LESSON 2

JACOB'S DREAM



Aim: **To teach the children that Jacob was a deceiver; nonetheless, God came to him and began changing him.**

Scripture Reading: **Genesis 27:1-45; 28:10-22**

Memory Verse: **Genesis 28:15**
I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go ...

Presenting the Lesson

Starting Point

Show picture 1. Revise last week's story by asking the class questions like the following:

Q: Who are these two men?	A: Esau and Jacob.
Q. What did Esau do for a living?	A: He was a hunter.
Q: What kind of work did Jacob do?	A: He helped around the house.
Q: What did Jacob want?	A: Esau's blessing as the firstborn.
Q: What was Esau asking for?	A: Food.
Q: What kind of person was Jacob?	A: He deceived Esau and his father, Isaac.
	(Make sure the meaning of "deceived" is clear.)
Q: Did Esau and Jacob obey the memory verse?	A: No.

Revise Proverbs 3:6, the memory verse for Lesson 1.

Main Points of Today's Teaching

1. **Begin by telling the story of Genesis 27 in your own words**. Isaac, Esau and Jacob's father, was very old by now. He had become blind. He wanted to give the eldest son, Esau, his blessing before he died. So he called for Esau to come to him (27:1-4).
2. Rebecca overheard Isaac talking to Esau. When Esau had gone to hunt for the wild game Isaac wanted, she called Jacob and prepared him to receive the blessing in Esau's place (27:5-17).
3. Jacob went to his father. He pretended he was Esau. He deceived Isaac and received the blessing of the firstborn, even though he was the second son (27:18-29).
4. Esau returned from the hunt and went to see his father. He was very angry and sad when he heard Jacob had received the blessing that should have been his (27:30-41).
5. Jacob had to go away. It was not safe for him to stay after he had deceived his father and his brother. He had to go and live with his uncle, his mother's brother Laban (27:42-44).

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6. Jacob set out on his journey. While he was resting at night God spoke to him in a dream (28:10-15). Show picture 2.
   Even though Jacob was a deceiver and had done something very wicked, the way to God was open to him (v 12). God gave Jacob a promise, which is today's memory verse.
7. When Jacob woke up, he knew God would be with him everywhere he went. He made a promise to worship God and serve God with everything he had. He put up a stone to remind him that God had met him in that place (28:16-22).

Instil the Memory Verse

Our Response to the Story

Jacob had done wrong, but still God spoke to him. Even when we have done wrong God will not turn his back on us. After God had spoken to him, Jacob wanted to change his ways. The Lord expects us to change our ways, too, once we have become his followers. **Give examples of what kinds of behaviour need to change in our lives. Suggest things that will remind the children of today's story, like lying and cheating.**

Repeat the Memory Verse



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