

GOLDEN RULE

“So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.” Matthew 7:12

Use these words of Jesus to measure the main character’s actions in each situation. When the Golden Rule isn’t being followed, rewrite that part to follow the Golden Rule. Make your changes in the space above the lines. The first one has been done.



Josh had a rotten day at school. So when his sister asked to play with his computer game, he yelled at *agreed* *to play with her.* her to leave him alone.

As soon as his mom came home, Josh asked to go to Brandon’s house. “Give me a few minutes to think about *waited* it,” she said. But Josh started *until mom relaxed.* begging to go.



Brianna had a big homework assignment to finish, so she asked if Ashley would do the dishes for her.

“No, do them yourself,” snapped Ashley.

“I’ll take your turn tomorrow night,” said Brianna.

“What about giving me the tablet Grandma gave you?” said Ashley.



Justin’s brother was watching TV. “Time for my program,” Justin said, changing the channel.

Justin took his brother’s sweater: “Michael won’t mind if I wear it.”

Later, Justin’s friends were starting a game. “Don’t ask Michael to play. He’s no good,” said Justin.

TWIN TRICKS



¹Esau (EE-saw) means "hairy." Jacob means "he grasps the heel" or "he tricks."

Isaac and his wife Rebekah had twin sons: the firstborn, Esau, and his twin, Jacob.¹ When Isaac was old, he told Esau to prepare some food for him. Isaac planned to give his blessing² to his oldest son.

Rebekah overheard Isaac and then told Jacob to follow her plan to trick Esau out of his blessing. She prepared the food while Esau was out hunting.³



Genesis 27:15-23

Then Rebekah took the best clothes of Esau her

older son, which she had in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob. She also covered his hands and the smooth part of his neck with the goatskins. Then she handed to her son Jacob the tasty food and the bread she had made.

He went to his father and said,

"My father."

"Yes, my son," he answered. "Who is it?"

Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn.

I have done as you told me. Please sit up and eat some of my game, so that you may give me your blessing."

Isaac asked his son, "How did you find it so quickly, my son?"

"The LORD your God gave me success, he replied.

³Cooked meals took hours to prepare. Hunters had to skin, clean, and cook what they killed.

What tricks have been done to fool Isaac? What lies did Jacob tell?

Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Come near so I can touch you, my son, to



²The blessing was similar to a written will today. The firstborn would inherit twice the possessions in the blessing.



know whether you really are my son Esau or not."

Jacob went close to his father Isaac, who touched him and said, "The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau." He did not recognize him, for his hands were hairy like those of his brother Esau; so he proceeded to bless him."

What do you think Jacob was thinking when he actually received the blessing? How would you have felt?

Then Esau came back with his food. He and Isaac realized they had been tricked.

Read Genesis 27:38 and 41. What did Esau do when he figured out he had been tricked? What would you have done?

Later, Rebekah heard Esau say he wanted to kill Jacob. So she told Jacob to go live with his uncle, Laban. Rebekah said she would tell him when it was safe. Jacob lived with his uncle for 20 years.



WHO'S NUMBER ONE?

**LOOK OUT FOR
YOURSELF!**

KEY VERSE

"In humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."

Philippians 2:3-4

The way you treat others shows who's number one with you. Pick the team you'd want to play on. Write down some rules you want to follow with your family and friends.

1. When I'm playing a game with others, I will

2. When I want something I don't have, I will

3. When others don't agree with me, I will

4. When someone asks me for a favor, I will

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