trick his father, Isaac? *Wrong.*
10. Jacob should have trusted God. Can we trust God only sometimes or all the time? *All the time.*
11. God knew what Jacob did. What word means God knows and sees everything we do? *Omniscient.*
12. Who does the memory verse say we should trust in? *The Lord.*

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