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JACOB
THE
DECEIVER



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Did God ever
send a baby to
your family?
How exciting!



Isaac and Rebekah
must have been
doubly joyful.
God was going
to give them
twins.



The babies
struggled
inside
Rebekah.
When she
prayed,
God said her
two sons would
lead two nations -
and the younger one
would be greater.



Usually the firstborn was greater. At last the babies were born.



The twins were not alike.
Esau, the older boy, was
very hairy and grew up to
be a skillful hunter.



Jacob was smooth skinned and liked working around home. Father Isaac loved Esau best. Mother favored Jacob.



One day, Esau was hungry. "Give me food," he told Jacob.

"Sell me your birthright," demanded Jacob.



Esau did not care about God's promises to the first-born. He

made the deal with Jacob. Now Jacob would head the family when their father died.



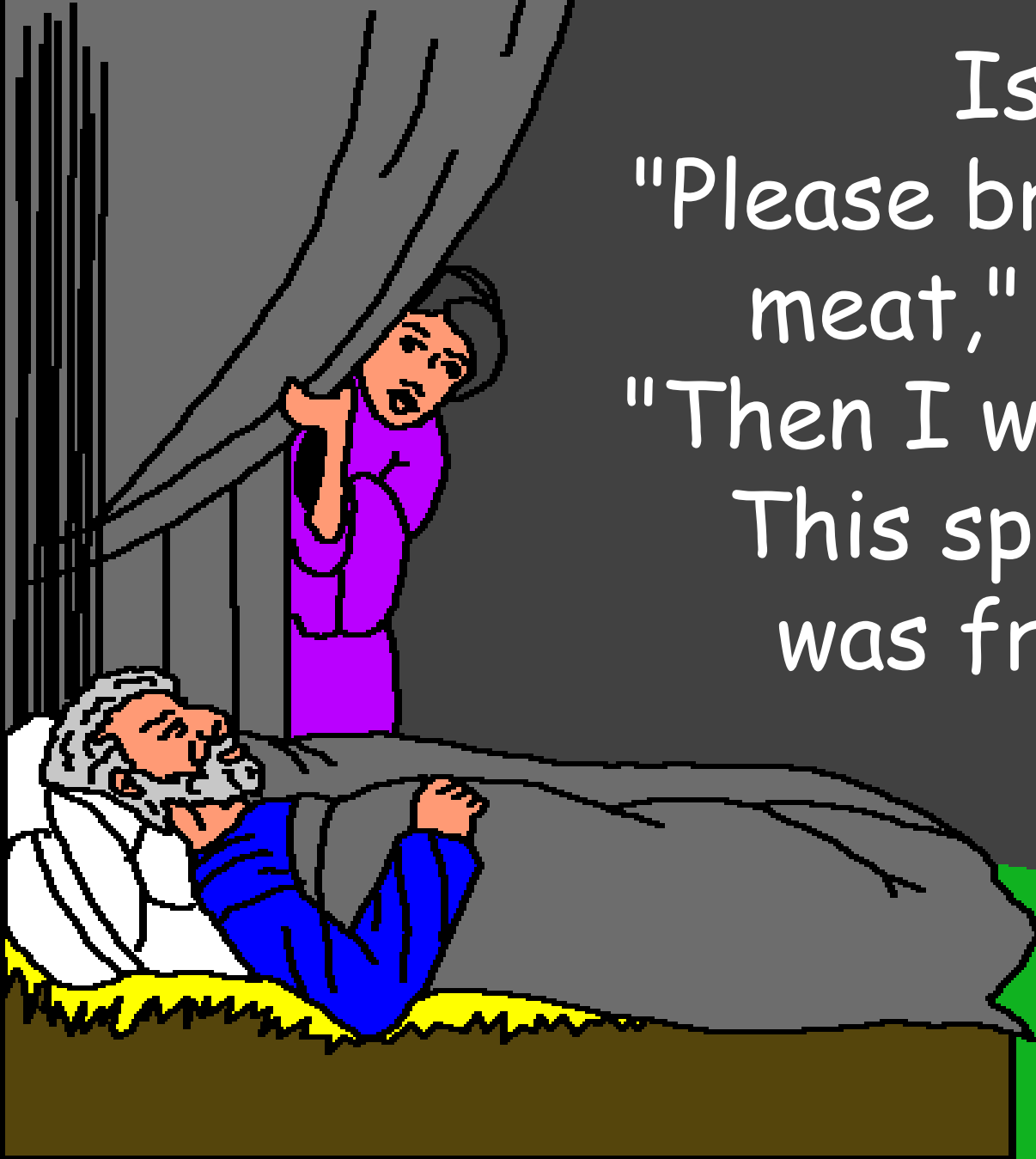
God spoke to Isaac one night. "I am the God of your father, Abraham. I am with you. I will bless your descendants."



Although Isaac worshiped God, his son Esau married two wives from the Hittites, a people who didn't care about God.



Isaac grew old.
"Please bring me fresh
meat," he told Esau.
"Then I will bless you."
This special blessing
was from father to
firstborn.



Esau hurried out to hunt. But Rebekah had overheard. She wanted Jacob to be blessed.



Rebekah had a plan. While she quickly cooked the food Isaac loved, Jacob put on Esau's clothes, and put hairy animal skins on his hands and neck.



Isaac did not see well.
Perhaps they could
deceive him.



Jacob brought
the food to Isaac.
"You sound like
Jacob," Isaac said,
"but your hands
feel like
Esau."



After he had eaten the food, Isaac blessed the son kneeling before him.



Just after Jacob left, Esau came to Isaac. "Here's your food," he said. Isaac knew he had been tricked.



"I can not change the blessing," he cried. Esau's heart filled with hatred. He decided to kill Jacob.



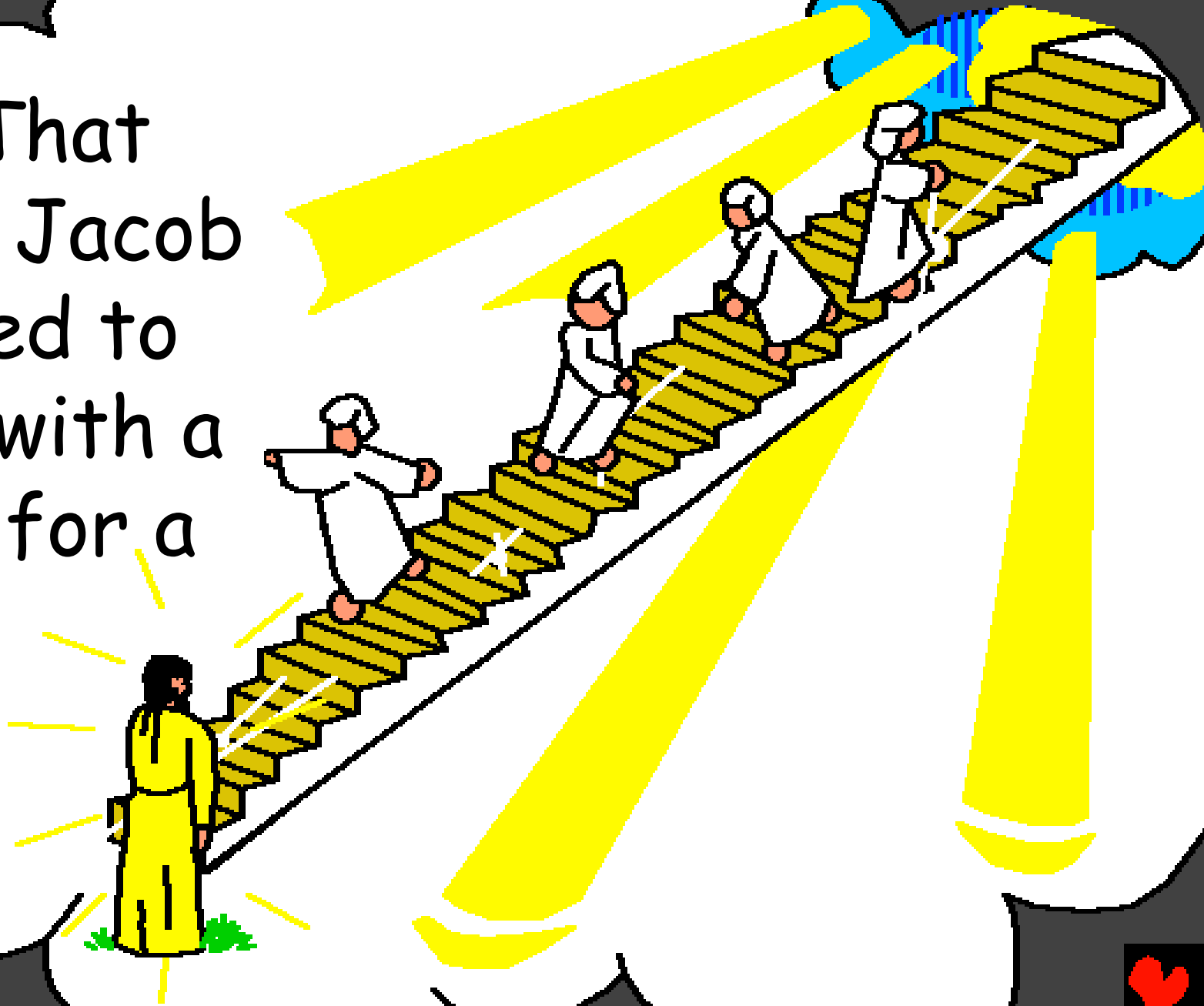
Rebekah heard Esau's threats. "Go to your uncle's house," she told Jacob, "until your brother forgets what you have done."



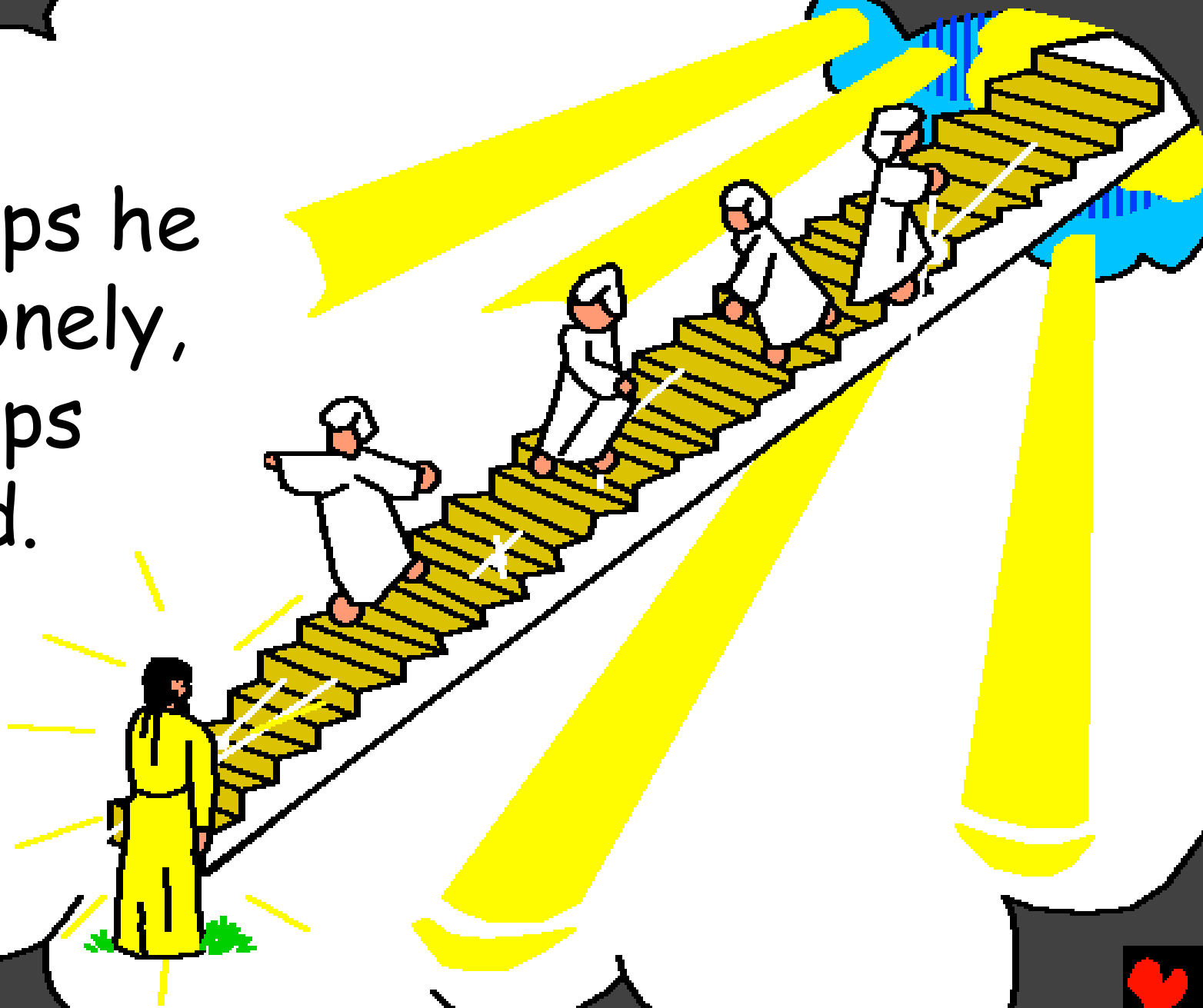
Isaac agreed that Jacob should seek a wife from his mother's family. So Jacob left home.



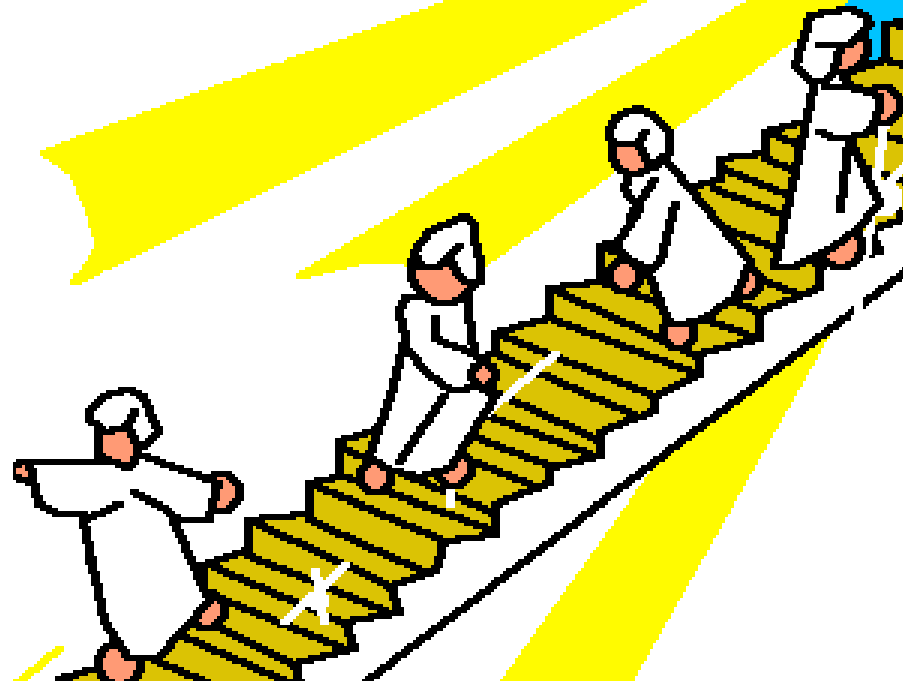
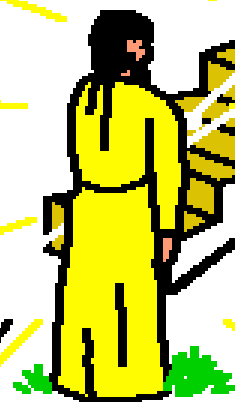
That night, Jacob stopped to sleep with a stone for a pillow.



Perhaps he
was lonely,
perhaps
afraid.



But he was
not alone.
God spoke
to him in a
wonderful
dream.

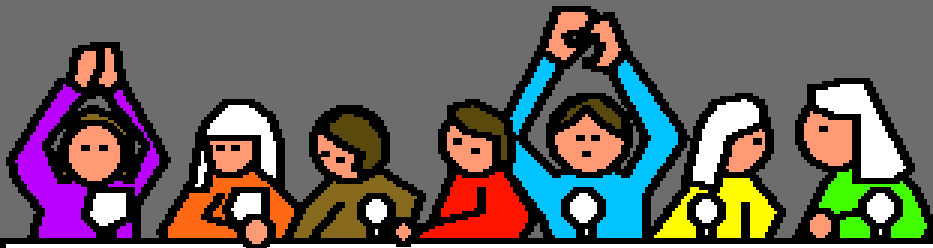


"I AM THE GOD
OF YOUR FATHERS,
ABRAHAM AND ISAAC. I AM
WITH YOU. I WILL GIVE YOU
THIS LAND. BY YOUR FAMILY
ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE
EARTH SHALL BE BLESSED."

After God spoke, Jacob
awoke. He was afraid.

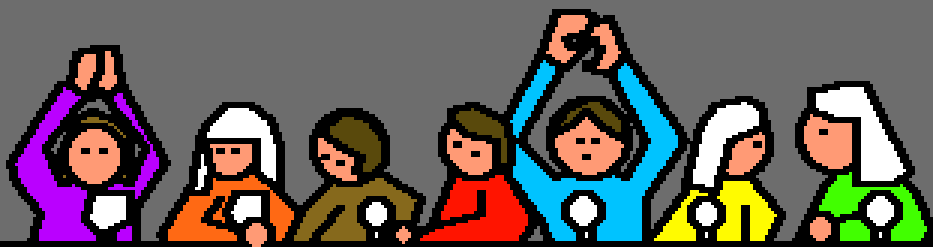


Jacob's uncle Laban
welcomed him.
Jacob loved his
cousin Rachel



and served
Laban ...

... seven years so
he could marry
her. But, on the
wedding night,



Laban
cheated Jacob.

"This is Leah, not Rachel," Jacob complained. "You tricked me." "The oldest daughter must be married first," Laban said.



"Now marry Rachel also
and serve me seven more
years." Jacob agreed.



Perhaps he remembered
his own trickery towards
Isaac and Esau.



Jacob had eleven sons. As years passed he longed to take his family back to Canaan.



His parents were there. But so was Esau, who had vowed to kill him. Was it safe?



One day God
told him to return.
Jacob gathered his
family and flocks to
set out for home.



What a trip it was.
Esau came to meet
Jacob with four
hundred men!
But he didn't
hurt Jacob.



He ran to meet Jacob and gave him a big hug. Jacob and Esau were friends again, and Jacob was safely home.



Jacob the Deceiver

A story from God's Word, the Bible,

is found in

Genesis 25 to 33

"The entrance of Your Word gives light."

Psalm 119:130



The End



This Bible story tells us about our wonderful God who made us and who wants us to know Him.

God knows we have done bad things, which He calls sin. The punishment for sin is death, but God loves us so much He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on a Cross and be punished for our sins. Then Jesus came back to life and went home to Heaven! If you believe in Jesus and ask Him to forgive your sins, He will do it! He will come and live in you now, and you will live with Him forever.



If you want to turn from your sins,
say this to God:

Dear God, I believe that Jesus died for me
and now lives again. Please come into my
life and forgive my sins, so that I can have
new life now, and one day go to be with You
forever. Help me to live for You as Your
child. Amen.

Read the Bible and talk with God every
day! John 3:16

