

THE SCALES OF A CHEAT

School is upside down with both Liz and Skink both getting A's. And why is Granny refusing to attend her high school reunion?

Let's Get Started

Episode Theme: Honest Relationships.

1. [Proverbs 11:1](#) says, "The Lord hates everyone who cheats but he likes everyone who is honest." Why is it so important to God for us to be honest?
2. [Genesis 27](#) tells the story of Rebekah and Isaac and their sons Esau and Jacob. Rebekah loved her son Jacob. And she really wanted a special blessing for Jacob. She wanted it so much that she was willing to cheat to get it. She knew her husband Isaac was ready to bless their son Esau. So she dressed Jacob to look and feel like Esau. Jacob pretended to be his brother and then went to his father. Isaac gave the special blessing to Jacob, thinking he was blessing Esau. Rebekah got exactly what she wanted by cheating. Or did she? Because of her cheating, Jacob had to leave home. Jacob didn't come back for many, many, years. Rebekah lost the son she loved so much. Her husband and Esau were angry, so she lost there too. The sad part is that Rebekah never had to cheat. God had promised a special blessing for Jacob. All Rebekah had to do was wait for God. But she didn't wait. She cheated and ended up destroying her whole family. Think about how Rebekah hurt God and her family through her cheating as you read today's program.

Memory Verse

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Proverbs 11:1

After You Listen

In this episode, Liz wants to get an A on his test so much that he decides to cheat on his quiz.

Cheating is wrong. But sometimes, people still cheat because they want something so much. When we lie or cheat we are hurting God's reputation. Just like our behavior can say something bad or good about our family, it can also say something about God. We want to honor God and glorify him in everything we say or do. And we want God to have a good and true reputation. Then others who may not know him will be drawn to him and want to be his child ([1 John 2:4](#)).

When you begin to want something so much that you are tempted to cheat, what should you do? Tell God. Tell him what you want. Tell him how you are thinking about cheating to get it. Ask him for help. He will listen, and he will help you. Don't cheat. Cheating hurts everyone.

Challenge

Have you lied to someone this week? Talk to your parents about it. You will need to be brave! Then tell that person, apologize and then tell them the truth. You will be doing the right thing and will feel better in the end, even if there is a consequence first.

Take the Episode Quiz

Question 1: How many years has it been since Granny graduated high school?

Answer: 40 years.

Question 2: Why did Granny decide not to attend?

Answer: Because she heard that Roberta, a former classmate, was attending.

Question 3: Why did that bother Granny?

Answer: Because Granny told a lie and was the reason that Roberta was not able to graduate with her class.

Question 4: Why did Liz cheat on his test?

Answer: Because he wanted to keep his streak of "A"s going.

Question 5: How did Skink manage to get the same grade as Liz?

Answer: He saw Liz's answers in a reflection on the window.
