

Spot the Lie!

It is great to hear bible-based stories retold in an interesting way. However, it is necessary that we learn these stories so that we know when the truth is being stretched or completely covered up in someone else's imagination. Without studying the scriptures, it is very difficult to know the truth. Below is a scripture-based story. How many lies can you spot in this one? Underline each one and identify the scripture that shows it is false.

Jacob and Esau

Jacob and Esau were twins born to Isaac's wife Rachel. Esau was the firstborn, but Rebekah was told that the younger one, Jacob would receive the blessings of the firstborn. Esau, after a hard day in the wilderness attempting to hunt, sold his birthright to Jacob for a bowl of stew because he had not eaten all day. Some time later while still young boys, Jacob impersonated his brother in front of his father, Isaac who had bad eyesight at the time, so that he may receive the firstborn blessing. Esau was very angry after this and promised to kill Jacob for doing it. Jacob had to run away to save his own life.

Jacob ran away to Egypt where some of his grandfather's family still lived. There he met Rahab, the woman he wanted to marry. However, her father, Laban, required him to work for 7 years before he could marry her. After the time was through, the wedding was held, but Jacob was tricked into marrying the older daughter, Leah. Laban insisted that he knew nothing of the trick and let Jacob also marry the woman he had loved for 7 years.

After some time had passed, Jacob decided to return home to his father and to the land that he was promised by Yahweh. Before he reached home, it was discovered that his brother, Esau, was coming to meet him. Since he was still afraid for his life, he hid both of his wives and their children in a cave until he found out that Esau had forgiven him and the family gathered together one last time before Isaac died.