

Lesson No. (22)

Isaac Blesses Jacob

References

Genesis 25:21-28; 27:1-28:22.

Notes for Servants

- ★ You can be blessed like Jacob and you can eliminate Esau's faults when you lift your eyes sincerely and truthfully to the Lord Jesus, with a heart full of faith. Jesus will give you a new, pure nature and the spiritual blessing through the Holy Spirit.
- ★ Do not rush yourself to get a blessing, be patient as the blessing is coming to you so long as you deserve it.

Objectives

General: The importance of God's blessings.

Specific: The children will be able to ...

- A. Understand the meaning of the word blessing.
- B. Identify different types of blessings.
- C. Explain how can we gain God's blessings (especially through obedience).

Bible Verse

"Charity envieth not."

1 Corinthians 13:4

Teaching Aids

1. Felt figure and flannel board.
 2. Video.
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Introduction

- (1) Review last week's lesson.
- (2) Who remembers the verse?
- (3) Remind the children about the church occasions for the coming week.
- (4) Teacher should prepare the appropriate questions to emphasize the objectives during the lesson.

Story Time

God gave Isaac and Rebekah twin sons whom they named Jacob and Esau. Before they were born, God foretold that the older brother would serve the younger. Esau, the firstborn, had coarse and hairy skin. He liked to go hunting, while Jacob was the quiet type who liked to stay around home. He loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Isaac liked to eat wild animal. When Isaac was old and nearly blind, he said to Esau, "Go out into the open country to hunt some wild animal for me. Prepare me the kind of tasty food I like and bring it to me to eat, so that I may give you my blessing before I die."

Rebekah heard what Isaac said. When Esau left to go hunting she had Jacob kill two goats, and she made a good meal for Isaac-just the way he liked it. She dressed Jacob in Esau's clothes, covered his smooth skin with goatskin, and told him to take the meal to Isaac. Jacob lied to his father, saying he was Esau. After Isaac had eaten, he gave Jacob the blessing he had promised to give Esau. When Esau found out that Jacob had received the blessing, he said he was very angry.

Rebekah called Jacob and told him to go quickly to her brother's home and stay there until Esau stopped being angry. So Jacob said good-bye to his parents and started out alone. When night came, while he was travelling, he put a stone under his head for a pillow and lay down to sleep. Jacob had a wonderful dream. He dreamed that he saw a ladder standing on the ground and reaching up to heaven.

In Jacob's dream, angels were going up and coming down the ladder, and God was at the top. God said, "I the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring." In these words God gave Jacob the promise of the Saviour. God told Jacob He would stay with him, watching over him wherever he went.

When Jacob awoke, he said, "This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven." He set up a stone to mark the place and poured oil on it. He called the place Bethel, which means "house of God."

Jacob promised to serve God all his life and to give back to God one tenth of all the things God would give him. Then Jacob continued on his journey, happy to know that God had forgiven his sins and would always be with him.

Discussion

- 1 - Follow up the story by talking about it with the children.
- 2 - Continue the discussion while they do the activity.

Learning Activities

Activity Sheet.