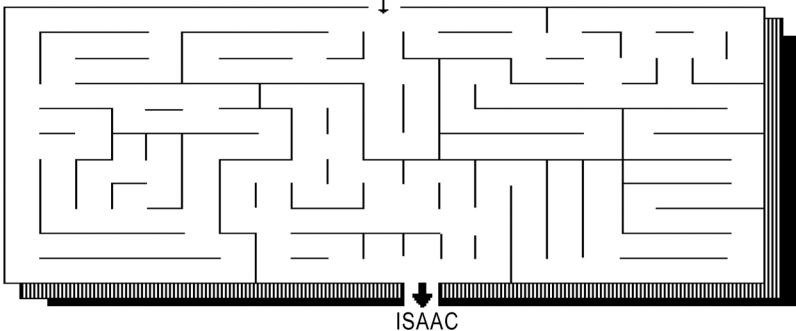


# Isaac Blesses Jacob

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BRING THE SAVORY FOOD TO ISAAC



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# JACOB STEALS THE BLESSING

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So Jacob came near his father and kissed him. Isaac could smell the smell of Esau's clothes, and so he said,

"The smell of my son is like the smell  
of open country the Lord has blessed.  
May God give you the dew of heaven,  
and the richness of the earth,  
corn and new wine in plenty!  
Let nations and peoples serve you.  
May you rule over your brothers,  
and may they bow down to you.  
Let anyone who curses you be cursed,  
but blessed be anyone who blesses you!"

And so Isaac gave Jacob his blessing.

But he thought it was Esau.

Jacob had barely left when his brother Esau came in from his hunting. He fixed his father's favorite meal, just as his father had asked him to. He brought it in to him, so that he could get his blessing.

"Who are you?" his father asked.

"Why, I am your firstborn son Esau, of course!" Esau said.

All of a sudden Isaac began to shake terribly. He knew he had been tricked. "Then who was just here? Who brought me my favorite meal, the one that I just ate? I gave him the blessing, and I can't take it back!"

Esau knew right away who it was.

He cried out a terrible cry.

"Bless me also!" he pleaded.

"I can't," Isaac said, "Your brother has tricked me, and he has stolen your blessing."

Esau cried out again.

"You named him right when you named him Jacob," Esau cried ('Jacob' sounds like their word for 'cheat'). "He has cheated me twice. First he took my birthright, and now he has stolen my blessing!" Now he knew how valuable his father's blessings were - but it was too late.

"You must have a blessing for me," he said to his father.

Isaac said, "I have already made you your brother's servant. I have given him the corn and new wine of our fields. What do I have left to give to you?"

Esau fell to his knees. "Is there nothing left for me?" he cried out.

Then his father said to him,

"You will not have the richness of the earth,  
The dew from heaven won't be given to you.  
You will have to live by taking,  
and you will serve your brother.  
But one day you will break free."

From that day on Esau hated his brother Jacob. "One day, my father will die," he said, "And then I will kill my brother Jacob!"

Esau's words got back to Rebekah, and so she sent her son Jacob to run for his life. "I can't lose both my sons in one day," she said.

What a mess we make when we lie and cheat.

Jacob did lie, and he cheated his brother. But, still, God didn't leave him. God knows our weakness, and he is forgiving. He accomplishes his good and wonderful plans through us, even when we mess things up.