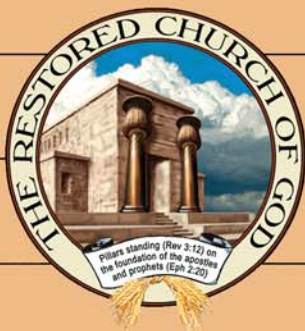


THE RESTORED CHURCH OF GOD

CHILDREN'S BIBLE LESSONS



Isaac Passes the Birthright



LEVEL 1
LESSON 7

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In the last Lesson, we learned about Abraham and his son Isaac. Abraham learned to obey God. He had faith in His promises. Isaac grew into a man. When he was 40 years old, he married Rebekah. For 20 years, they were not able to have children. Like Abraham, Isaac prayed to God that He would bless them with children. God heard Isaac's prayer and blessed Rebekah with twins!

The twin brothers did not look alike. Esau had red, hairy skin. Jacob had fair and smooth skin. Esau became a mighty hunter. He would often go on long hunting trips. Jacob looked after the sheep for his father. He liked to stay around the home.

One day, Esau came home from a very long hunting trip. He was hungry and tired. As he was coming close to camp, he saw Jacob making a delicious soup. Esau asked for some. Jacob did not give Esau any soup right away. He was being selfish. Jacob told Esau that he would give him a bowl of soup only if Esau gave him

his birthright. Esau had the birthright because he was the oldest son.

Esau was so hungry that he thought he was going to die. He did not value his birthright, so he sold it for a bowl of soup. Why was it wrong for Jacob to ask for the birthright? Why was it wrong for Esau to sell it? (Parents, explain this to your child).

After many years, Isaac grew old and became blind. He wanted to bless his eldest son Esau. Remember that God promised a blessing to Abraham that he would inherit all the land. When he died, the blessing passed on to Isaac. Now that Isaac was old, the blessing was being passed on to Esau. But first, Isaac told Esau to hunt for a deer. This was Isaac's favorite meal. Rebekah overheard that Esau would receive the blessing. But she wanted Jacob to receive the blessing instead. He was her favorite son.

Rebekah came up with a plan to trick Isaac. She had Jacob kill two goats. Then Rebekah cooked the meat into a meal for Isaac. She took the skin of the goats and put them around Jacob's hands and neck. This made his skin feel hairy, instead of smooth. Rebekah was sure Isaac would not notice.

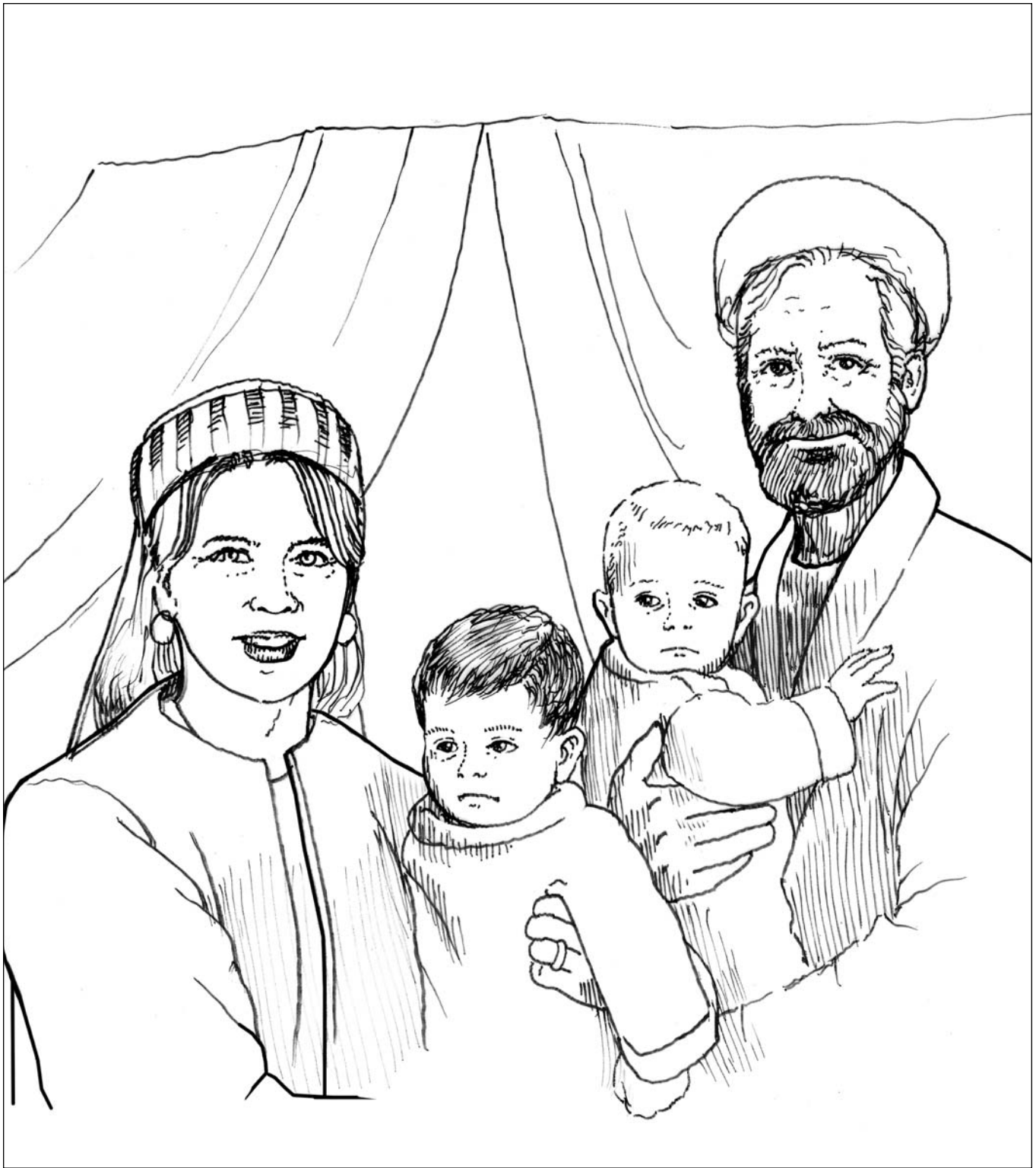
Jacob went into his father's room with the meal and pretended to be Esau. Jacob lied to his father. Isaac was confused to hear the voice of Jacob. Isaac was

too blind to see that it was not Esau. Jacob kissed his father so he could feel the goat skin on Jacob's neck. Isaac was then sure it was Esau.

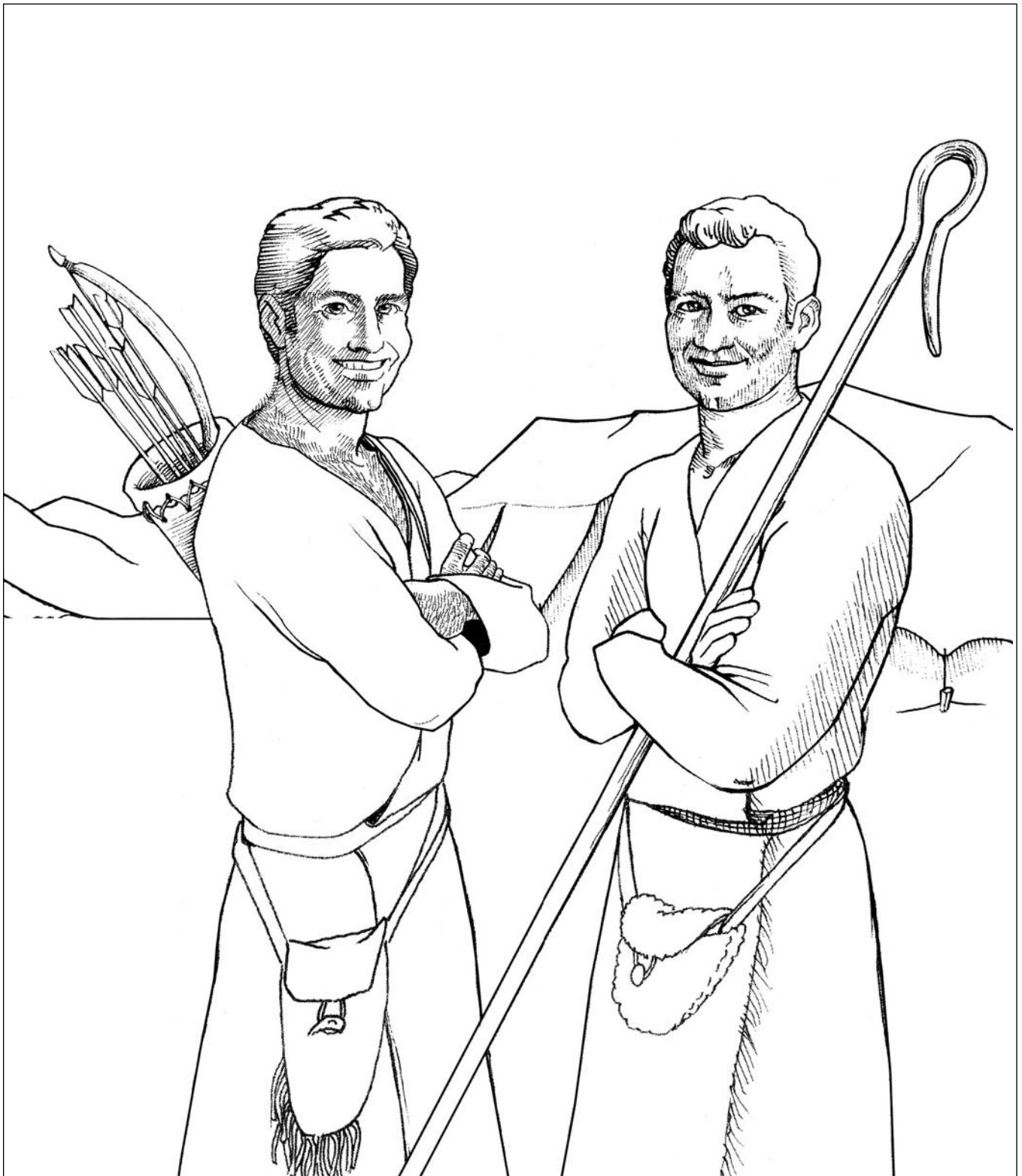
After eating, Isaac blessed Jacob: "May God give you needed rain, good soil, and plenty of grain and wine. Let people serve you. Cursed be everyone who curses you, and blessed be those who bless you!"

As soon as Jacob left, Esau returned from his hunting trip. He then found out that Jacob had stolen his blessing. Esau was angry. Esau decided that he was going to kill Jacob after their father died.

Rebekah learned of Esau's plan. She asked Isaac to send Jacob away to her brother Laban. Jacob fled to his uncle's. Later, he would find a wife there.



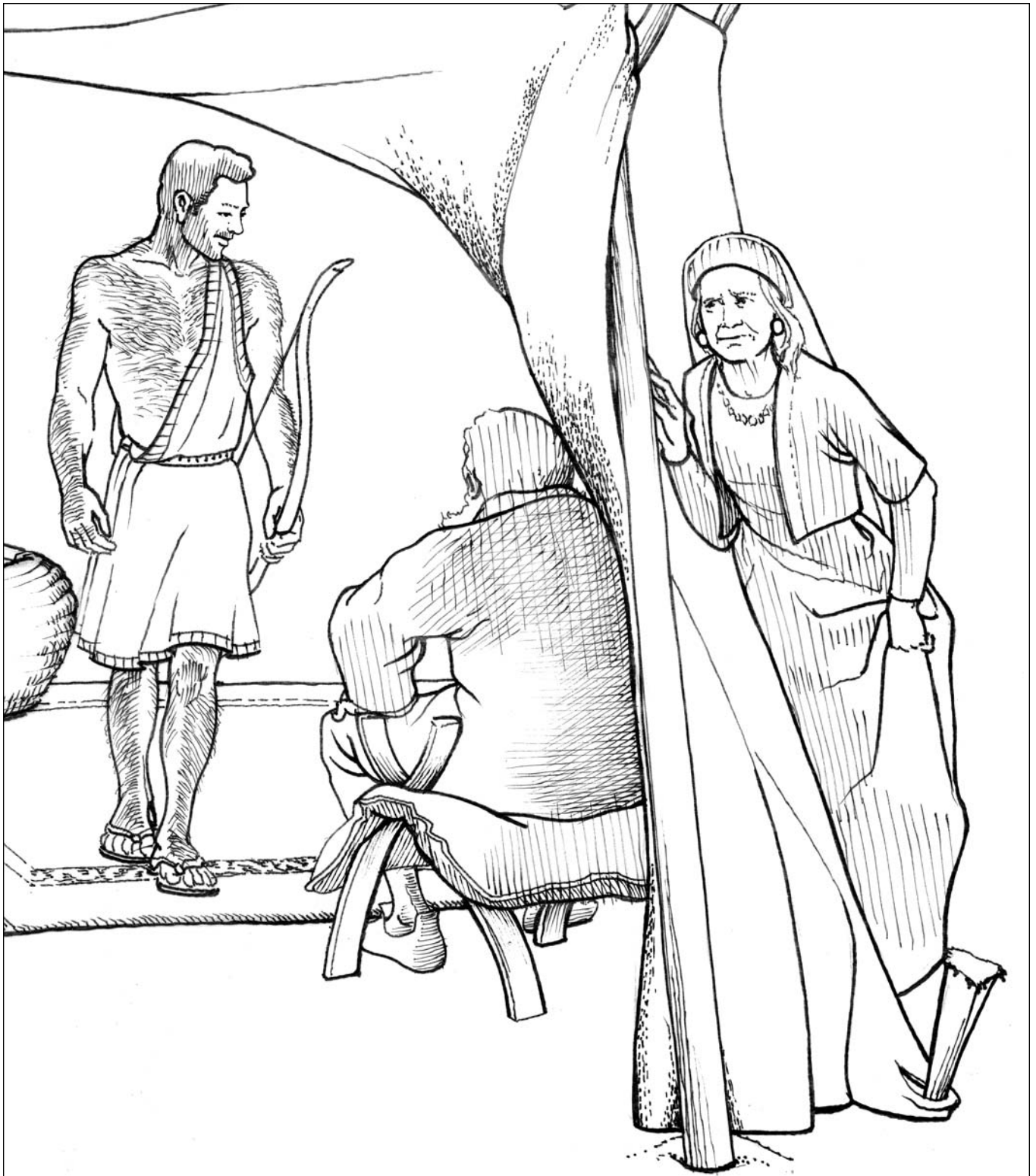
Isaac and Rebekah have twins: Esau and Jacob.



Esau became a hunter. Jacob became a shepherd.



After a long hunting trip, Esau came home hungry. He sold his birthright to Jacob for a bowl of soup.



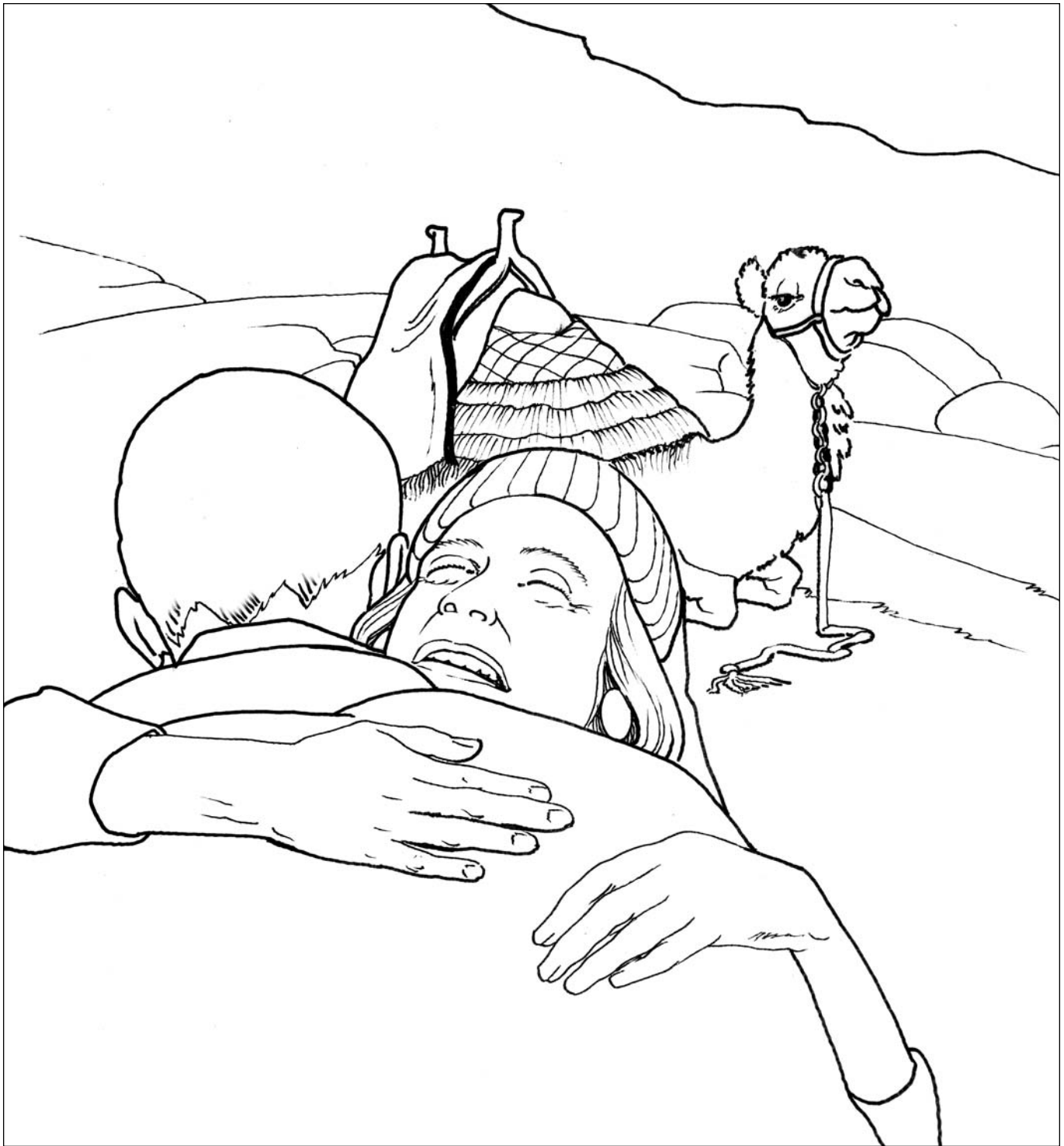
Isaac asked Esau to bring him meat. Then he would bless him. Rebekah overheard the conversation and wanted Jacob blessed instead of Esau.



Rebekah had Jacob kill two goats. She cooked the meat and put the skin on Jacob to trick Isaac.



Jacob brought the meal to Isaac. Isaac was blind and could not see that it was Jacob. Isaac blessed Jacob, instead of Esau.



Esau was very angry when he came home. He found out that Jacob stole his blessing. So he planned to kill Jacob. Rebekah had Jacob flee to live with her brother Laban.

BIBLE MEMORY: Genesis 25:34

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