

Bible Stories for Young Children

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***ESAU SELLS HIS BIRTHRIGHT /
JACOB STEALS THE BLESSING***

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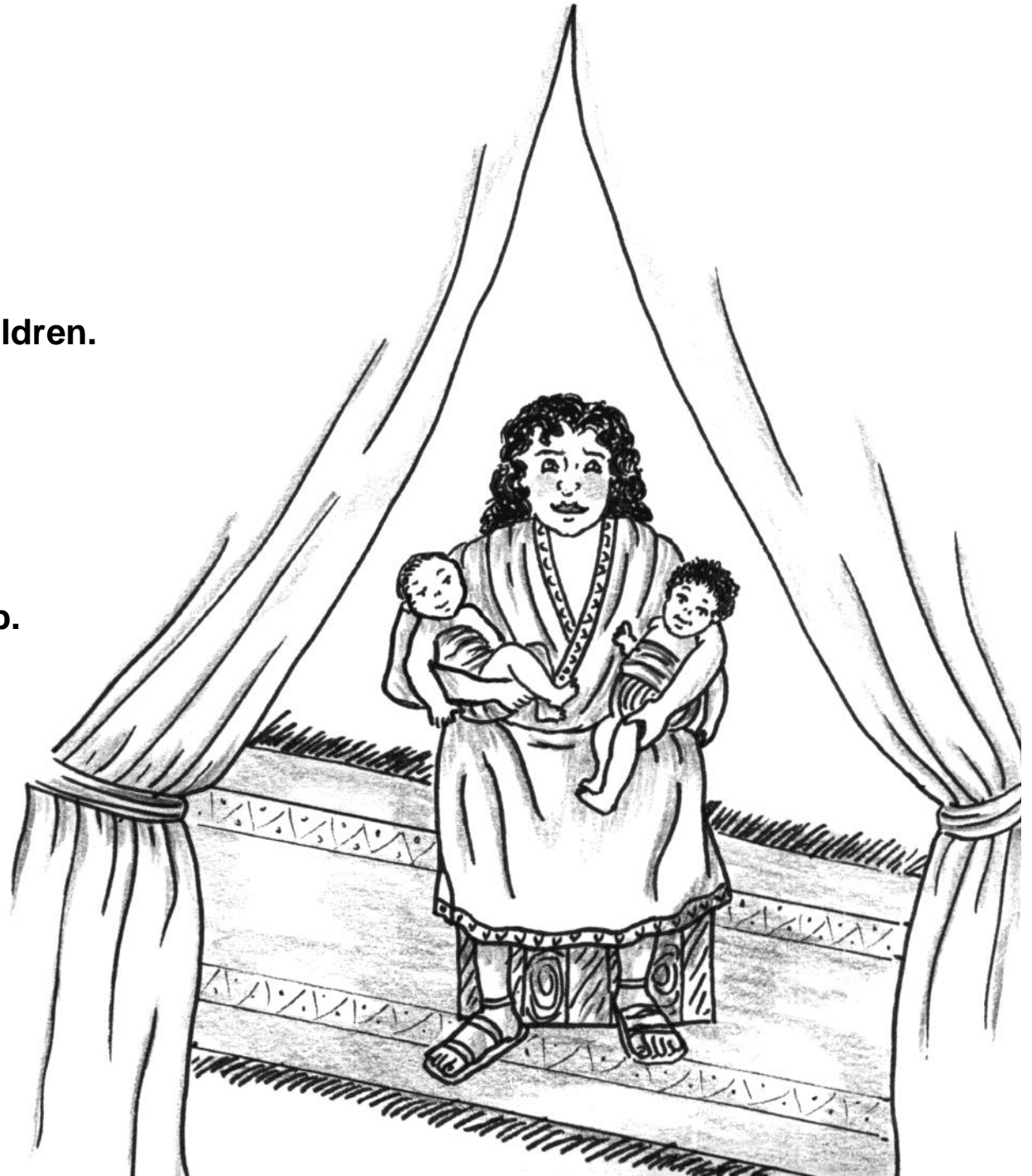
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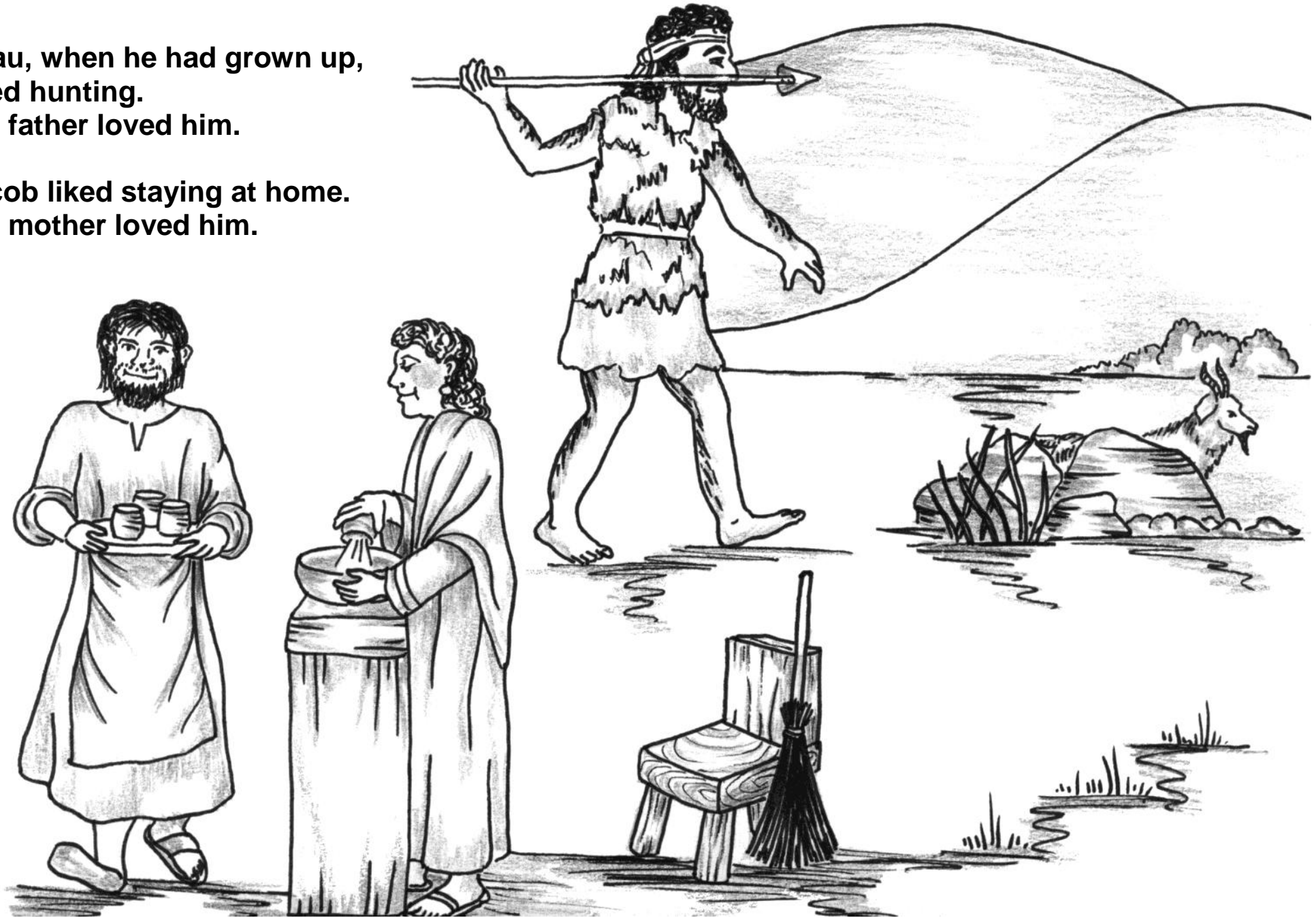
**For a long time Rebekah had no children.
Isaac prayed to God
and God answered his prayer.
God gave Rebekah twin boys.**

**The first baby they named Esau.
He was very hairy.
The second baby they named Jacob.**



**Esau, when he had grown up,
liked hunting.
His father loved him.**

**Jacob liked staying at home.
His mother loved him.**



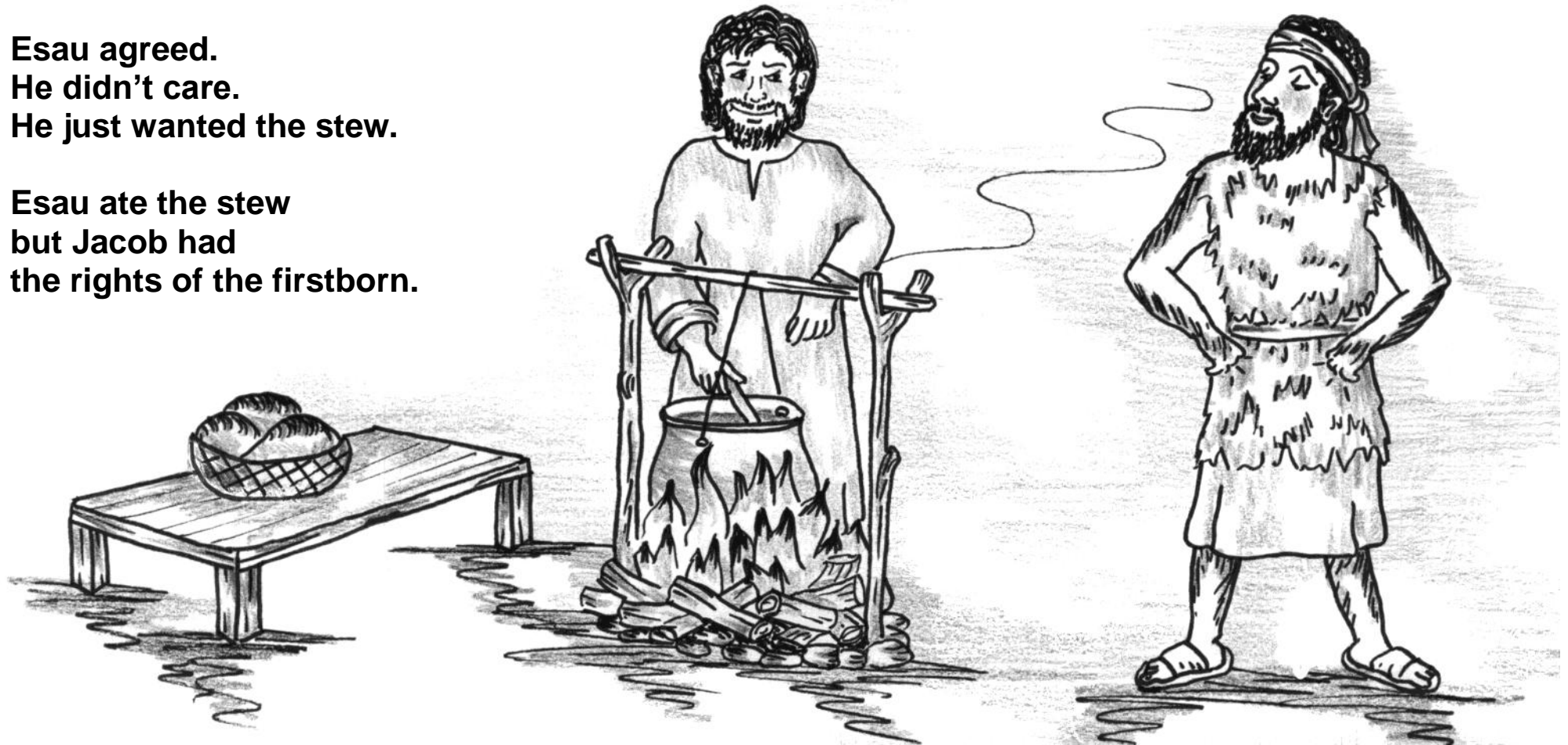
One day Esau came home and was very hungry.

**He smelled Jacob's stew, and said,
'Give me some stew or I'll die.'**

**Jacob said,
'You can have some stew if you give me
the rights of the firstborn.'**

**Esau agreed.
He didn't care.
He just wanted the stew.**

**Esau ate the stew
but Jacob had
the rights of the firstborn.**

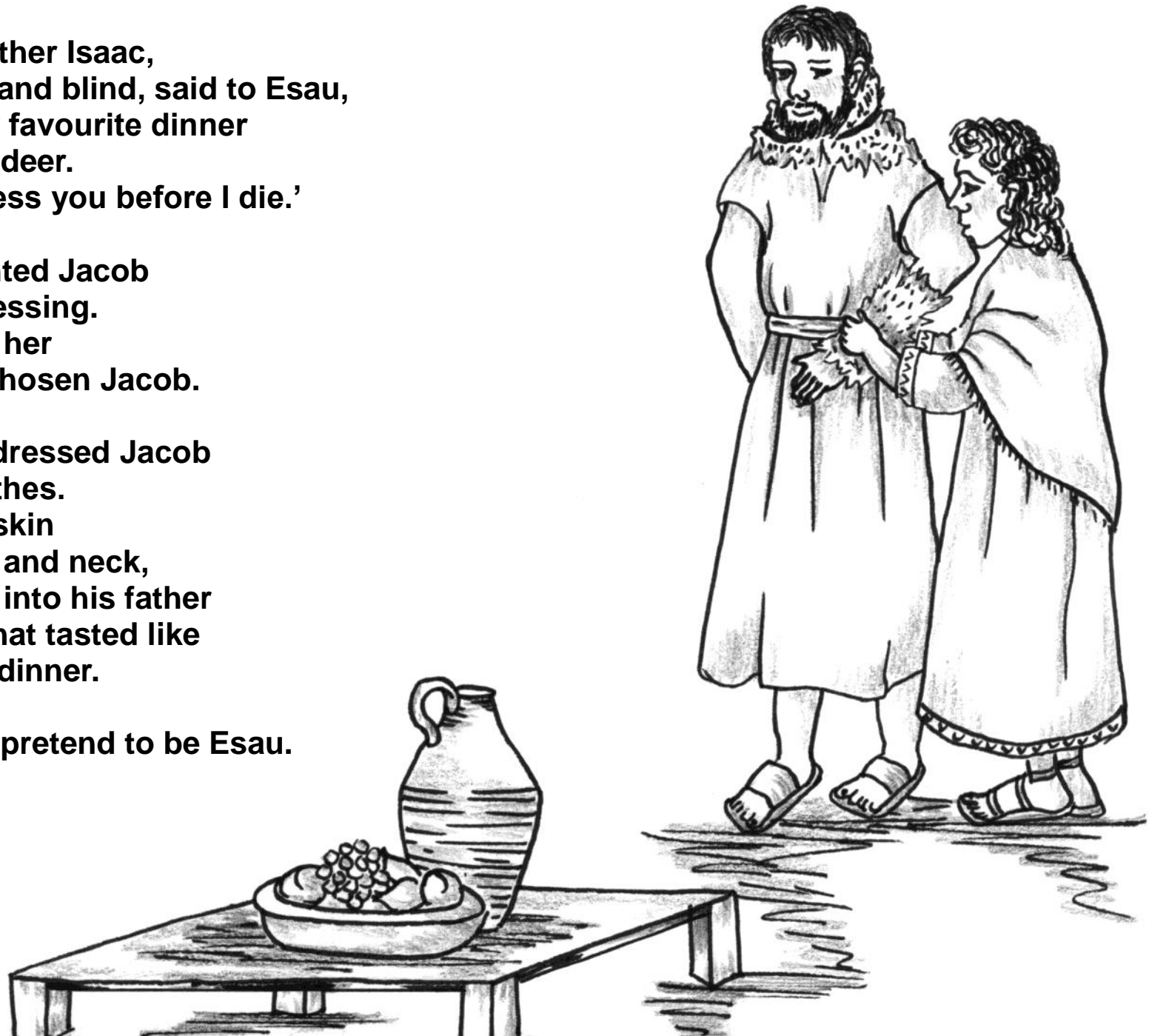


Later, their father Isaac,
who was old and blind, said to Esau,
'Bring me my favourite dinner
made of wild deer.
Then I will bless you before I die.'

Rebekah wanted Jacob
to get that blessing.
God had told her
that He had chosen Jacob.

So Rebekah dressed Jacob
in Esau's clothes.
She put goatskin
on his hands and neck,
and sent him into his father
with a meal that tasted like
his favourite dinner.

Jacob would pretend to be Esau.



Jacob said, 'Here I am father'.

'Who are you?' asked Isaac.

'I am Esau,' replied Jacob.

**'How did you come back so quickly?'
asked his father.**

'Your God helped me,' said Jacob.

**'Come and let me feel you,' said Isaac.
'Your voice is Jacob's.
Your hands are like Esau's.
Are you really Esau?'**

'Yes, I am,' lied Jacob.

**Isaac ate up his favourite dinner.
He put his hands
on Jacob's head and blessed him.**



Later, Esau came in to his father and said,
'Sit up, eat your dinner
and give me your blessing.'

'Who are you?' asked Isaac.

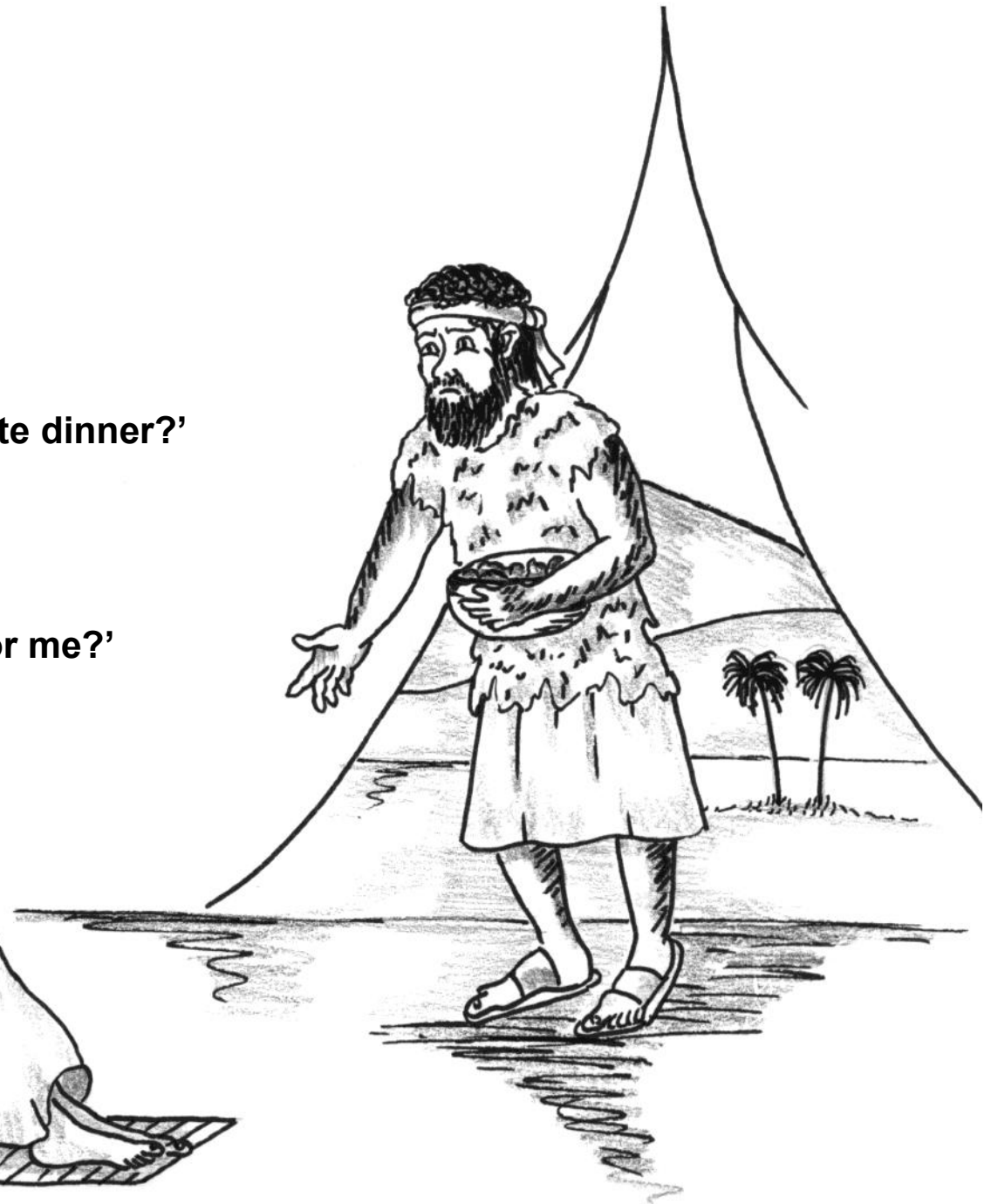
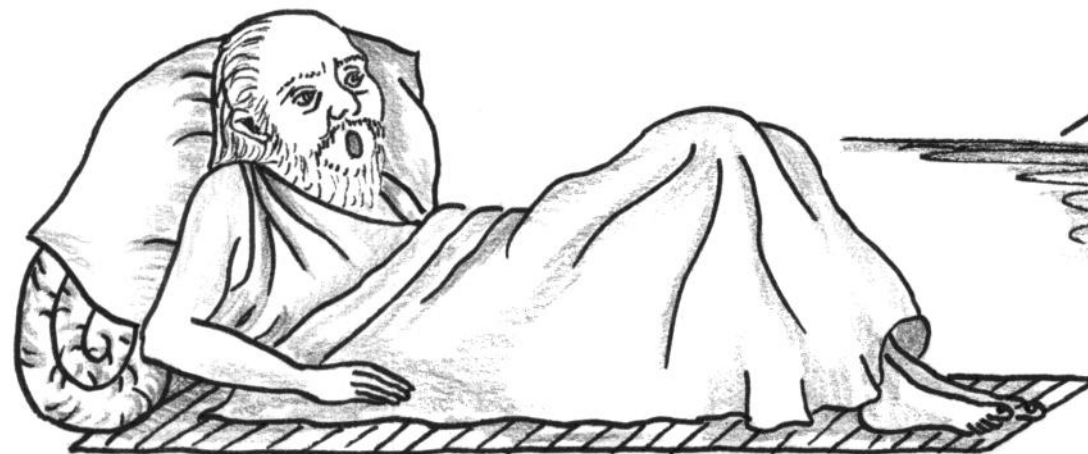
'I am Esau,' he replied.

Then Isaac began to shake.
'Who was that who brought me my favourite dinner?'
he asked.

'I ate it and gave him my blessing.'

Esau cried out,
'Bless me too, father, is there a blessing for me?'

But Isaac had given it to Jacob.



**Esau hated Jacob.
He said to himself,
'When my father dies
I will kill my brother.'**

**God had promised
to bless Jacob.**

**God would teach Jacob
about trusting Him
and living in the blessing.**

