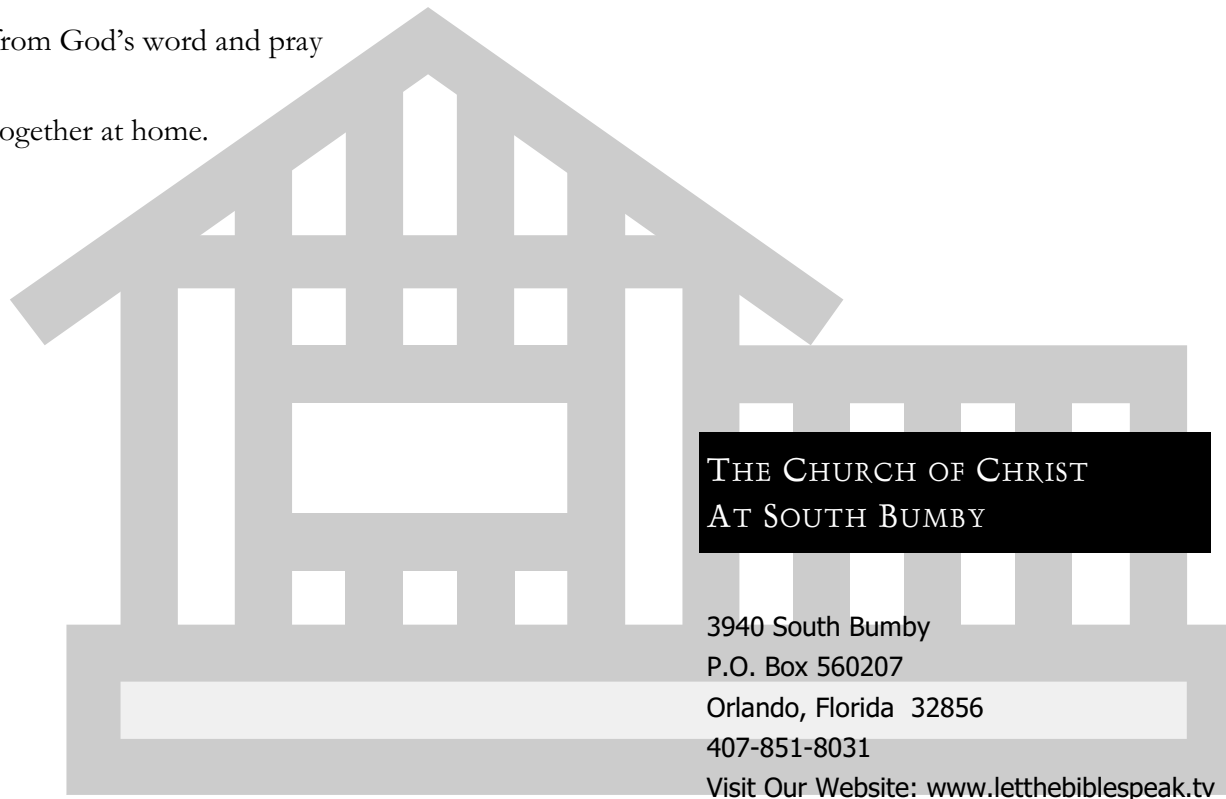


# *About Growing Together @ Home*

Growing Together @ Home is a  
brief guide provided by the South  
Bumby Church to give our families a  
framework they can use as they study  
from God's word and pray  
together at home.



## Other Things To Do This Week:

- [1] Search the Bible together for passages that talk about honesty and integrity. Pick one to memorize for each day of the week.
- [2] Help your children prepare their lessons for Bible class.

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*A Weekly Guide  
For Family  
Devotions*

Those who  
love Your law  
have great  
peace, And  
nothing  
causes them  
to stumble.

Ps. 119:165

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# SEARCH & DISCOVER

## DAY ONE

### STEP #1: THE SEARCH

Have each family member read Genesis 27:1-40. As you read, search for all the different things Jacob and his mother did to deceive Isaac.

### STEP #2: THE DISCOVERY

After each family member has completed the search, sit down and talk over the things you found. Make one big list of tricks they used to pull off this deception. Then, talk about these questions.

- [1] What do you think of Jacob after seeing the way he behaved at this point in his life?
- [2] Jacob was able to pull off this trick. He deceived his father and won the blessing. Does that seem fair to you? Explain.
- [3] Are there people today just like Jacob? Do they use lies and deception to gain an advantage over others? Give some examples.
- [4] How does it make you feel when people lie and cheat and seem to get away with it?

### STEP #3: THE PRAYER

End your session with prayer, asking God to give us the wisdom to see that people who gain by dishonesty really do not get ahead.

## DAY TWO

### STEP #1: THE SEARCH

Have each family member read Genesis 29:1-30. In this chapter we see how Jacob gets a taste of his own medicine. He deceived his father to steal his brother's blessing. Now he is the one who will be deceived. After reading the passage, be ready to explain exactly how Jacob was deceived by Laban.

### STEP #2: THE DISCOVERY

After each family member has completed the search, sit down and talk over the things you learned. Explain how Jacob was tricked by his future father-in-law. Then, discuss these questions.

- [1] Sometimes it seems like dishonest people have an advantage over honest people. They make more money, get more promotions, they get ahead, etc. But are they really getting ahead; do they really have an advantage over us? Explain.
- [2] Give an example from the Bible, the news, your life, etc. when someone's dishonesty came back to hurt them.
- [3] What do you learn from all of this?

### STEP #3: THE PRAYER

End your session with prayer, asking God to help us always to be people of honesty and integrity, even if it seems to set us back at times.

## DAY THREE

### STEP #1: THE SEARCH

Have each family member read Genesis 37:1-36. As you read, search for another example of Jacob being deceived - this time, by his own sons. Be ready to explain how exactly he was deceived.

### STEP #2: THE DISCOVERY

After each family member has completed the search, sit down and talk over the things you found. Explain exactly how Jacob was deceived by his sons.

- [1] What do you think of Jacob's sons, deceive their father this way?
- [2] Where do you think they learned to behave in such a sneaking, dishonest way? Could they have learned from their father's example?
- [3] What lesson do you learn from all this?
- [4] Read Proverbs 20:7.

### STEP #3: THE PRAYER

End your session with prayer, asking God to help us as a family to set the right example for each other - to be people of honesty and integrity.