

men to gain the victory.

Lesson Subject—A good man deceived.

Introduction—Outline an Eastern tent, such as God's people lived in long ago, in Canaan. Let us imagine we are looking into this tent. We see a couch with skins or rugs covering it. On it lies an old man. He is blind and feeble. It is Isaac, son of Abraham. (Print his name above the tent.) Recall what you remember of him.

Jacob and Esau—Isaac has two sons, JACOB and ESAU, both the same age, for they were twins. (Print their names beside the tent.) The boys played about as all boys do and grew bigger and bigger. Jacob stayed about the tents, but Esau liked to go hunting and often brought home deer that he had killed. The old father, Isaac, enjoyed the good food Esau brought home and he loved Esau best, but Rebekah loved Jacob best.

Isaac wished Esau to be head of the family after Isaac's death, but Rebekah knew that God meant that Jacob should have the birthright (see ch. 25 : 23), and God's plans must be carried out.

Lesson—Tell of hungry Esau coming home from hunting, begging of Jacob to give him

food. Jacob saw that Esau was faint from hunger, and knew he would give anything for some of the pottage Jacob was making. Jacob said, "If you will sell me your right to be head of the family, I'll give you food in payment for it."

Esau Sells His Birthright—So Esau sold his birthright to Jacob. (See ch. 25 : 29-34.) Esau did not value his birthright. Now all that Jacob needs to make him head of the family is his father's blessing.

Jacob Gets the Blessing—Tell how Jacob got the blessing, ch. 27 : 1-29. It was not right for Jacob to act a lie. He suffered for doing this untrue thing, and had to run away from his angry brother Esau who would have killed him, ch. 27 : 30-46 ; 28 : 1-5.

Golden Text—Repeat and explain. God will always do what is just and right. We should keep on being brave and true, and God will do for us each one what He has planned to do. It is wrong to speak a lie, and it is just as wrong to act a lie. There is a verse that says, "Lying lips are abomination to the Lord." Print beside "Jacob" and "Esau,"
BE TRUE, GOD WILL DO WHAT IS RIGHT.

To Think About—I should speak the truth.

FROM THE PLATFORM

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THE BARGAIN BLESSING

Print on the blackboard, THE BARGAIN, and question as follows : The Lesson tells of a bargain made between two brothers—who were these ? What had Jacob made ? Who wanted it very badly ? Why did he want it so much ? What did Jacob say that he would give the "pottage" for ? What was the birthright ? What did Esau say to Jacob's proposal ? How did this show that he looked upon the birthright ? Was this a good bargain for Esau ? Was it a good bargain for Jacob ? Next, print, (the b) LESSING, and question in like manner : Who had the blessing to give ? To whom did he wish to give it ? What was the blessing ? Who wished Jacob to have it ? What plan did she propose by which Jacob might get it ? Why did Isaac suspect Jacob ? How were his suspicions removed ? Give the words of Isaac's blessing. How did Esau feel towards Jacob ? What did he mean to do ? When ? How did Jacob escape ? The point to press home is the importance of God's blessing and of getting it in the right way.