



# The Blessing

Genesis 27:25-34

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- Rebecca schemed to secure Isaac's blessing for Jacob
- Goat skins were placed on Jacob's hands and arms to make them feel hairy.
- Isaac was suspicious because Jacob's voice did not sound like Esau's.
- Isaac blessed Jacob.



# A Meaningful Touch

- Almost every time a blessing is bestowed in Hebrew culture, it involves touching.
- The best way to communicate love to a small child is to demonstrate it by touching them.
- It is important to continue to communicate love, acceptance and affection in some meaningful way.



# A Spoken Message Of Affection And Love

- Children crave a positive message that communicates love and affection.
- Too often parents are quick to criticize their children.
- It is important to communicate love through words.
- Words that communicate acceptance and love need to be spoken over and over again.



# A High Value

- We should teach our children to have a positive self-image in order to build up their self-esteem.
- It is important to teach our children they are valuable.
- Value is taught by giving the child your undivided attention.



# Picture A Glorious Future

- We must help our children see that their future is bright.
- We are to help our children discover who they are and why they have been made.
- The mistake many parents make is trying to get our children to become what we want them to be.
- We are to help our children see themselves for who they really are.



# Conclusion

- A family is held together by:
  - A meaningful touch
  - A spoken message
  - Attributing a high value
  - Picturing a glorious future.
- God is the example of a perfect parent.

