

meat which he was wanting. "Father, here I am," he said. Isaac was expecting Esau to bring the venison, but he did not think Esau could be back so soon. "Is it Esau or Jacob?" he asked, for he was blind. Then Jacob deceived his father. He pretended that he was Esau and asked his father to give him the blessing he had promised. "Come near, my son, so that I may feel thee to see if you are really my son Esau." He felt his hands and his neck and they felt hairy just like Esau's. "The voice is like the voice of Jacob but the hands are Esau's," he said.

Then Jacob gave him the meat which his mother had prepared. Then Isaac said, "Come near me and kiss me, my son," and Jacob came near him and kissed him, and then he was sure it was Esau, for the clothes Jacob wore had the smell of the leather clothes which Esau wore when he went hunting.

So Isaac gave Jacob the blessing which he meant for Esau, whom he loved best. "God give thee the dew of heaven and the fatness of the earth and plenty of corn and wine. Let people serve thee and nations bow down to thee. Be Lord over thy brethren and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee. Cursed be any one that curseth thee and blessed be he that blesseth thee."

"Speak ye truth each one with his neighbour," our Golden Text says. Jacob did wrong in not telling the truth to his father, but God forgave him and in the end did really give him all the blessings he had intended to give to Jacob and his family.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What can you tell about Isaac at the time of our story? 2. What did he ask Esau to do for him? 3. What did he promise to give to Esau? 4. Who heard Isaac making this promise? 5. To whom did Rebekah think the blessing should be given? 6. What plan did she make? 7. What did she tell Jacob to bring to her? 8. What did she do with the hairy skins of the kids? 9. What clothing did she put on Jacob? 10. Why was Isaac not quite sure if it was Esau or Jacob? 11. How did he try to find out which it was? 12. Who got the blessing which Isaac intended for Esau? 13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Within thy tabernacle, Lord,
Who shall abide with thee?
And in thy high and holy hill
Who shall a dweller be?

The man that walketh uprightly,
And worketh righteousness,
And as he thinketh in his heart,
So doth he truth express. Amen.

—Ps. Sel. 7, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM — 121. What becomes of our bodies when we die? When we die our bodies return to dust. 122. What becomes of our souls when we die? The good go to heaven and the wicked go to hell.

The Question on Missions

6. Tell about the home life of the Indians. In an Indian home the family go to bed and get up just when they feel like it, and eat, not at regular times, but whenever they are hungry. The women and girls eat when the men have finished.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Here is a title of God from the Old Testament. Copy it, and remember that God

A GOD OF TRUTH

wants us to be truthful in word and deed. He hates lying, and wants us to hate it too.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD NEVER DECEIVE