

## Unit 1: God Blesses Us!

### 4.3 Jacob Steals A Blessing

Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17

9/17 & 9/21

**Unit Verse:** “May the LORD bless you and protect you. May the LORD smile on you and be gracious to you. May the LORD show you his favor and give you his peace. Numbers 6:24-26

**The Point & Call Back:**  
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#### **MAKING CONNECTIONS:**

God continues to provide blessings for God’s people. In our lesson, we see that God blesses even when people are dishonest. Even amid our human fallibility and brokenness, God demonstrates never-ending mercy.

#### **STORY SUMMARY: Jacob Steals a Blessing**

The Bible tells us that Jacob is the father of the twelve tribes of Israel, so we might expect that the Bible would paint a favorable portrait of him. However, Jacob’s early story is far from perfect. He deceives his father Isaac into believing that he is his older brother Esau, so Isaac will give him Esau’s blessing. Now alienated from his brother, Jacob leaves his family and travels alone to the wilderness. There, something unexpected happens not only does God come to comfort Jacob, but God promises him great increase and power. This sets the tone for the entire Bible: God will constantly surprise us with how God works, and whom God chooses to do important things.

#### **THE POINT: God can turn people’s deceptions into an occasion to provide blessings.**

The characters we read about in the Bible are realistic people. These people have the same flaws and brokenness that we carry with us today: jealousy, hatred, murder, infidelity, and anger. The great story of our faith history is that God continues to bless God’s people in spite of our human failings. Today’s story is a classic example. Out of one of the great families of the faith comes this story of betrayal, sibling rivalry, and God’s ongoing forgiveness.  
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The truth is that we have all sinned and fallen short (Romans 3:23) and yet even with all our flaws and mixed-up feelings or when our actions aren’t in line with how God would have us act, God is still faithful and just to forgive us when we turn to Him (1 John 1:9). God’s mercy never fails. The Bible is full of stories of people who took wrong turns or were blatantly disobedient that God still chose to use to do important things. I am so grateful that God sees our failures and flaws and still uses us to help others to know Him better. So when you feel like you have missed the mark, talk to God about it in prayer, ask Him to help you with it and trust that He will use whatever you offer Him to glorify Him. He still uses our shortcomings for His glory.

Blessings,  
The Hope Youth Team