

ELEMENTARY DISCUSSION GUIDE

CHARACTER TRAIT:

TRUSTWORTHINESS

DEFINITION:

Being dependable without a doubt

MEMORY VERSE:

"Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep His promise!"
Hebrews 10:23

FINISH LINE:

God is trustworthy even when we are not

READ: GENESIS 27:8-17, 21-29

WHAT DOES IT SAY?

(OBSERVATION)

1. What was Rebekah's plan? *(She would make the food. Jacob would dress like Esau and take the food to Isaac so he would get the blessing instead of Esau.)*
2. How did Jacob make himself like Esau? *(He dressed in Esau's clothes and put goat skin on himself to make him hairy.)*
3. How did Rebekah and Jacob's plan work? *(When Jacob went to his father, Isaac believed their lie. Because Jacob felt and smelled like Esau, Isaac gave Jacob the blessing.)*
4. What blessings did Isaac give Jacob? *(That God would give him good harvests and provide for him, nations would become his servants, he would be master over his brother, and his whole family would be blessed.)*

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

(INTERPRETATION)

1. Why do you think they chose to trick Isaac? *(Instead of trusting God, they made their own plans. They wanted Jacob to get the blessing no matter what it cost.)*
2. What were the consequences for Jacob being untrustworthy? *(He ran away because Esau hated him. He lost his home, his family, and had to hide from his brother. He did not come home for over 20 years.)*
3. Although every person in this family was sinful and made mistakes, did they mess up God's plan? *(No one can ever mess up God's plan. God had planned all along to choose Jacob and have Jesus come from his family. God was trustworthy and still kept His promise.)*

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

(APPLICATION)

1. One of God's promises to Abraham, Isaac's father, was that his family would bless all nations. How is Jesus the answer to this promise? *(Jesus' gift of salvation and forgiveness is offered to ALL people of ALL nations. When He died on the cross and rose to life again, His blood paid for the sins of ANYONE who will believe in Him. No matter who you are, you can accept this amazing gift.)*
2. Do we have to be perfectly trustworthy for God to keep His promises to us? How do you know? *(No. God knows we are not perfect. We can never be good enough to earn God's love and promises BUT He loves us anyway. God will always keep His promises; He is trustworthy!)*