

Isaac Blesses Jacob

1. Carefully read through Genesis 27:1-28:9. Highlight with different colors all of the words spoken by different people. Mark in yellow everywhere the name of God is used. Mark in green everywhere a place is named. Mark in blue everywhere a person is named. Circle, underline, or color any repeated phrases. What patterns do you notice?
2. Memorize Genesis 27:36, "Esau said, 'Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has cheated me these two times. He took away my birthright, and behold, now he has taken away my blessing.' Then he said, 'Have you not reserved a blessing for me?'"
3. Create your own detailed outline of Genesis 27:1-28:9.
4. What is significant about the fact that Isaac cannot see? What is significant about seeing in the book of Genesis?
5. Why does Isaac show preference to Esau? Why does Rebekah show preference to Jacob? What problems does this cause?

6. Why is a father's blessing of his son so significant in Genesis? Couldn't Isaac just change his mind?

7. Why does Esau say Jacob is "rightly named"? How many times does Jacob lie to Isaac in this chapter?

8. How are Esau's actions similar to Cain's? What stops him? What other similarities are there between Genesis 27 and Genesis 3-4?

9. Why does Isaac send Jacob away from Canaan when Abraham insisted that Isaac stay in Canaan?

10. What does Esau do when he hears that his parents aren't happy about his wives? Does this solve the problem? How does this relate to God's design for marriage?