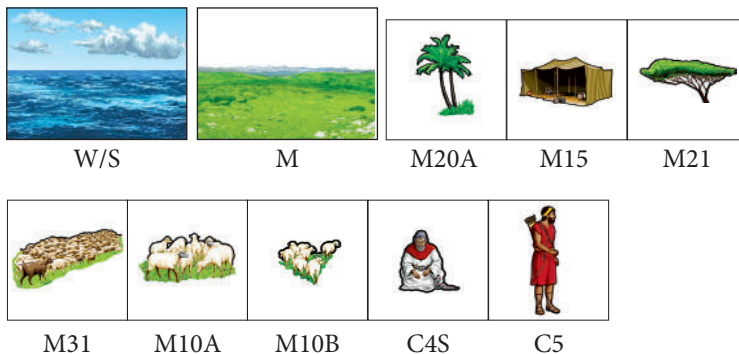
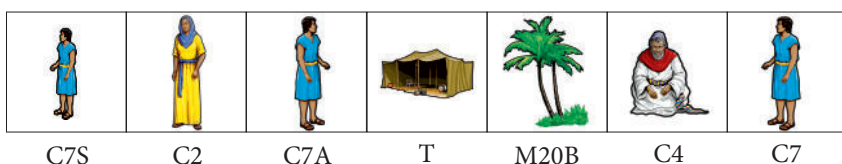


Story 5. Jacob is Sent Away
Genesis 27:41-28:5


Backgrounds/Overlays (For scene one/in order used)






Figures (in order used)



In this story the impact of Jacob and Rebekah's deception in the previous story begins to unfold. Esau's anger toward Jacob has turned to hatred. When Rebekah becomes aware that Esau plans to kill his brother as soon as Isaac dies, she devises a plan to protect Jacob. But, once again Rebekah relies upon deception and manipulation to get her way. Esau's marriage to two Hittite women from the land of Canaan had become a burden both to Isaac and Rebekah. So, Rebekah uses the possibility of Jacob following Esau's example to have Isaac send Jacob to her brother Laban's house to get a wife from among Laban's daughters. Laban lived in the land of Paddan-aram (modern day Syria) far to the north. Although Rebekah was successful, it would be more than twenty years before Jacob returned. Here is where the story begins.

Now Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing his father Isaac had blessed him with,  and Esau said to himself, "The days of mourning for my father's death are not far away—then I will kill my brother Jacob." But


someone told Rebekah what her oldest son Esau was saying. **(Remove)**   **(Add)** 

So Rebekah sent for Jacob, her younger son and said to him,  'Listen to me, your brother Esau is


comforting himself by planning how to kill you. Now my son, do exactly what I tell you. Get ready and flee to my brother Laban who lives in Haran. Stay with him for a while until you brother's fury dies down—wait until your brother isn't angry with you—and he forgets what you did to him. Then I will send for you and bring you back from Haran. I cannot face losing both you and your father on the same day.'

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Then Rebekah went to Isaac and said, "I am sick to death of living among these Hittite women. If Jacob marries one of these women from this area—I would rather be dead!"

Then Isaac called for Jacob and blessed him. And Isaac commanded Jacob and said,  “You must not take a wife from among these Canaanite women. Get yourself ready, I am sending you to Paddan-aram to the house of Bethuel—your mother’s father. Take a wife from the daughters of Laban—your mother’s brother.

May God Almighty bless you and give you many children. May God multiply you until you become a company of nations. May God give you—you and your descendants—the blessing He promised to Abraham. May you inherit this land on which you have lived and take possession of it; just as God promised when He gave it to Abraham!”

(Remove)  So Isaac sent Jacob away. And Jacob left to go to Paddan-aram, to Laban. Laban was the son of Bethuel the Aramean. He was Rebekah’s brother—Jacob and Esau’s mother.