

# LarryBoy and the Fib from Outer Space



## What is the STORY about?

“The name’s Fibrilious Minimus! But you can call me Fib.” A little fib turns into a big problem for Junior Asparagus! With Dad’s favorite bowling plate in pieces, Junior is sure to be punished until a strange visitor advises him to cover his tracks with a little white lie. Dad buys the story, but Junior notices his new friend seems a little bigger now and a lot less cute! Lies have a way of growing—and it isn’t long before Junior’s “little fib” has grown into a 30-foot-tall monster, threatening to devour all of Bumblyburg! Only one person to call in a crisis like this: Bumblyburg’s own superhero, LarryBoy! But can anyone stop the Fib from Outer Space? This first LarryBoy adventure teaches kids that a lie can trap you, but the truth will set you free.

- *A Lesson in Telling the Truth*
- *Key Passage: Genesis 27 (A Lesson-related Bible story)*
- *Running time: 33 minutes*



## What do you THINK?

- *How did Dad’s bowling plate get broken? (The cupboard tipped when Junior was trying to reach the plate)*
- *Who convinced Junior to lie to his father about the plate? (Fib)*
- *What happened after Junior told the first lie? (He told more lies to cover up his first lie and Fib kept growing)*
- *What made Fib stop growing? (Junior admitted that he told a lie)*



## What does the BIBLE say?

This account of Esau and Jacob is found in Genesis 27. Read this story about not TELLING THE TRUTH from a Bible translation that is easy to understand OR tell in this shortened version.

***Rebekah and Isaac had twin sons, Esau—whose skin was very hairy—and Jacob. Esau loved to hunt and be out in the fields while Jacob was quiet and stayed near the tents. Isaac loved Esau, and Jacob was Rebekah’s favorite. When Isaac was an old man, he called Esau to go hunting and prepare a meal for him so that he could give his oldest son a blessing before he died. Rebekah heard Isaac talking to Esau. She wanted Jacob to have Isaac’s blessing, so she instructed Jacob to bring her two young goats so that she could prepare a meal. Since Isaac’s eyes were weak and he could not see well, they planned to trick him into thinking that Jacob was Esau. Rebekah put Esau’s best clothes on Jacob and covered his hands and neck with the goat skins so that Jacob’s skin would feel like Esau’s. She prepared the tasty meal and sent Jacob in to deceive his father. When Isaac asked, “Who are you?” Jacob lied and said that he was Esau and that he was bringing the meat of the animal that he had hunted. When the father asked how he had killed the animal so quickly, Jacob lied again and said that God had helped him. Isaac asked Jacob to come closer so that he could touch him and make sure that it was Esau. When Isaac touched Jacob he said, “Your voice sounds like Jacob’s, but your hands are hairy like Esau.” He asked if this was really Esau. Jacob lied yet again and said, “Yes, I am.” So Isaac gave his blessing to Jacob. Just as Jacob was leaving, Esau returned. He brought the food his father had requested and asked for the blessing. Then Isaac began to tremble because he realized that he had been tricked by the lies of Jacob. He had given his younger son the power to master over his older son. Esau cried and begged for a blessing from his father. Isaac promised that one day Esau would be free from Jacob’s power.***

# The Story of Esau and Jacob



## ACTIVITY

Talk about the story of Esau and Jacob and how Isaac was tricked into believing something that was not true. To demonstrate how hard it may be to determine whether or not someone is telling the truth, make three statements about yourself to the children—two that are true and one that is false. Challenge the children to guess which statement is not true. Allow each child to make three statements about himself in the same manner and have the group decide which one is false.



## What can we DO?

Review the story of *The Fib from Outer Space*. Engage the children in conversation with these life-application questions:

- *Is a fib the same as a lie?*
- *What often happens when we tell just one lie?*
- *What does it mean to deceive someone?*
- *Is it okay to tell a lie to make someone feel better?*
- *Why is it sometimes easier to tell a lie than to tell the truth?*
- *Does God ALWAYS know if we are telling a lie?*

**Help the children find these Bible verses to read aloud.**

- **Exodus 20:16** “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.”
- **Colossians 3:9** “Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices.”
- **Proverbs 12:17** “A truthful witness gives honest testimony, but a false witness tells lies.”

## 3 Things to remember about Esau and Jacob

1. Esau and Jacob were **TWINS**
2. Jacob **LIED** to his father
3. Isaac was tricked into giving his **BLESSING** to the younger son

## KEY VERSE

**(John 8:32)** “Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

## KEY NUGGET

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