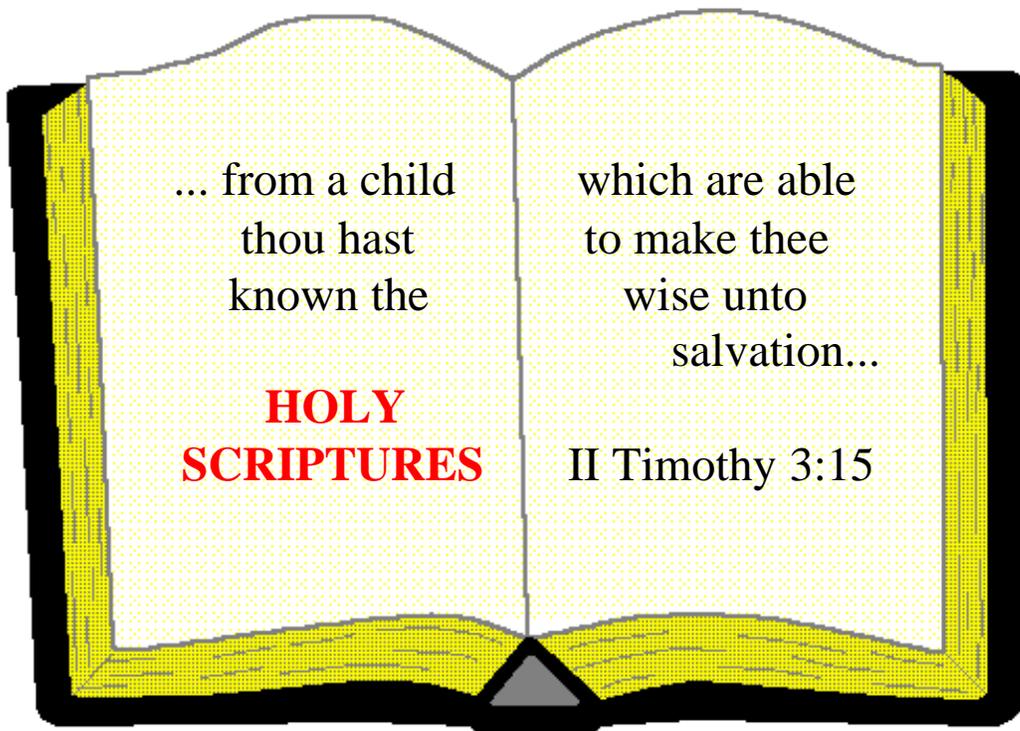


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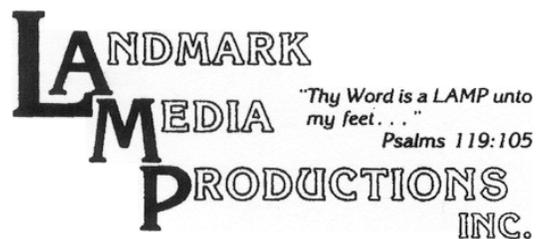
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To the Teacher:

“Arise, go to Padanaram, to the house of Bethuel thy mother’s father; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of Laban thy mother’s brother.”

The previous lessons in Volume III dealt with the life of Isaac, the birth of his twin sons, Jacob and Esau, and the strife that existed between the two sons. It ended with Isaac sending Jacob away to go to Haran in the land of Padanaram where the descendants of Abraham’s brother lived, and find a godly wife from among their relatives rather than marrying a woman from the Canaanites who worshiped idols. Isaac’s wife, Rebekah, was the daughter of Bethuel, Abraham’s nephew. In defiance of his parents, Esau had married women of the land of Canaan. Isaac knew that Jacob would inherit the land promised by God to Abraham’s descendants and receive the covenant blessing, so he wanted him to have a wife who believed in the true God in heaven.

Volume IV contains 12 lessons covering the life of Jacob from the time he left home to go live with Laban, Rebekah’s brother in Haran, married, became wealthy, and returned to Canaan with his 12 sons who became the heads of the 12 tribes of Israel. He made peace with his brother Esau and saw his father again before Isaac died. The lessons are taken from the book of Genesis chapters 28 through 35. The following volume will cover the life of Joseph, Jacob’s favorite son.

The lesson material is primarily for the teacher’s benefit. Read and study the scriptures so you can present the lessons on the comprehension level of your students. You may want to make two lessons from some, according to time available, and the age and interest of those in your class. The worksheets are geared to different age levels and are reproducible for classroom use. None are to be copied for resale.

Old Testament Bible character studies are very important to understanding the New Testament; especially Jacob and his sons who were the beginning of the nation of Israel, God’s chosen people through whom He kept His promise to send His Son into the world to live and die for the sins of mankind.

I express my appreciation to Cheryl Harris who draws most of the coloring pictures.

May God give you clarity of mind as you study and prepare to teach children the eternal truths of the Bible.

Prayerfully submitted,



Betty Penn



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JACOB'S DREAM

Genesis 28:1-5, 10-22

In previous lessons we learned of the God's promise to Abraham to make of his descendants a great nation of people who would worship and serve Him. We learned of the same promise He made to Isaac, Abraham's son, to make of his descendants a great nation of people. Jacob was the son God chose to keep His promise to Abraham and to Isaac and give the land of Canaan to Jacob's descendants, and make of them a great nation. Jacob was not always honest in his dealings with others. Even though God did not condone his plotting and scheming in order to better himself, God still used him, and God kept His promise.

Esau was the first born, and as such, the favored son of Isaac. Rebekah favored Jacob and helped him in his attempts to be deceitful. Jacob cheated Esau out of his birthright, and later deceived his father and stole the blessing that belonged to Esau. The blessing that the father bestowed on the oldest son entitled him to the land and possessions of his father when his father died.

When Esau realized that Jacob had stolen the blessing as well as owning the birthright, he was so angry he said, "When my father dies and the time of mourning is over, I will kill my brother Jacob." Another of the servants heard Esau make the threat and told Rebekah. In order to save Jacob's life she decided to send him away to her brother Laban in Haran. She called Jacob to her and said, "Your brother Esau, as concerning you, draws comfort in the fact that he intends to kill you as soon as your father dies." She said, "*Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; and arise, flee thou to Laban my brother to Haran: and tarry with him a few days, until thy brother's fury turn away.*" Once again she was telling Jacob what to do; not asking him what he wanted to do, but making plans for him. She said, "You listen to me, and do exactly what I say." Rebekah told Jacob to go to Haran to her brother's house and stay with him until Esau got over being angry. When he got over his anger and it was safe for Jacob to come home, she would send for him.

Rebekah decided to send Jacob to Haran, but she had to have an excuse without telling Isaac the truth. Many years earlier Abraham did not want Isaac marrying a woman from the Canaanites, so he sent his servant back to his brother, Nahor, in Mesopotamia to get a wife from his family for Isaac. Bethuel was Nahor's son. Rebekah was Bethuel's daughter. Rebekah had a brother named Laban who still lived at Haran. Laban had grown daughters. Isaac and Rebekah did not want Jacob to marry a woman from among the Canaanites, so this would be the excuse that Rebekah would use to send Jacob away.

Rebekah went to Isaac and said, "I am worried to death about Jacob because of the daughters of Heth that live in this land. If Jacob takes one of these women for his wife, I don't know what I will do. I don't want him marrying one of the daughters of Heth." She subtly suggested that maybe he should go back to her brother's house and stay with him, and marry

one of his daughters. Isaac thought this was a good idea. He called Jacob in, blessed him, and told him not to marry a daughter of the Canaanite people, but to go to the home of Bethuel, Rebekah's father, and marry one of the daughters of Laban, Rebekah's brother.

Jacob obeyed Isaac and Rebekah and began his trip to Haran, to the home of Bethuel and Laban. He traveled all day and came to a city called Luz, a town about twelve miles north of Jerusalem, and stopped to spend the night. Just before dark he took some stones and piled them up for a pillow to lie back on to sleep for the night. While he slept, he dreamed. In his dream, he saw a ladder standing up on the earth, and the top reached all the way to heaven. He saw angels going up and down on the ladder, and the Lord stood at the top of the ladder.

The Lord spoke to Jacob, and said, *"I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; and thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of."*

In this same area, God told Abraham in Genesis 13:14, *"Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: for all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever."* In Genesis 15:18, God told Abraham, *"Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:"* Genesis 25:5, *"And Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac."* God renewed the promise to Isaac, Genesis 26:3, *"Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father."* God made the promise to Abraham and his descendants, and Isaac was his son. God made the same promise to Isaac, and Jacob was his son. Now God has made the same promise to Jacob.

Just as God promised Abraham that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky and the particles of dust in the earth, He told Jacob his descendants would be as numerous as the dust of the earth. As He told Abraham to look north, south, east and west and this was the land He would give him, He told Jacob that his descendants would spread out from this area to the west, to the east, to the north, and to the south. Just as He promised Abraham that through him all of the earth would be blessed (by sending His Son through the nation of Israel), He promised Jacob, *"in thee and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed."*

Jacob was running away because his brother had threatened to kill him. God promised Jacob, *"I will be with you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land in peace."* *"And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have*

spoken to thee of.” Years later when the wrath of Esau cooled, and his anger was put aside, Jacob returned home to live in peace with his brother. God took care of Jacob, and Esau did not kill him. God had a plan for Jacob. Jacob was the father of twelve sons who became the heads of the twelve tribes of the nation of Israel.

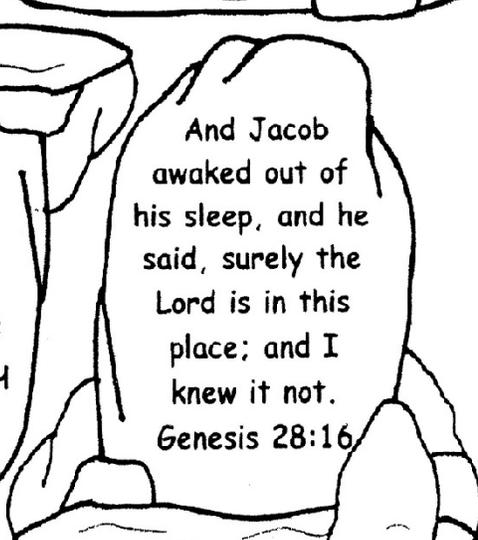
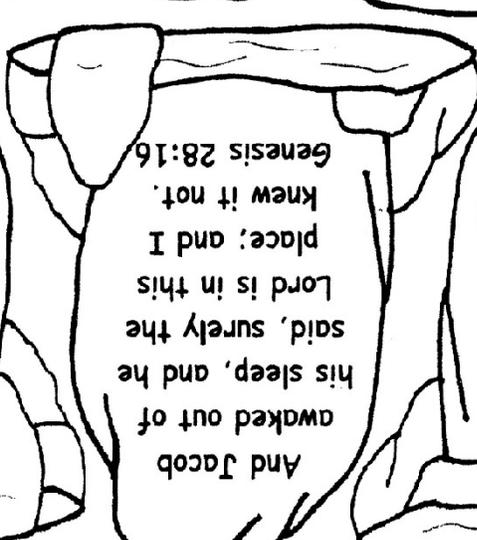
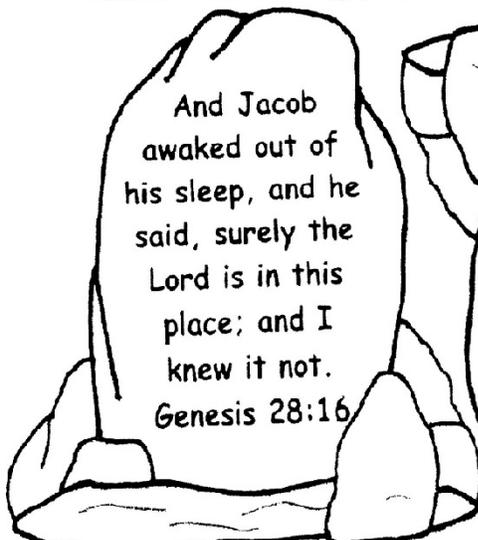
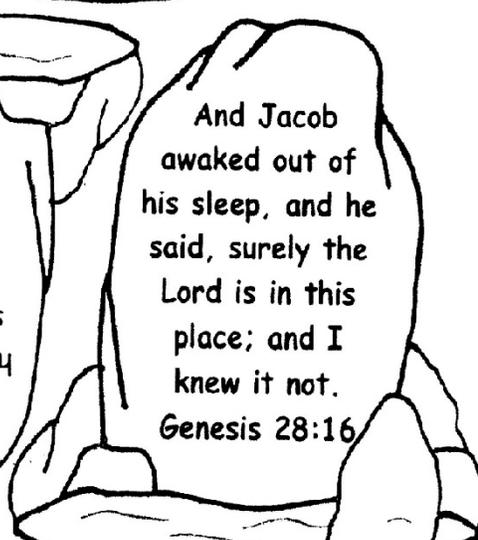
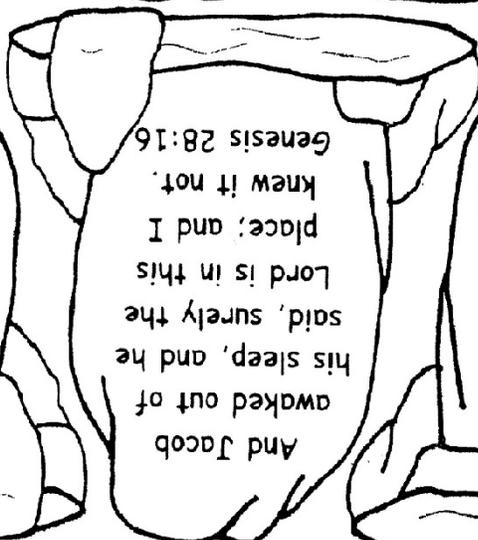
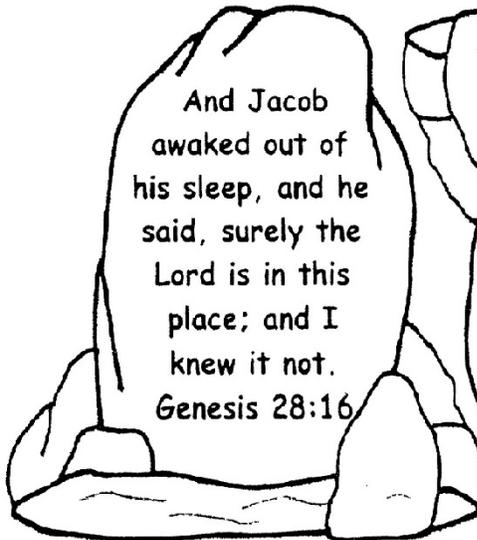
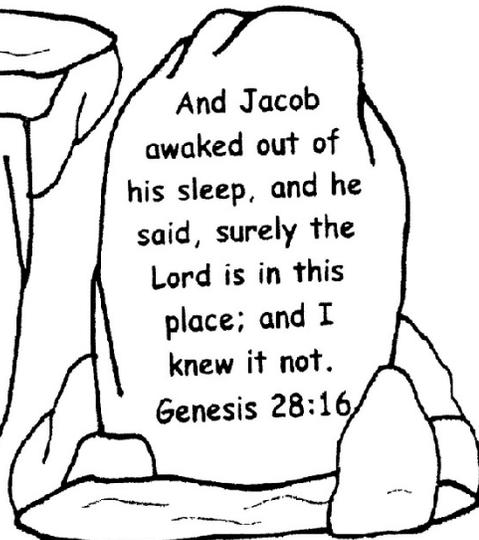
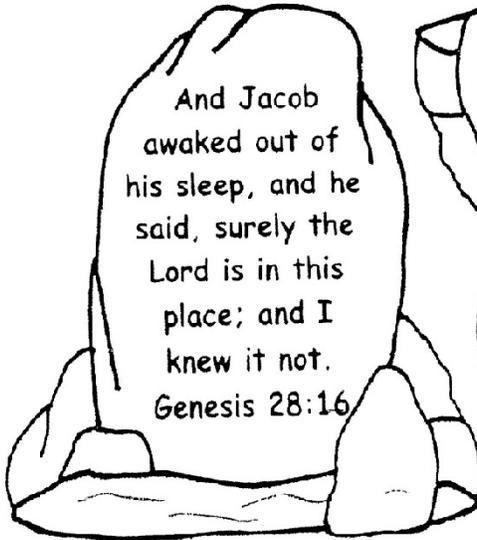
When Jacob woke up from his dream, he said, *“surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not. And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”* Jacob trembled at the thought that he stood in the very presence of God. God was there all the time and Jacob did not know it. Jacob got up early the next morning and took the stone that he had used for a pillow and stood it up for a monument. He poured oil on the top of it to consecrate it to God; to designate it a special place where he met God. He called the place Bethel. “Bethel” means “house of God”.

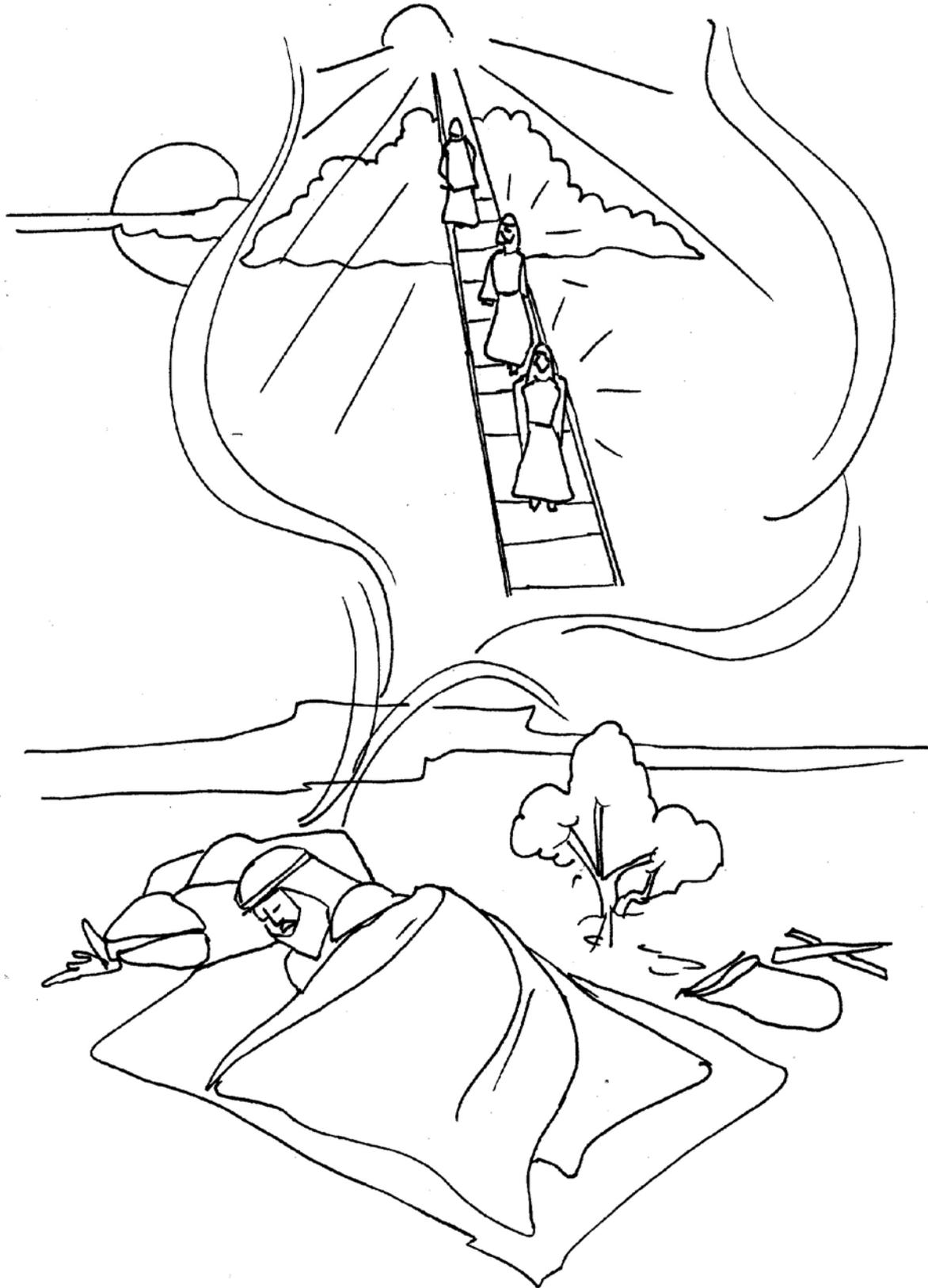
Jacob vowed a vow, (made a promise unto God), saying, *“If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, so that I come again to my father’s house in peace; than shall the Lord be my God: And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God’s house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.”* Jacob promised God that if God would be with him, take care of him, provide him with food to eat and clothes to wear, and bring him back in peace to his father’s house, then he would know that God truly was his God, and he would worship and serve Him. Jacob said this stone that he set up for a monument would be God’s house, or a special dwelling place where he could come and be in the presence of God. Jacob promised that in return for God providing for him, he would give one tenth of all his possessions to the service of God.

God kept His promise to Jacob and did bring him back to his father’s house in peace before his father died.

MEMORY VERSE: Genesis 28:16

“And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not.”





JACOB'S DREAM

To make a ladder with angels ascending and descending:

Draw lines on a piece of paper according to the diagram below. Glue paper straws on the lines for the sides of the ladder, and toothpicks for the rungs. (Cut off the sharp ends of toothpicks).

Or use yarn for sides and rungs.

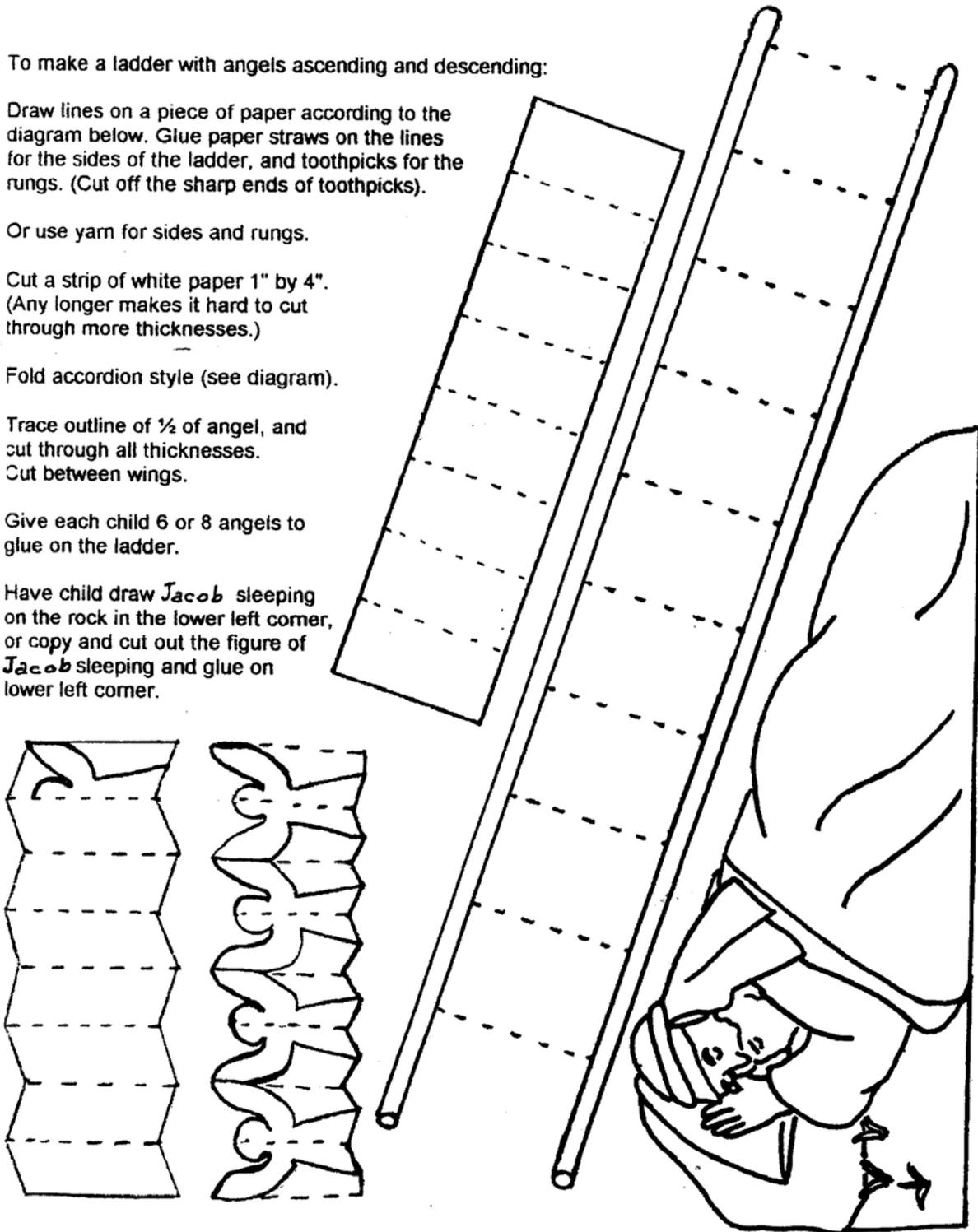
Cut a strip of white paper 1" by 4".
(Any longer makes it hard to cut through more thicknesses.)

Fold accordion style (see diagram).

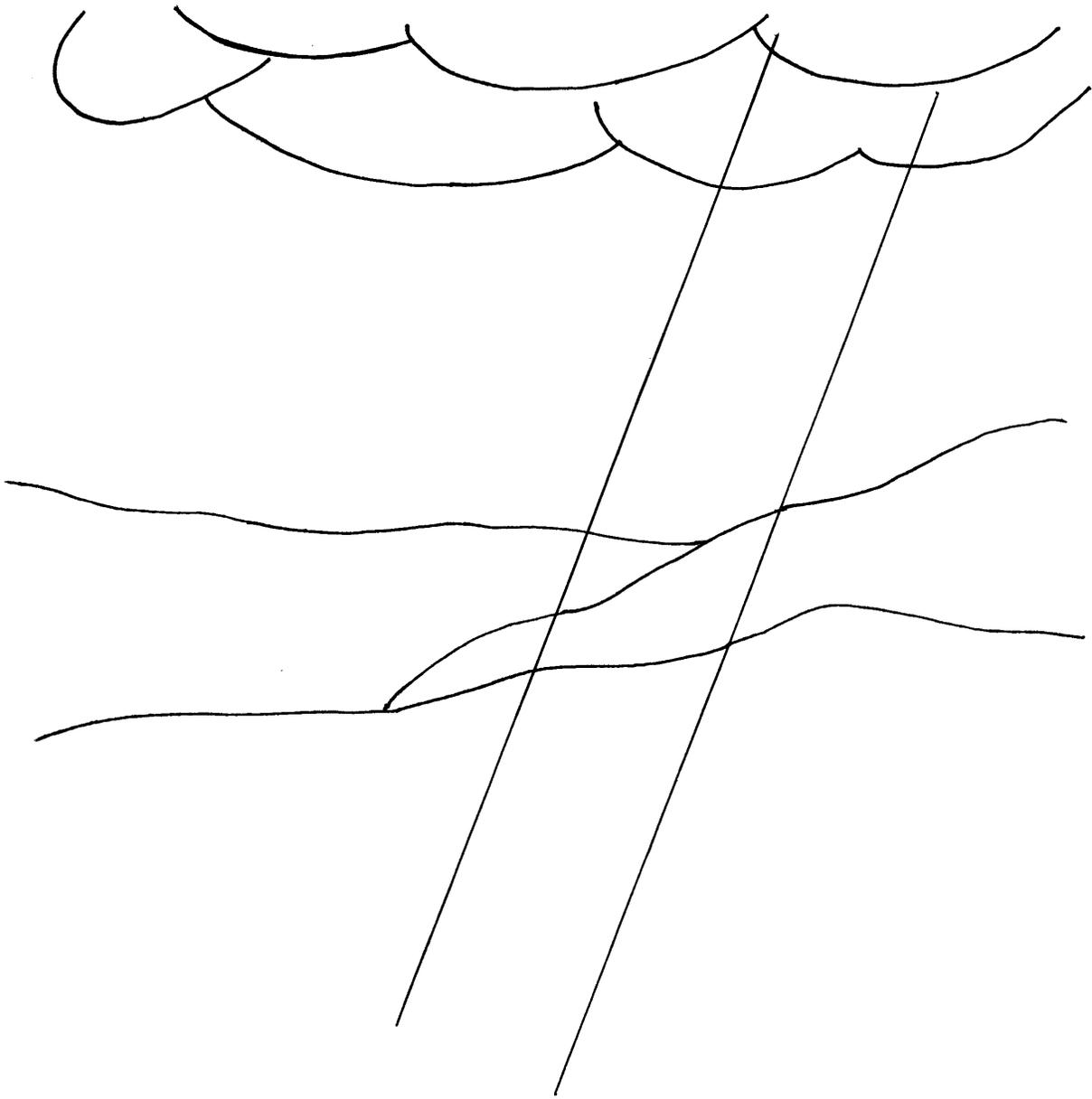
Trace outline of $\frac{1}{2}$ of angel, and cut through all thicknesses.
Cut between wings.

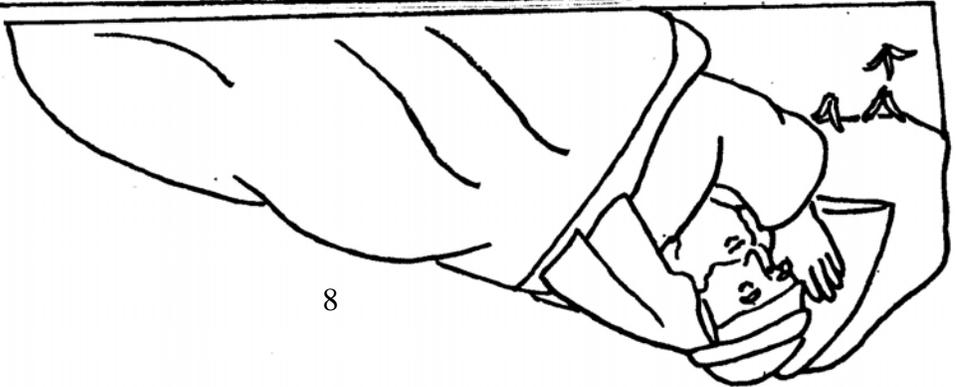
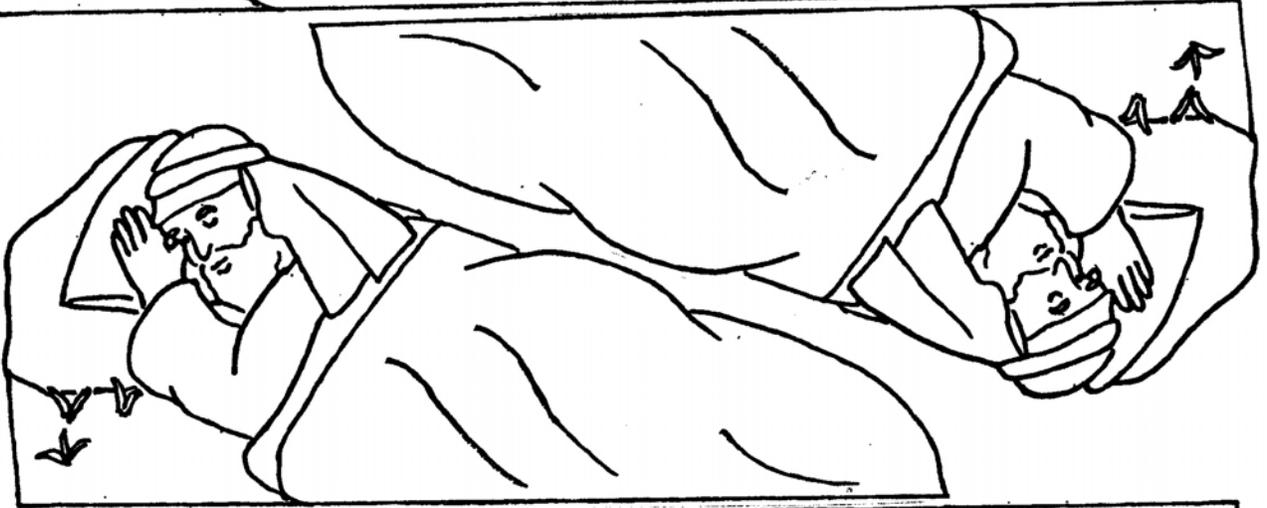
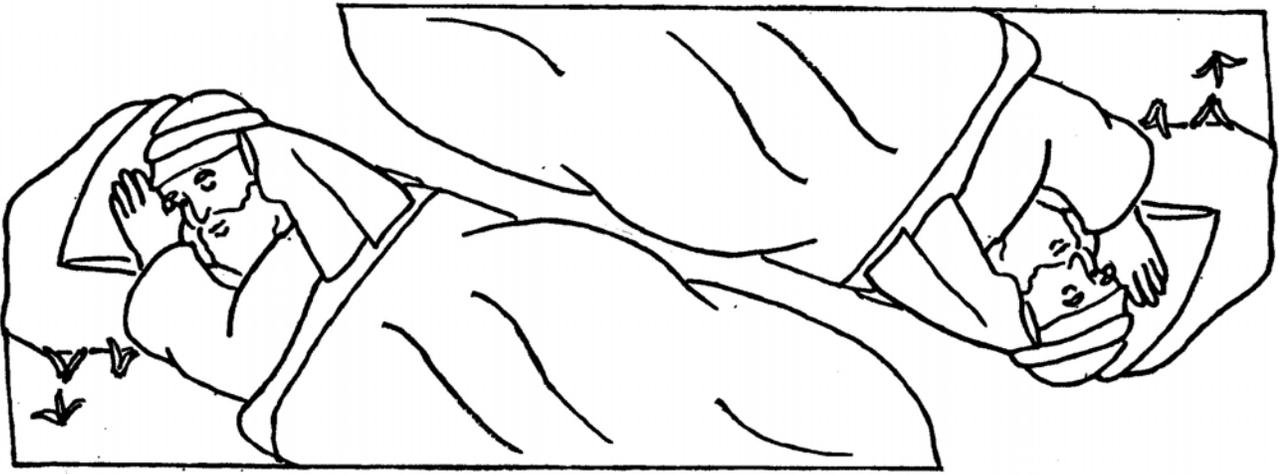
Give each child 6 or 8 angels to glue on the ladder.

Have child draw *Jacob* sleeping on the rock in the lower left corner, or copy and cut out the figure of *Jacob* sleeping and glue on lower left corner.



Make one copy of next page for each child. Color clouds and ground. Paste ladder on lines. Add angels to ladder and *Jacob* sleeping in left corner.





JACOB'S DREAM

BEGINNER

Learning to spell

Spell each of the words in our lesson three times:

J a c o b

E s a u

d r e a m

a n g e l s

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Unscramble the letters to spell the words you have learned:

u s a E

glaesn

mrdea

cbaoJ

Can you find each word **three times in the WORD SEARCH?**

J J S S L E G N A D D R
G A N G E L S N L C R L
E C U U J J A C O B E L
B O C A J A S U E S A U
C B B S C B D R E A M A
O D R E A M A N G E L S
R R S A M G L N L S G E

JACOB'S DREAM

BEGINNER ANSWER PAGE

Learning to spell

Spell each of the words in our lesson three times:

Jacob

Esau

dream

angels

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Unscramble the letters to spell the words you have learned:

u s a E

_____ Esau _____

glaesn

_____ angels _____

mrdea

_____ dream _____

cbaoJ

_____ Jacob _____

Can you find each word *three* times in the WORD SEARCH?

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JACOB'S DREAM

PRIMARY / JUNIOR

Jacob and _____ were brothers. Their father was _____. Their mother was _____.

_____ cheated Esau out of his _____ and stole his _____. Esau threatened to kill _____ as soon as their father _____.

Rebekah told Jacob to go to her _____ house to hide from _____. Rebekah told _____ she did not want Jacob to marry a woman from _____. Isaac sent Jacob away to live with _____ and marry one of Laban's _____.

Jacob stopped to _____ for the night. He used a _____ for a pillow. While he slept he had a _____. In his dream he saw a _____ that reached up to _____.

There were _____ going _____ and _____ on the ladder. The _____ stood at the top of the ladder.

God promised to bring Jacob back _____ in _____. Jacob set the _____ up for a monument. He poured _____ on it, and called the place _____.

JACOB'S DREAM

PRIMARY / JUNIOR ANSWER PAGE

Jacob and Esau were brothers. Their father was Isaac. Their mother was Rebekah.

Jacob cheated Esau out of his birthright and stole his blessing . Esau threatened to kill Jacob as soon as their father died .

Rebekah told Jacob to go to her brother's house to hide from Esau .
Rebekah told Isaac she did not want Jacob to marry a woman from Canaan .
Isaac sent Jacob away to live with Laban and marry one of Laban's daughters .

Jacob stopped to rest for the night. He used a stone for a pillow.
While he slept he had a dream . In his dream he saw a ladder
that reached up to heaven .

There were angels going up and down on the ladder. The Lord stood at the top of the ladder.

God promised to bring Jacob back home in peace . Jacob set the stone up for a monument. He poured oil on it, and called the place Bethel .

WORD SEARCH

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ANGELS
ASCENDING
BETHEL
BROTHER
CANAAN

DESCENDING
DREAM
ESAU
FLEE
HARAN

HEAVEN
INHERIT
ISAAC
JACOB
LABAN

LADDER
PEACE
REBEKAH
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WIFE

WORD SEARCH

D	E	S	C	E	N	D	I	N	G	H	E	E	T	C
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ANGELS
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 LABAN

LADDER
 PEACE
 REBEKAH
 ROCK
 WIFE

REVIEW OF JACOB

Jacob's name identified him as a trickster, or one who was deceitful in his actions. Esau was the firstborn, so he should have received the greater inheritance and the birthright which entitled him to take his father's place as head of the family when his father died. Jacob cheated Esau out of the birthright, and deceived his father into thinking he placed the special blessing on Esau making him head of the family when he really gave the blessing to Jacob. It could not be taken back. Esau was angry and looked for an occasion to kill Jacob so he could claim his birthright and the greater portion of the inheritance.

Jacob was running away to protect his life. His brother Esau had threatened to kill him as soon as their father died. Rebekah decided Jacob should go to live with Laban until Esau got over his anger. She told Isaac she did not want Jacob to marry a woman of the Canaanites as Esau had done. Isaac sent Jacob to Haran in Mesopotamia to find a wife from among Laban's daughters, his cousins, (the nieces of his mother, Rebekah).

When Jacob got to the city of Luz he lay down to sleep. As he slept he dreamed. In his dream he saw a ladder that reached from earth to heaven. Angels went up and down on the ladder. Apparently the angels were sent to protect Jacob as he traveled. God stood at the top of the ladder and spoke to Jacob. He confirmed that He was the God of Jacob's grandfather, Abraham, and his father, Isaac. Jacob knew who their God was, because he had been taught from childhood about the God in heaven, so he recognized God when He spoke to him. God made the following promises to Jacob:

In regard to the land Jacob was lying on: "I will give it to you and to your descendants."

In regard to Jacob's descendants: "I will make your descendants as numerous as the dust of the earth, and they will cover this land. They will spread out to the west, to the east, to the north, and to the south."

He renewed His promise that He would send His Son through this nation of people: "In you and your descendants shall all the earth be blessed."

God promised, "**I am** with you, and **I will** keep you, or protect you, everywhere you travel. I will bring you back again into this land. I will not leave you until I have done everything that I promised you." (This was a promise that Esau would not succeed in killing Jacob).

When Jacob woke up from his dream he realized he was in the presence of God. He was frightened. He said it was a dreadful place. He said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it." He said, "This place is the house of God and the gate of heaven."

What did Jacob do when he awoke from his sleep and realized he was in the presence of God?

- He set up the stone he had used for a pillow as a monument to God.
- He anointed the stone with oil to designate it as a special place.

JACOB MEETS RACHEL

Genesis 29:1-20

Jacob had used trickery and deceit to cheat his brother Esau out of his birthright and the blessing from his father. In his anger, Esau threatened to kill Jacob, so he had to run away from home to protect his life. As his mother, Rebekah, had plotted with him in deceiving his father, she now helped him devise a plan so he could leave home without it looking like he was running from Esau. Abraham had sent his servant back to his brother's house to get a wife for Isaac, so now Isaac and Rebekah chose to send Jacob back to her father to find a wife from among her brother's daughters.

Jacob began the long trip to Haran, to the home of Bethuel, Rebekah's father, and Laban, her brother. He came to Luz, and decided to spend the night before going any farther. He found a rock to lie back on as a pillow, and went fast asleep. As he slept, he dreamed. In his dream he saw a ladder that reached into heaven, and angels going up and down the ladder. From the top of the ladder God spoke to him, and promised to take care of him where ever he went, and to bring him back to this spot, and to his father's house again in peace. When Jacob awoke in the morning, he realized that it truly was God who had spoken to him. He said, "surely God was in this place, and I didn't know it." He took the rock he had used for a pillow, and stood it up for a monument. He poured oil on it to dedicate it to God. He called the place Bethel rather than Luz. He said, "This is none other than the house of God, and the gate of heaven." Jacob promised that if God would do as he had said, and take care of him wherever he went, give him food to eat and clothes to wear, and bring him back to his father's house in peace, then he would serve Him all of his life, and would give one tenth of his possessions to God. He said the stone he had placed as a monument would be "God's house". Jacob could return there and meet with God at any time. It would be a reminder of God's promise to him to take care of him and to bring him back to his father's house in peace.

Jacob went on his journey to the land of the people of the east with a secure feeling in his heart that God was with him, and his trip would work out well. After several days of traveling, he came near the city of Haran. He saw a well out in the field. This was probably the same well where Abraham's servant met Rebekah. As he came near the well, he saw shepherds, and there were three flocks of sheep lying near the well waiting to be watered. The well had a large stone rolled across the opening in the ground to cover it. When the sheep had finished grazing, they would gather at the well. When all of the sheep were there, they would roll back the stone and draw water for them to drink. Then the stone was replaced over the opening to the well.

As Jacob came near the well to rest, he began talking to the shepherds. He asked them, "Where are you from?" They said, "We are from Haran." Jacob said, "Do you know Laban, the son (grandson) of Nahor?" They said, "Yes, we know him." Jacob asked, "Is he well?" (Is everything going well for him?) They said, "Yes, he is well." Then they looked up and saw

a woman coming with a herd of sheep. They said, “This is his daughter that is coming now with her father’s sheep.” Jacob did not understand why the men were waiting around the well. He said, “It is still the middle of the day. It is not time yet for the cattle to be gathered late in the day for watering. Water your sheep and take them back out into the field to eat.” They explained to Jacob that they had to wait until all the shepherds came with their flocks. When all the sheep were gathered, there was someone who would roll back the stone from the well, and they would draw water for all of the sheep.

While they were talking, Rachel came with her father’s sheep. When Jacob saw Rachel, she was a very beautiful young woman, and he immediately fell in love with her. He rolled the stone from the mouth of the well, and drew water for her sheep. It had been a long and tiresome journey, and he was overjoyed to find his relative. *“And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept.”* He kissed her with the kiss of greeting as was the custom of the people. The kiss of greeting was to middle eastern people the same as shaking hands to us. He told her who he was, that he was her father’s relative, Rebekah’s son. She ran home to tell her father that a relative from far away had come. There was a man at the well when she went to water the sheep who said he was her cousin, Rebekah’s son, and he watered the sheep for her. Laban was also happy to hear that his sister’s son had come. He did not send a servant to bring Jacob, but ran out himself to meet him. He embraced him and kissed him with the kiss of greeting and brought him to his house to stay with them.

Jacob told Laban about all the things that had happened since Rebekah left home to marry Isaac. He told him how Isaac had become a very wealthy and powerful man. He told him about Rebekah’s family; that she had two sons, Jacob and his twin brother Esau, and that all was well with her. He told Laban that Isaac and Rebekah had sent him there to visit with her family. Laban was happy to learn all these things. He believed Jacob was who he said he was. He was pleased to have Jacob stay with them for awhile. *“And Laban said to him, surely thou art my bone and my flesh.”* (What we would call ‘blood relative’.) Laban said, “Surely you are my kin.” Jacob stayed with Laban for one month.

While Jacob stayed with Laban, he didn’t act like a guest. He worked. The month that he was there, he helped out with whatever needed doing. Laban told Jacob, “Just because you are my nephew doesn’t mean you should work for me for nothing. What do you want for your wages?” Jacob knew how to care for the animals, as well as work in the fields. Laban asked him how much he wanted as pay for working for him.

Laban had two daughters, Leah and Rachel. The Bible says the oldest daughter, Leah, “was tender eyed”. She was not very pretty. But Rachel was a very beautiful young woman. Jacob loved her very much. He had come to choose a wife from among the daughters of his mother’s brother’s family and she was the one he wanted for his wife. Jacob told Laban, *“I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter.”* All Jacob wanted for working for Laban for seven years was a place to stay during that time, food to eat, and to be able to marry Laban’s daughter, Rachel. He did not want money, or a portion of Laban’s wealth, or

anything that Laban owned. He just wanted to marry Rachel. He would stay and work for seven years if he could marry her at the end of the seven years.

“And Laban said, It is better that I give her to thee, than that I should give her to another man: abide with me.” Laban said it was better for him to give Rachel to Jacob to be his wife than to give her to some other man, so Jacob could stay and work for him for seven years. He promised to give Rachel to Jacob to become his wife. Jacob stayed and worked for Laban for seven years, and the Bible says, *“and they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to her.”* Seven years went by very quickly for Jacob. He loved Rachel so much that it only seemed like a few days that he had to work for Laban, until the seven years were up. After seven years the day came when Laban had promised that Jacob could marry Rachel.

MEMORY VERSE: Genesis 29:18

“And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter.”

JACOB MEETS RACHEL

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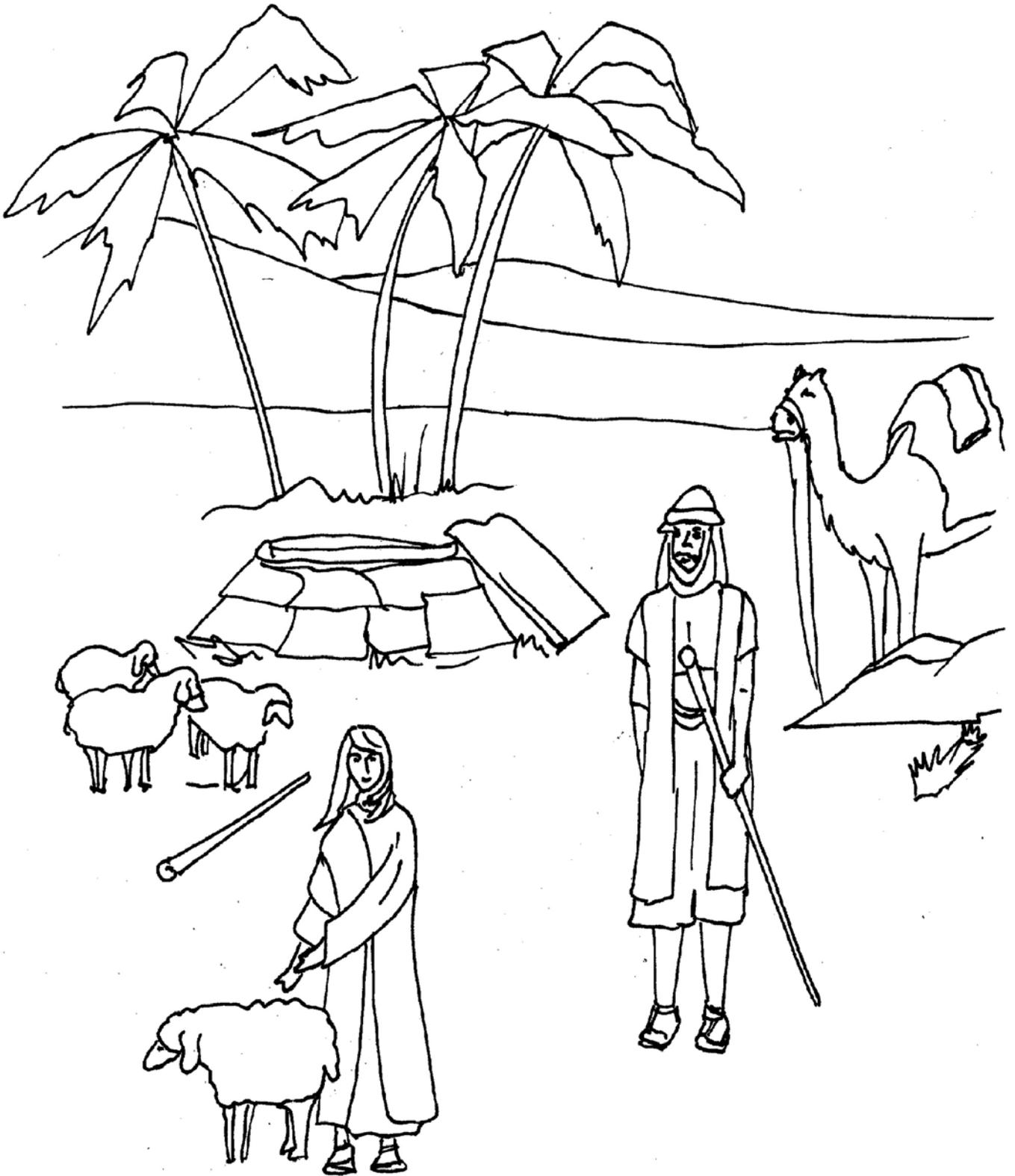
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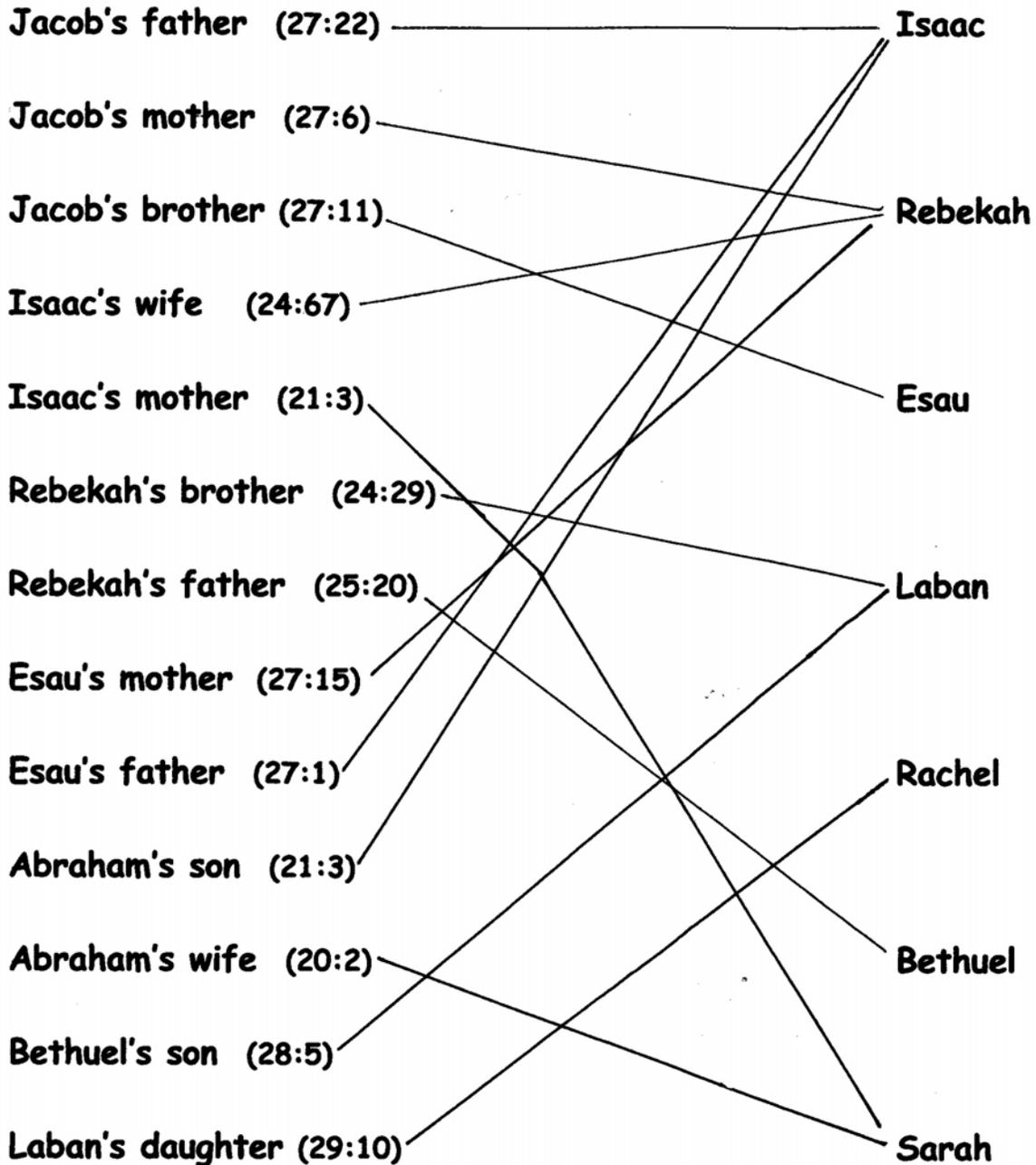
Draw a line to match the name with the person.
(If you need help, look up the scriptures in Genesis.)
Some names can be used more than once.

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Jacob's mother (27:6)	
Jacob's brother (27:11)	Rebekah
Isaac's wife (24:67)	
Isaac's mother (21:3)	Esau
Rebekah's brother (24:29)	
Rebekah's father (25:20)	Laban
Esau's mother (27:15)	
Esau's father (27:1)	Rachel
Abraham's son (21:3)	
Abraham's wife (20:2)	Bethuel
Bethuel's son (28:5)	
Laban's daughter (29:10)	Sarah

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ANSWER PAGE

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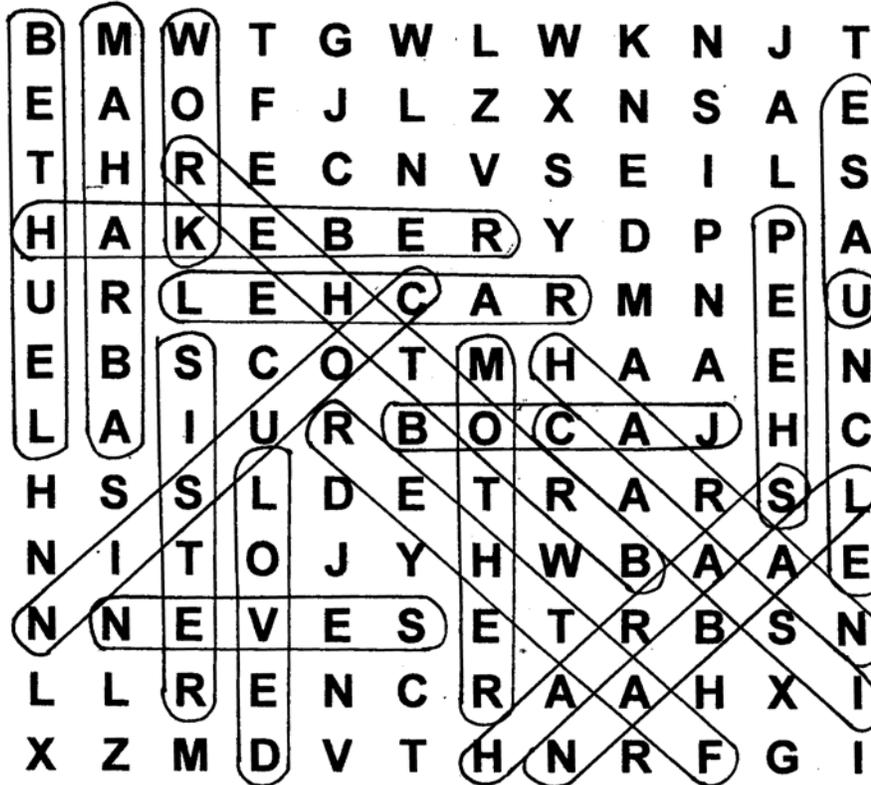
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LABAN DECEIVES JACOB

Genesis 29:15-30

Jacob was the son God had chosen to be the father of the heads of the twelve tribes of Israel, the new nation of people that God promised to Abraham and again to Isaac. Jacob ran away from his brother, Esau, and stayed with his uncle in Haran for many years before he finally came home to see his father, Isaac, before he died.

After several days of traveling Jacob finally got to Haran. He had reached his destination and he stopped to rest outside the city by a well. The shepherds were gathering to water their sheep. As he talked with the shepherds, Rachel came with her father's sheep. He was happy to see Rachel for two reasons: he could now end his traveling, and she was a very beautiful young woman. Jacob came for the purpose of finding a wife, and he immediately decided Rachel was the one.

Jacob told Rachel who he was, and uncovered the well and drew water for the sheep. Rachel ran home to tell her father that Jacob had come. Laban did not send servants, but he ran to the well to meet Jacob and invited him to his home to stay with him. Jacob had many stories to tell about his family and Laban was overjoyed to have a relative come to visit and bring news of his great uncle Abraham's family.

Jacob stayed with Laban for one month during which time he was not only a guest, but he was very good with sheep and knew how to do farm work, so Laban hired him to work for him. Laban said, "Just because you are a relative, you should not have to work for me for nothing. Tell me what you want for your wages, and I will pay you for the work you do." Jacob asked for Rachel to be his wife. He said, "*I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter.*"

Laban had two daughters, Leah and Rachel. Leah was the oldest. She was not a very pretty woman, but her younger sister, Rachel, was very beautiful. The Bible says Leah was "tender eyed". She evidently had a problem with her eyes, weak eyes, or poor eyesight, that diminished her appearance. Jacob loved and wanted to marry Rachel. If he could just have a place to live, he would work for Laban for seven years, and all the pay he asked for was Rachel to be his wife. Laban agreed to Jacob's request. He knew Rachel was old enough to be married, and that she would want a husband and her own home, so he said it was better for him to give her to Jacob than to someone else.

Laban agreed to let Jacob work for him for seven years. "*And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to her.*" The time seemed to go by so quickly, as Jacob looked forward to the time that he could take Rachel to be his wife. Soon the seven years were ended and the time came for them to be married.

Jacob came to Laban, and said, *“Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled.”* Jacob had fulfilled the agreement. He had worked the allotted time, the seven years that they agreed upon, and now he was ready to marry Rachel. Weddings among these people were different to weddings in our country today. Usually the father (or a substitute as in the case of Abraham sending his servant, Eliezer) chose the bride for his son. The bride's parents would agree. Many times the man would not see his bride until after they were married. The parents would make the arrangements. The bride wore a veil over her face so that she could not be seen. She could see through the fabric in order to get around, but her appearance could not be seen by others. The bridegroom would go with the best man to the home of the bride and bring her back to his or his father's house. A feast would be prepared at the groom's house, which would sometimes last for many days, depending on how wealthy the family was. After the time of feasting, the groom would take the bride for his wife. Only then could she remove the veil and her identity be known.

The time came for the wedding. The house was made ready, the feast was prepared, and Laban called in many people to come to the celebration of his daughter. Late in the evening, after the time of feasting, instead of bringing Rachel, Laban brought his daughter, Leah, covered with a veil, and gave her to Jacob to be his wife. Jacob accepted her, thinking it was Rachel. The next morning, when daylight arrived and Leah had removed her veil, Jacob saw that he had been tricked. *“And it came to pass, that in the morning, behold, it was Leah: and he said to Laban, What is this thou hast done unto me? did I not serve with thee for Rachel? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me?”*

Jacob was angry because Laban had tricked him into marrying Leah instead of Rachel. He approached Laban, demanding an answer for his actions. Laban explained that according to the custom in their country, a younger sister could not be married before her older sister had taken a husband. Leah had to be married, and then Rachel could marry. Because of her appearance, Leah did not have a husband, so Laban saw this as a time to solve the problem. He deceived Jacob and gave him Leah instead of Rachel.

Laban did not mind Jacob marrying Rachel, but Leah had to be married first. Laban made another agreement with Jacob. If he would live with Leah for one week, he would also give him Rachel to be his wife, but in return he must work for him for another seven years. It was not uncommon for a man to have more than one wife. This was not the plan of God, but it was an accepted custom among the people. God's plan is for one man to have one wife as long as he lives, and one woman to have one husband for as long as she lives. Because of the imperfection of mankind, God tolerates and forgives wrongdoing in the lives of people. Even though people do things that are not according to God's plan, God still uses them to do His will. Everyone is sinful, even after we are saved. When we are saved, our souls are made clean, our spirits are born again as children of God, but our lives are still affected by sin. Our fleshly bodies are not made perfect. Jacob was used by God in a great way even though he did many things wrong.

Because Jacob loved Rachel so much, he agreed to Laban's demands. He lived with Leah for one week, and then Laban gave him his daughter, Rachel, to be his wife also. Laban gave Leah a maid named Zilpah to be her handmaid, her personal servant. He gave Rachel a maid named Bilhah to be her handmaid, her personal servant. Jacob's family had grown. He suddenly came from being alone to having two wives and two handmaidens for whom he was responsible. Jacob must work for Laban for seven more years to pay for Rachel.

This seems unfair, and it was. This seems dishonest, and it was. Jacob must work for fourteen years for the wife for whom he agreed to work seven years. Jacob has finally met "his match". Let's consider for a while what kind of man Jacob was. His name meant "trickster" or "one who would take the place of another". He schemed and connived all of his life to get what he wanted, until he met Rachel. Then he was willing to work for her. He would not give his brother food to eat when he was starving until he obtained his brother's birthright. He lied to his father, and made a deliberate attempt to deceive him by dressing in Esau's clothes, and putting the goat skins on his hands and arms so he would smell like Esau, he would feel like Esau, and his father would think he was Esau. The plot worked and he stole the blessing that should have been his brother's. Now Jacob is having done to him what he has always done to others. The expression, "You can't do wrong and get by", is true. Some way, somehow, and at some time you will suffer the consequences of your actions. If you lie to others, you will be found out. If you cheat and defraud, someone may do you the same way. It is best to be open and honest in all our actions. If we tell the truth, we don't have to spend our time covering up for the lies we tell. If we are honest, we don't have to manipulate to cover up our dishonesty. Jacob lived a life of deceit, and now he was deceived by the one he trusted the most.

Verse 30, "*and he loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years.*" In order to marry the one he loved, Jacob was willing to work for Laban for seven more years.

MEMORY VERSE: Genesis 29:30

"And he loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years."

Alternate Memory Verse: II Corinthians 8:21

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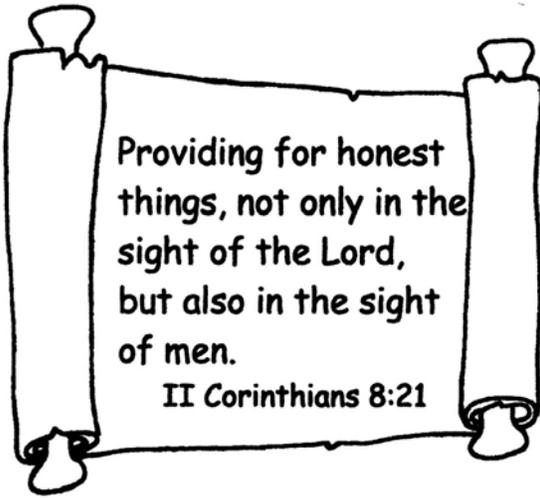
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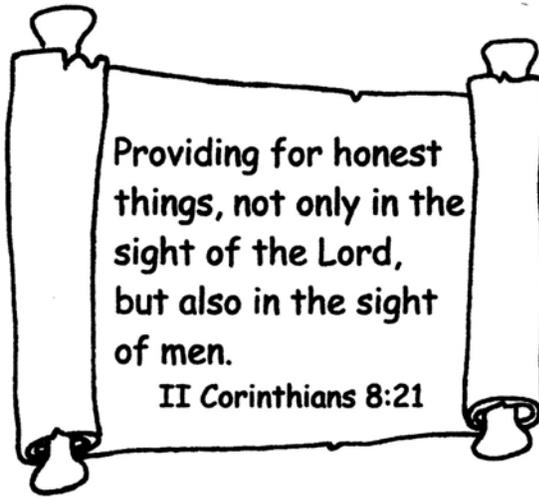
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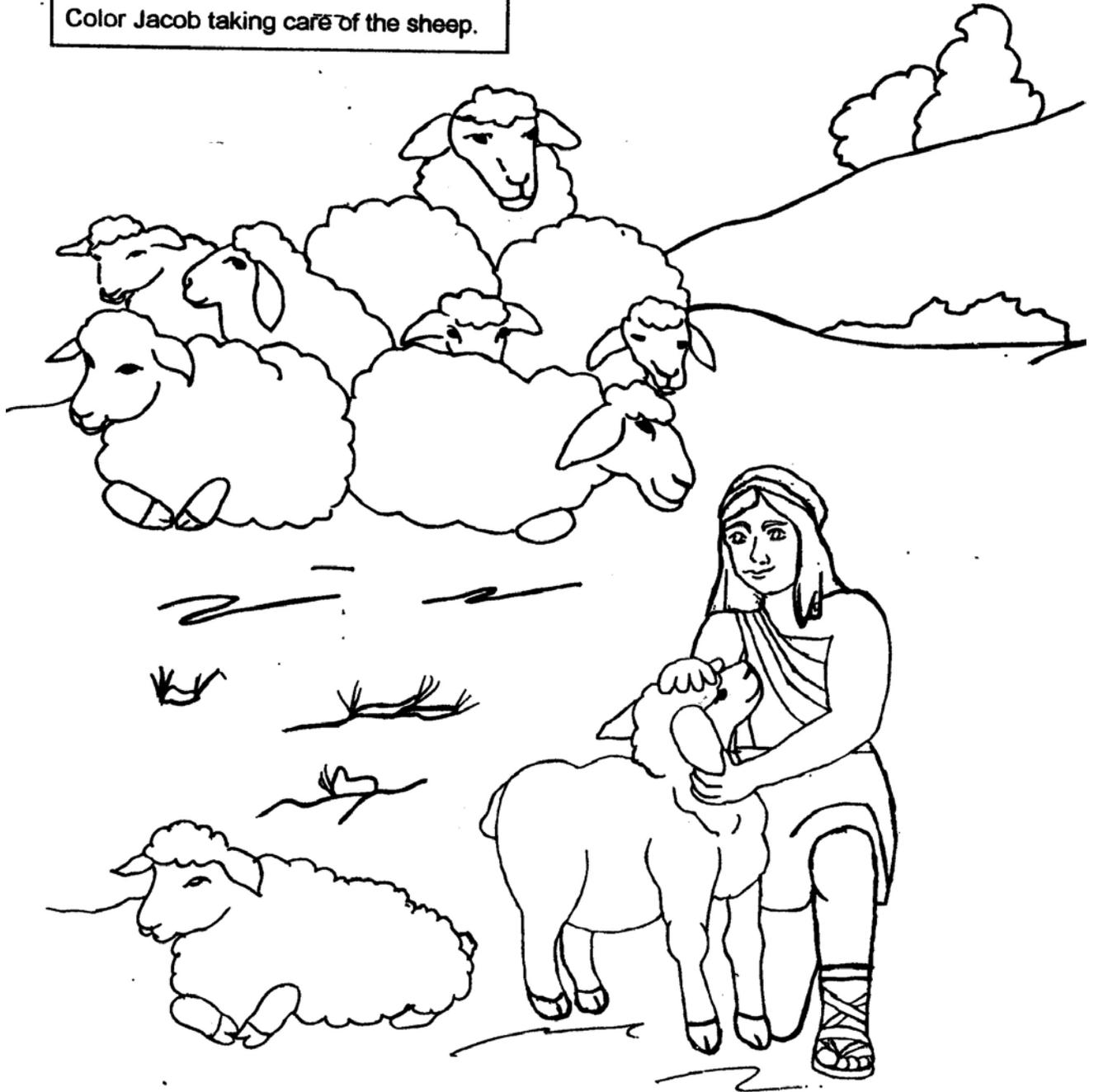


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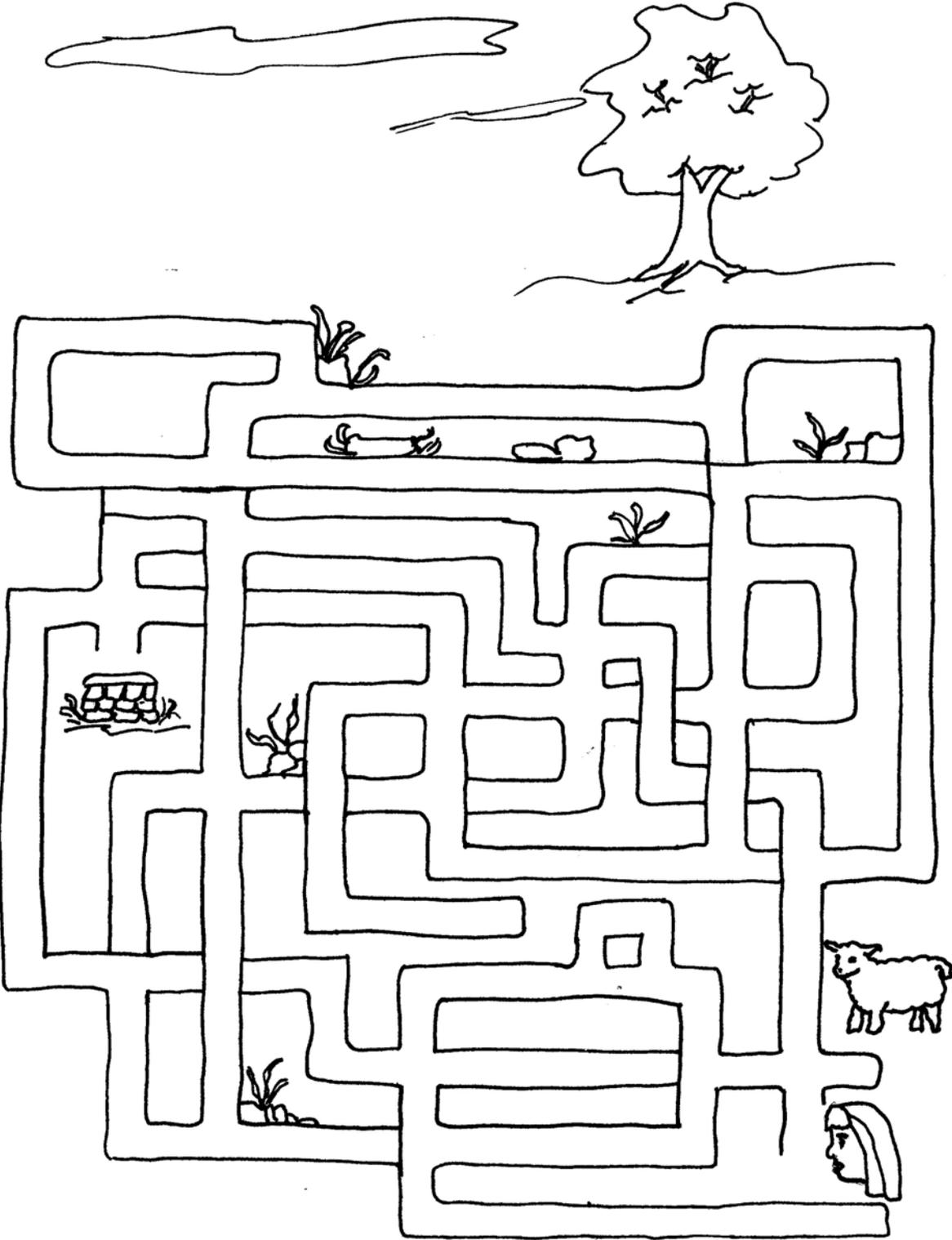
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Color Jacob taking care of the sheep.

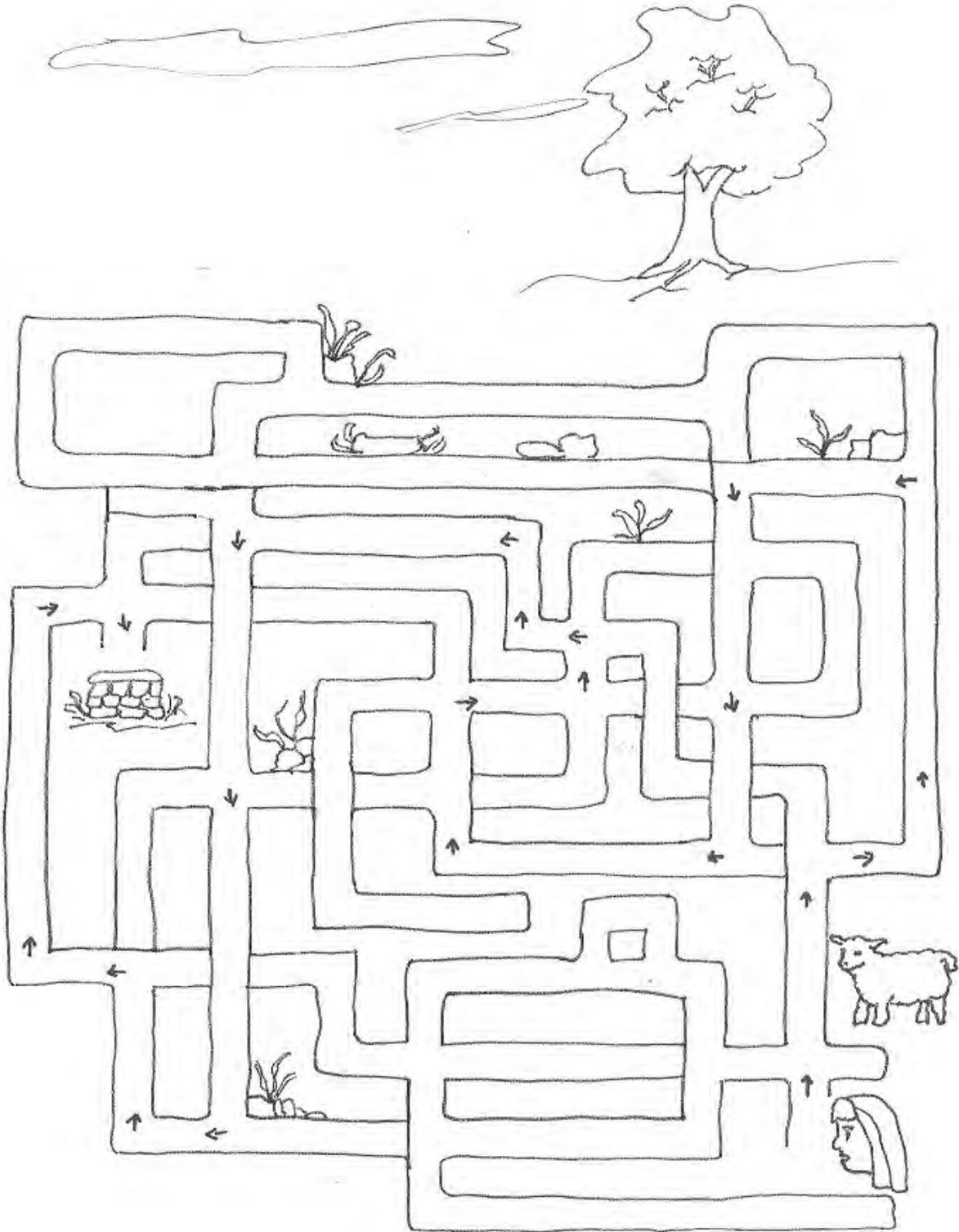


Can you help Rachel get her father's sheep to the well for water?



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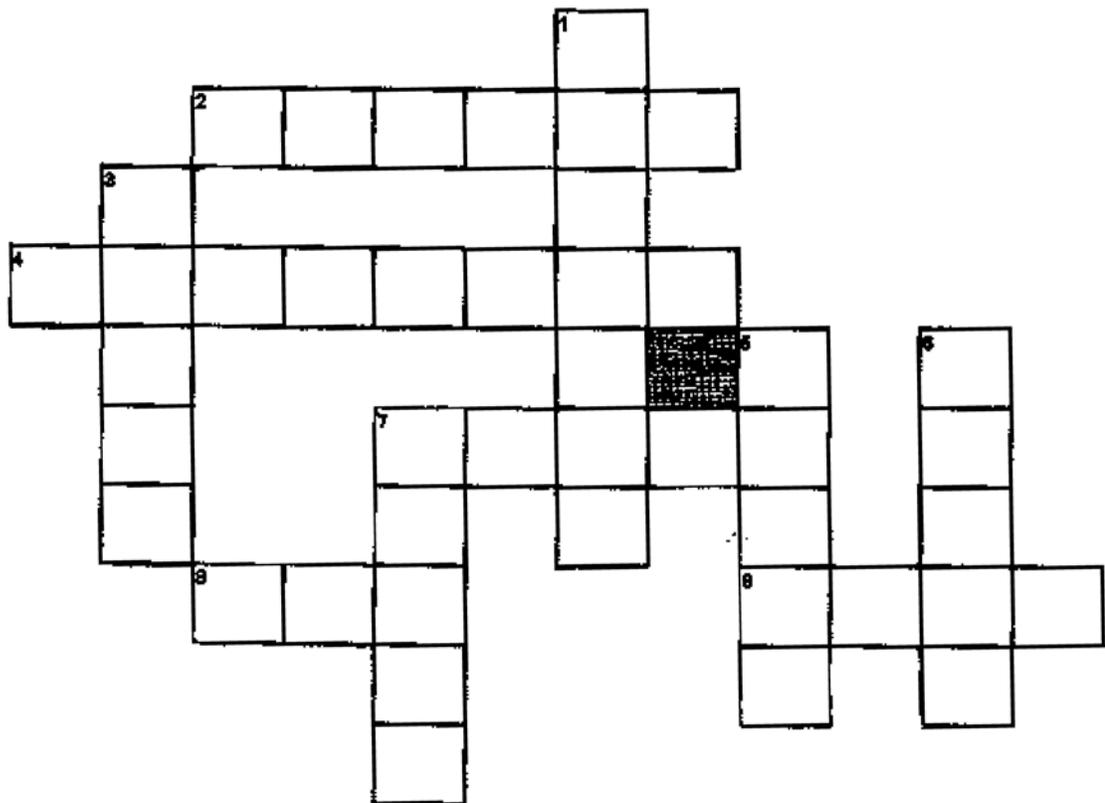
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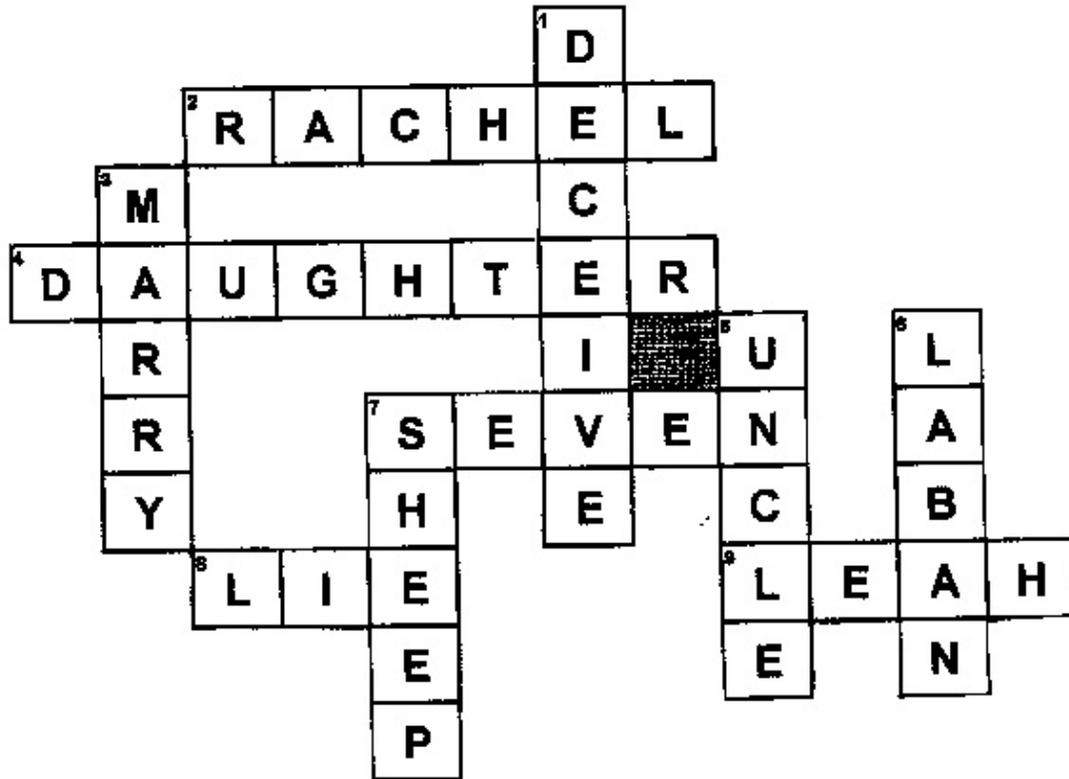
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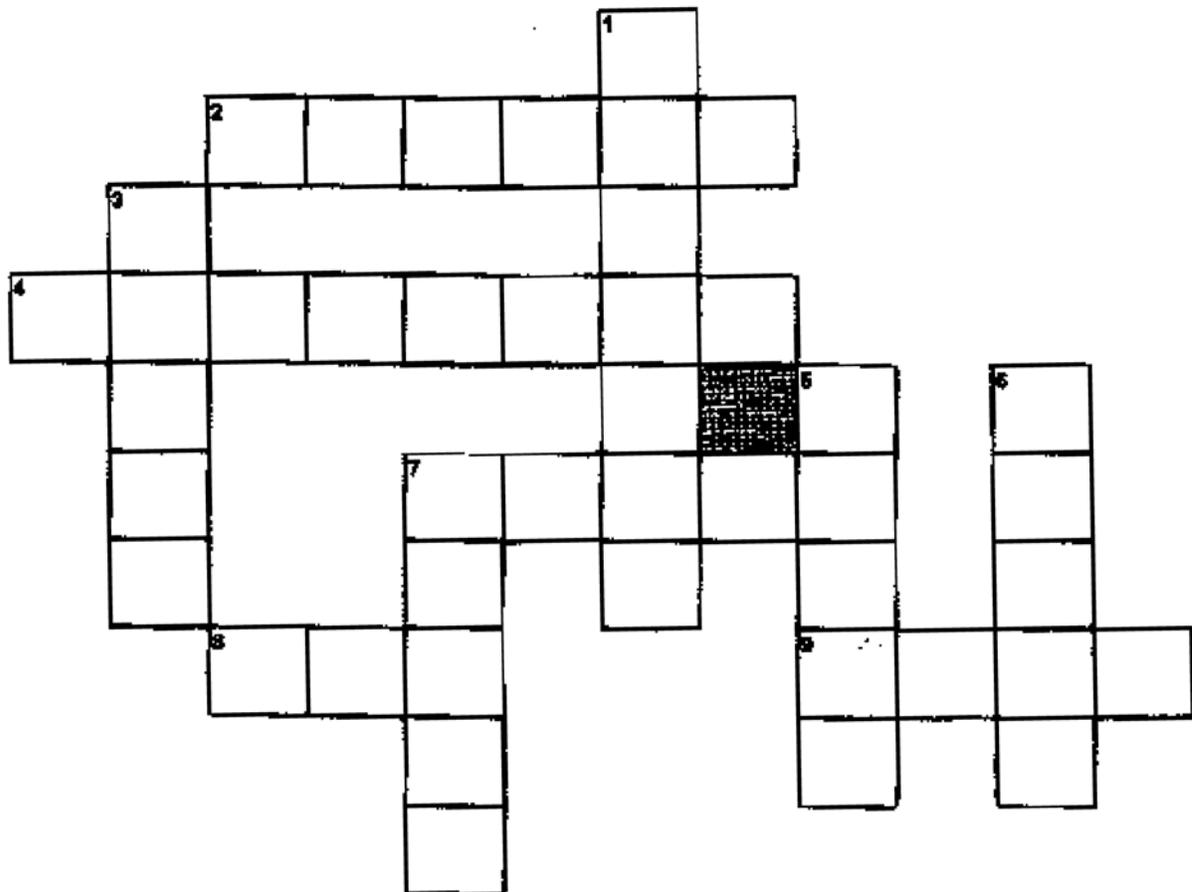
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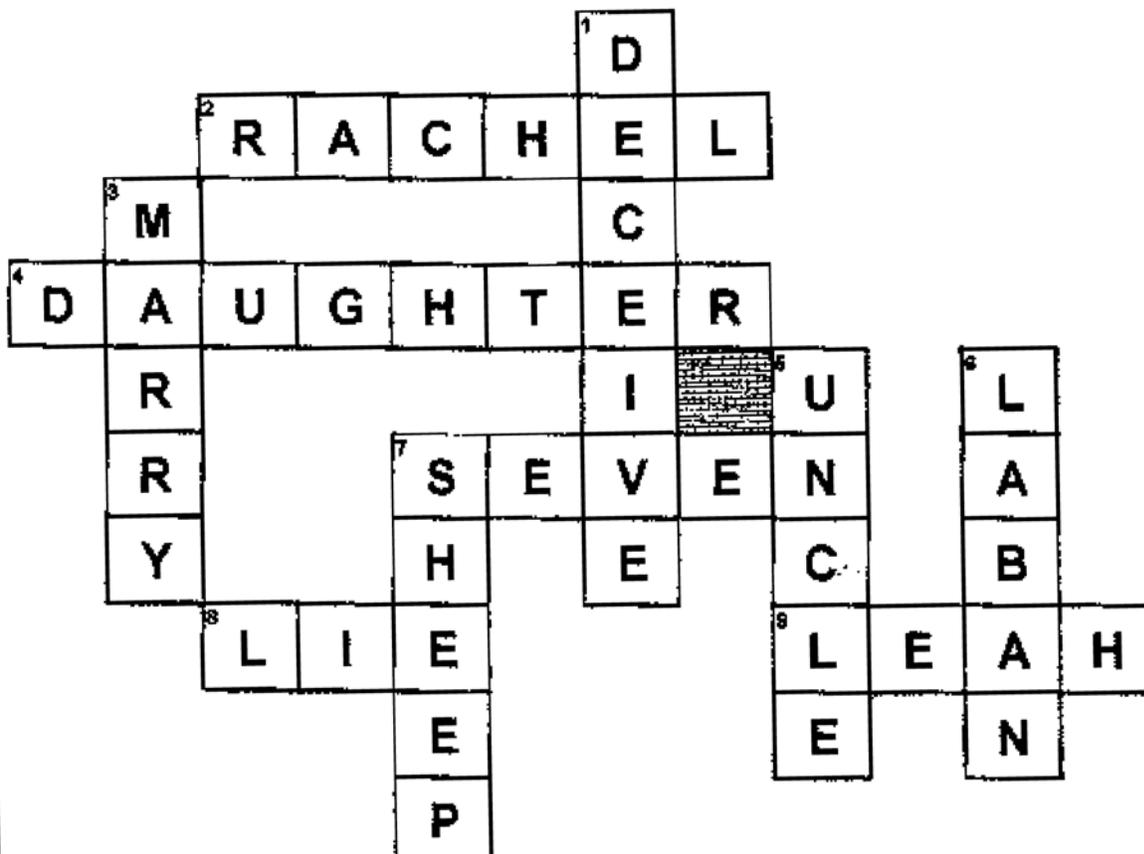
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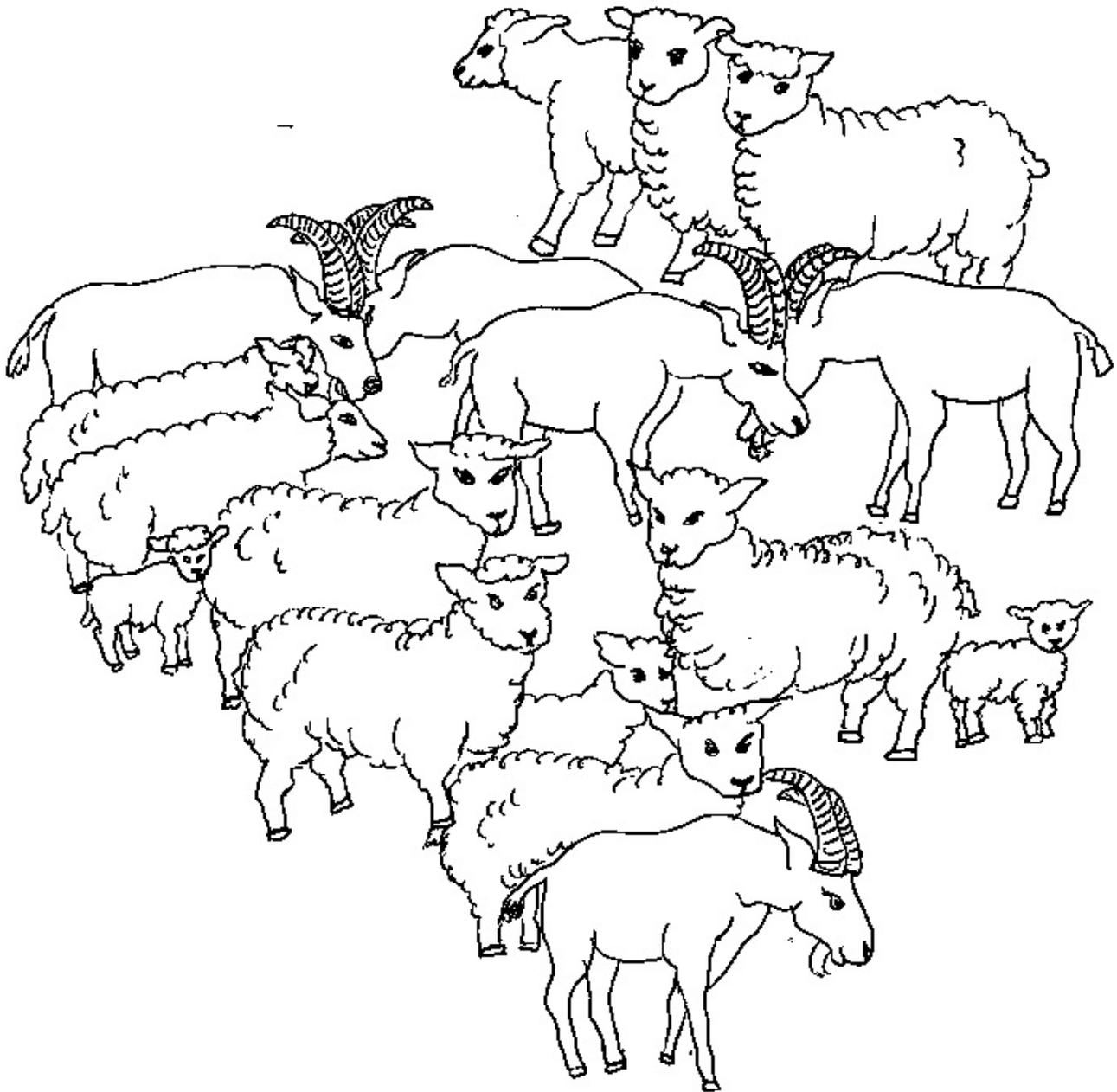
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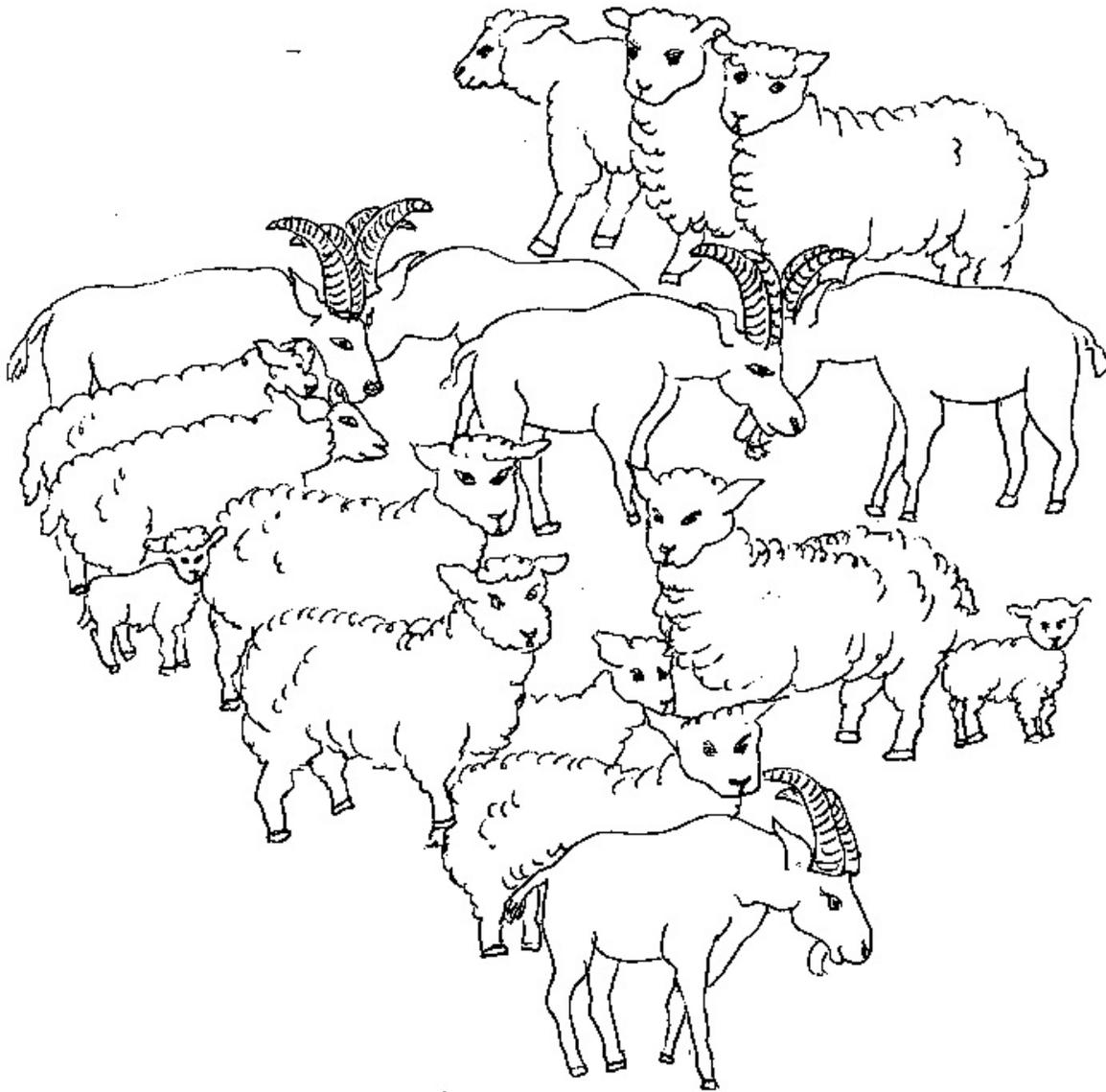


Answers

Laban was a very wealthy man. He had many sheep and goats.

How many sheep can you count in the picture? 12

How many goats can you count in the picture? 5



THE TWELVE SONS OF JACOB

Genesis 29:31-35; 30:1-24

Jacob came to Haran to live with his uncle Laban and find a wife. Jacob said he would work for Laban for seven years if he could marry his daughter, Rachel, whom he loved very much. At the end of the seven years Laban deceived Jacob into marrying his oldest daughter, Leah, instead of Rachel. Jacob became angry, and Laban explained that according to their custom the older daughter must marry before the younger.

Jacob loved Rachel so much, he agreed to work another seven years, and he was allowed to marry Rachel also. Now Jacob had not only a wife, but two wives, and also their two handmaidens, Zilpah and Bilhah. A handmaiden was a personal servant. She accompanied constantly the person to whom she belonged, and did everything necessary to care for them and make it easier to live in a tent. She brought water for her mistress to bathe. She washed her clothes, and helped her dress. She cleaned her tent and helped cook the food, grinding the corn to bake bread. Zilpah and Bilhah did not receive pay but they were provided for in return for their work. Zilpah was Leah's handmaiden and Bilhah belonged to Rachel.

God saw that Leah was not loved as much as Rachel, so He blessed her with many sons. Rachel had no children. This caused problems among the two wives. When Leah's first son was born she named him Reuben, which meant, "see a son". Gen. 29:32, "*- - she said, Surely the Lord hath looked upon my affliction; now therefore my husband will love me.*" Leah said, "God has seen how I am not loved. God has seen how my husband loves Rachel more than me, and He has given me a son. Now, my husband will love me."

God not only blessed Leah with one son, but after a little while she had another son. Verse 33, "*Because the Lord hath heard that I was hated, he hath therefore given me this son also.*" She named him Simeon, which meant "hearing". She said because God "heard" of her problem, she would name him Simeon. Then before long she had a third son, and named him Levi, which meant "a joining". V.34, "*Now this time will my husband be joined unto me, because I have born him three sons.*" Leah was very happy with her three sons. Now she felt she was better than Rachel, because Rachel had no children. To add to her happiness, she soon had a fourth son. V.35, "*- - she said, Now will I praise the Lord:*" and she named him Judah, which meant, "God be praised."

Children were very important to a family. The more children a family had, the more blessed by God they were considered. The boys worked with their fathers in the fields planting the crops and caring for the animals. They also learned to weave camel hair into cloth to make tents to shelter their growing families. The girls were needed to help their mothers care for the younger children, cook, and sew. They learned to grind grain and corn into flour and meal and make bread. They learned to spin wool into yarn to weave cloth and make clothing.

Leah was happy with her four sons, and Rachel was more unhappy than ever, even though Jacob loved her the most. Rachel was jealous of her sister, Leah. She complained to Jacob because Leah had children and she didn't. Jacob said, "Am I in God's place? He is the one who has not blessed you with children." Jacob could not take the place of God and decide who would have sons and who would not. In order to solve her problem, Rachel decided to give her handmaid, Bilhah, to Jacob to be his wife, and since she owned Bilhah, Bilhah's children would then be her children. Jacob accepted Bilhah as his wife also, and God did bless her with sons. When her first son was born, Rachel said, "*God hath judged me, and hath also heard my voice, and hath given me a son.*" Rachel named him Dan, which meant "judge". Rachel named Bilhah's second son Naphtali, which meant "my wrestling", because she said, "I have wrestled, or competed, with my sister, and I have won. I now have children, too."

Gen. 30:9-13, Leah was unhappy that Rachel claimed the sons of Bilhah as her own, and she said, "If Bilhah can have children for Rachel, then so can my maid, Zilpah, have children for me." Leah gave Zilpah to Jacob to be his wife, and God blessed Zilpah with two sons. Leah said, "*a troop cometh*", and she named Zilpah's first son Gad, which means "fortune". It was considered good fortune and a blessing from the Lord to have many sons. She named Zilpah's second son Asher, which meant "happiness". Leah was indeed happy. She said, "Happy am I, because the other women will call me blessed."

Then Leah had a fifth son of her own. She named him Issachar, v.18, which means "he will bring reward" because she felt like she had been rewarded. Leah had another son whom she named Zebulun, v.20, which meant "dwelling". She said, "*God hath endued me with (given me) a good dowry (price, or gift); now will my husband dwell with me, because I have born him six sons.*" Leah felt secure with her six sons. This would surely make Jacob love her more than any of his other wives. Then Leah had a little girl, v.21. After being the mother of six sons, she had a daughter and named her Dinah.

Verse 22 tells, "*And God remembered Rachel.*" After all the years that Rachel had been married to Jacob, and after ten sons and one daughter had been born to Jacob's other wives, God remembered Rachel, and finally blessed her with her own son. She claimed the sons of her handmaiden, Bilhah, as her own, but they were not quite the same as her own son. She still had a desire for her own child, and God remembered her desire. When Rachel's son was born she chose a special name for him. She named him Joseph, which meant "may He (Jehovah, or God) add". Rachel said, v.24, "*The Lord shall add to me another son.*" Rachel was thankful for her son, and she believed God would again bless her with another son, (which he did several years later when Benjamin was born).

Joseph was now Jacob's youngest son, and he was a very special son. Because Jacob loved Rachel more than the other wives, he loved Joseph more than all of his other sons. Eleven sons and one daughter seems like a lot of sons! But remember the promise God had made to Jacob when He promised to give him the land of Canaan to be inherited by his descendants forever. Gen. 28:14, "*And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou*

shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south.” God promised Abraham many descendants (as the stars of the sky), and renewed the promise to his son Isaac. The promise has been passed down through only one son until Jacob. Now all of Jacob’s sons will be the ones who begin the large nation of people that we know as the nation of Israel. Several years later when Benjamin is born Jacob will have twelve sons, and they will be the heads of the twelve tribes of Israel. Each son will have a family that will make up a tribe.

Jacob had lived with and worked for Laban for about twenty years. He realized that the time had come for him to have his own land, and his own possessions with which to care for his large family of eleven sons, one daughter, and four wives. They could not stay with Laban forever. He must now take responsibility for his family. He also remembered the promise of God that He would take care of him wherever he went, and bring him back to his father’s house again in peace.

Jacob was now ready to leave Laban and go back to the land of his birth; back to the land that God gave him. But Laban was not agreeable to the idea because he has been blessed by having Jacob work for him. God blessed Laban for Jacob’s sake. Laban realized that he had prospered financially because of Jacob being there, and God blessing Jacob.

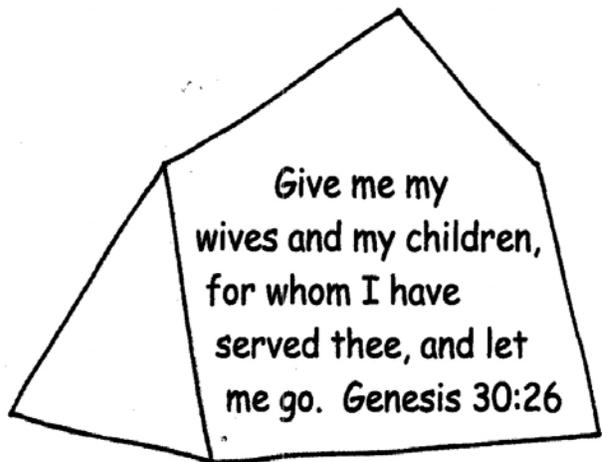
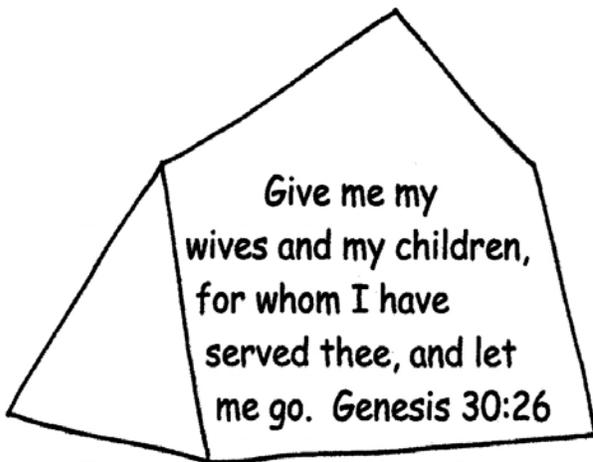
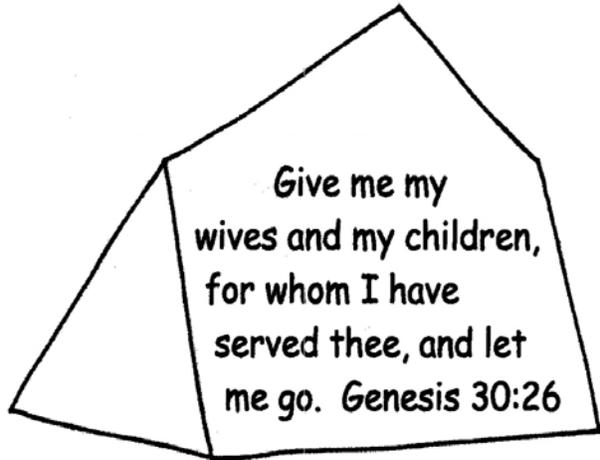
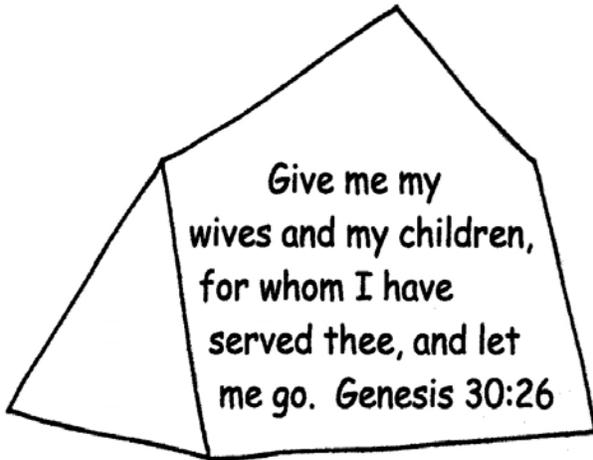
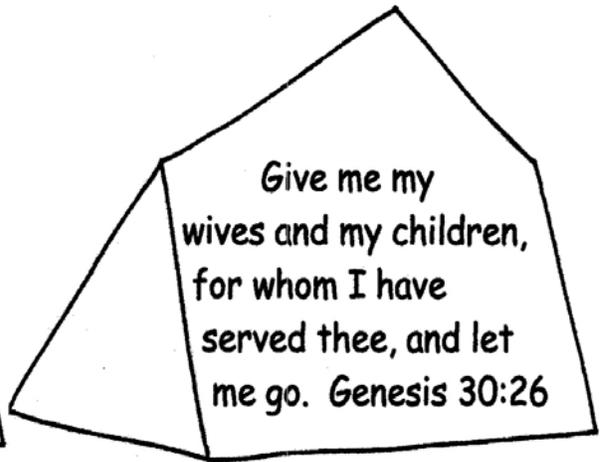
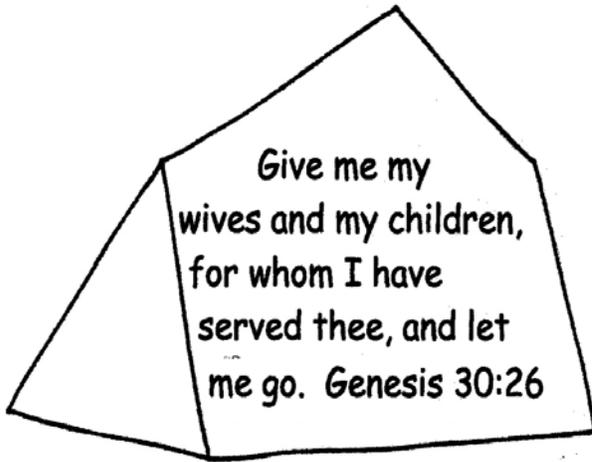
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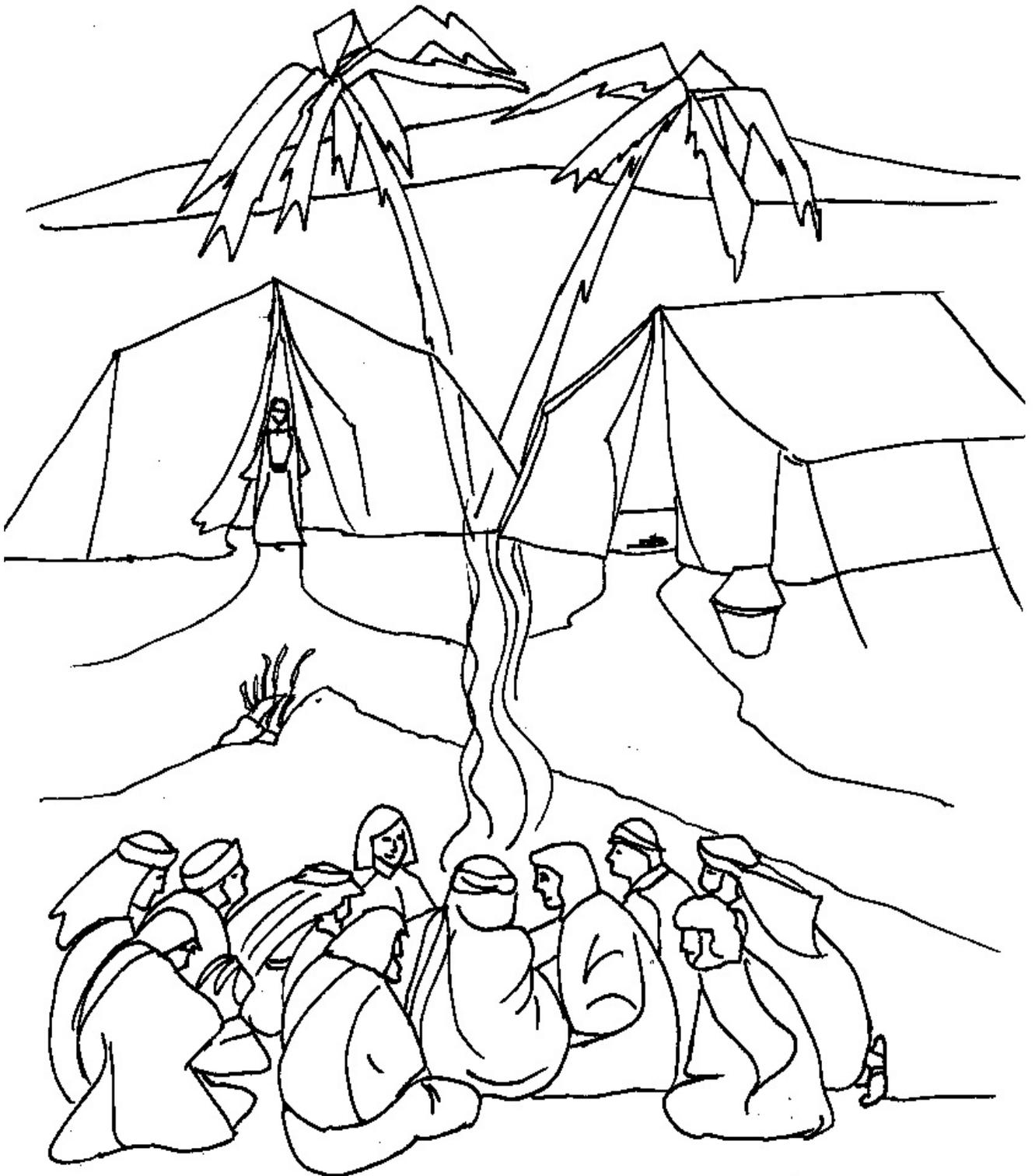
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“Give me my wives and my children, for whom I have served thee, and let me go:”

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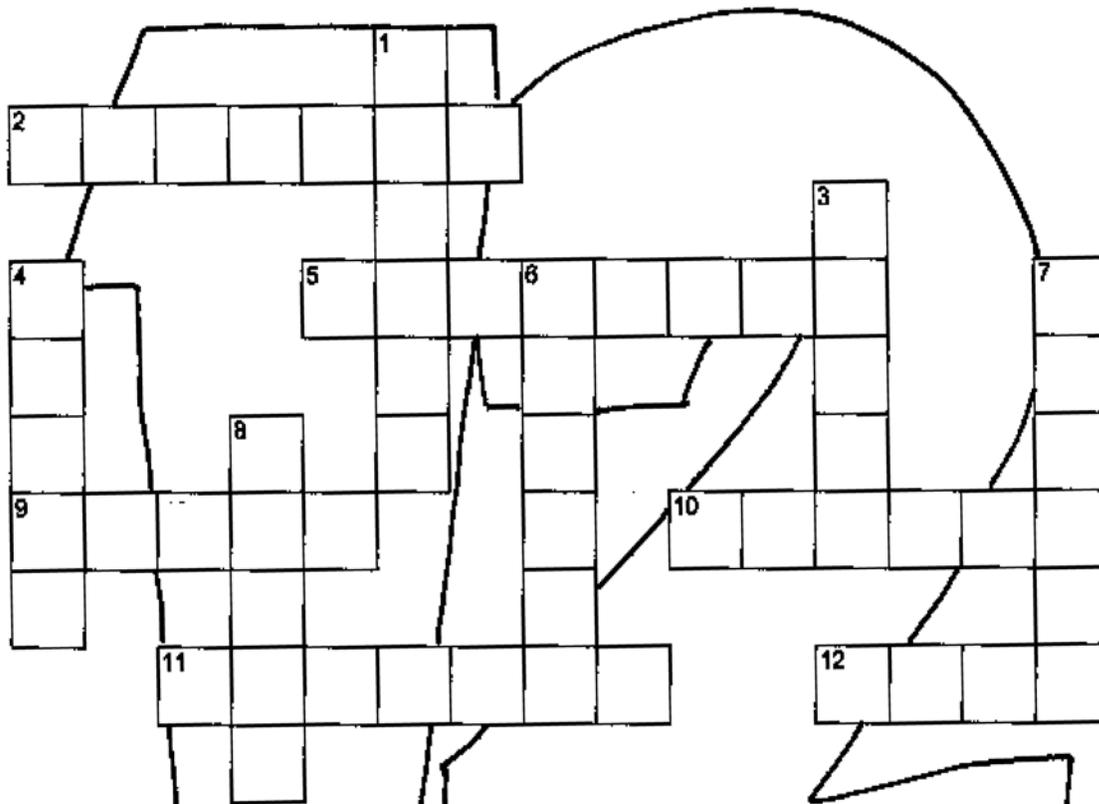
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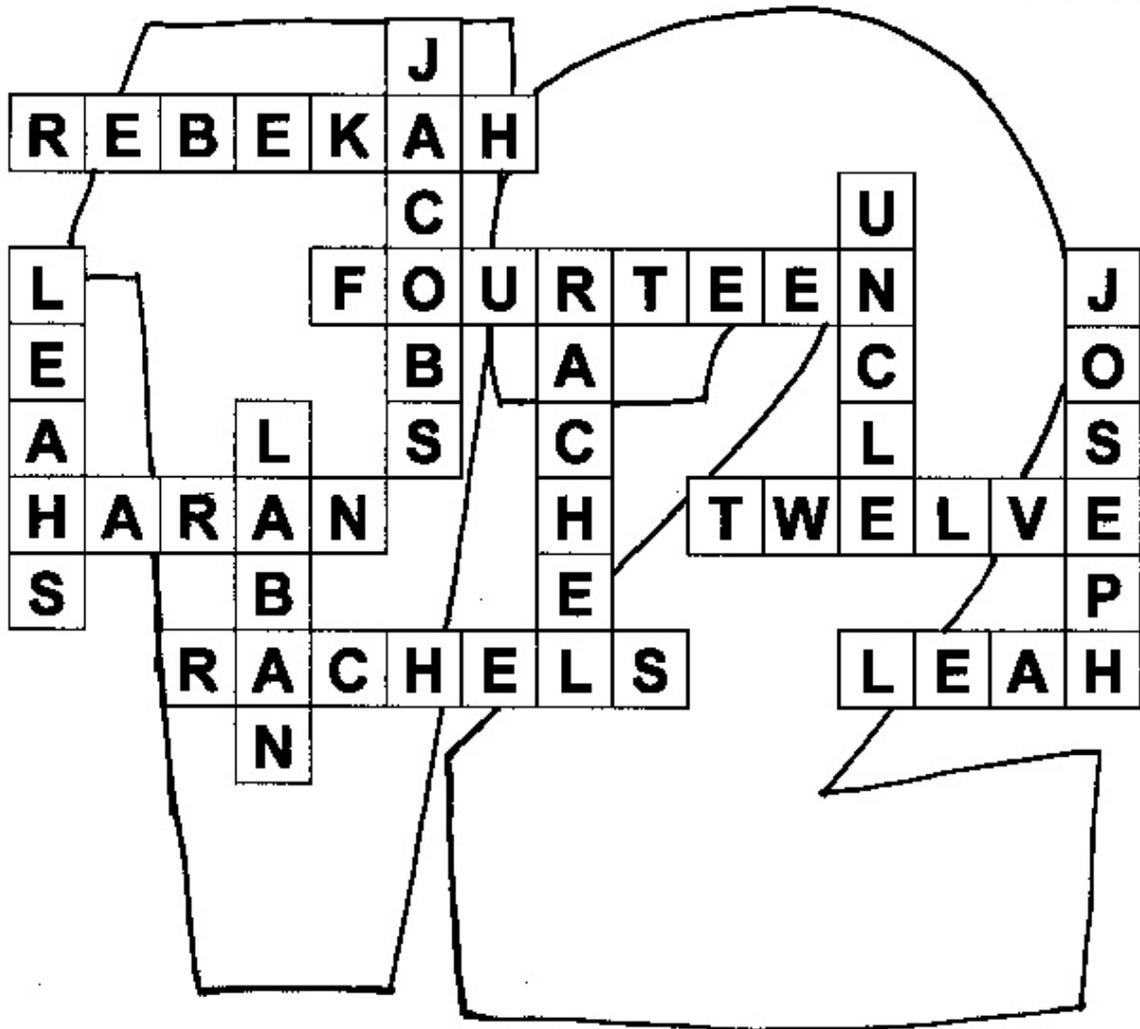
- 2 Jacob's mother _____
- 5 Jacob had to work _____ years to pay for Rachel.
- 9 Jacob ran away to _____.
- 10 Jacob had _____ sons.
- 11 Bilhah was _____ handmaiden.
- 12 Laban tricked Jacob into marrying _____.

DOWN

- 1 Joseph was _____ favorite son.
- 3 Laban was Jacob's _____.
- 4 Zilpah was _____ handmaiden.
- 6 Jacob loved _____.
- 7 Rachel named her oldest son _____.
- 8 Rebekah's brother _____.

THE TWELVE SONS OF JACOB

**BEGINNER
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THE TWELVE SONS OF JACOB

The twelve sons of Jacob in the order in which they were born:

Fill in the names. The first letter is given for you.

1. R _____

2. S _____

3. L _____

4. J _____

5. D _____

6. N _____

7. G _____

8. A _____

9. I _____

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The twelve sons of Jacob in the order in which they were born:

Fill in the names. The first letter is given for you.

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2. Simeon _____

3. Levi _____

4. Judah _____

5. Dan _____

6. Naphtali _____

7. Gad _____

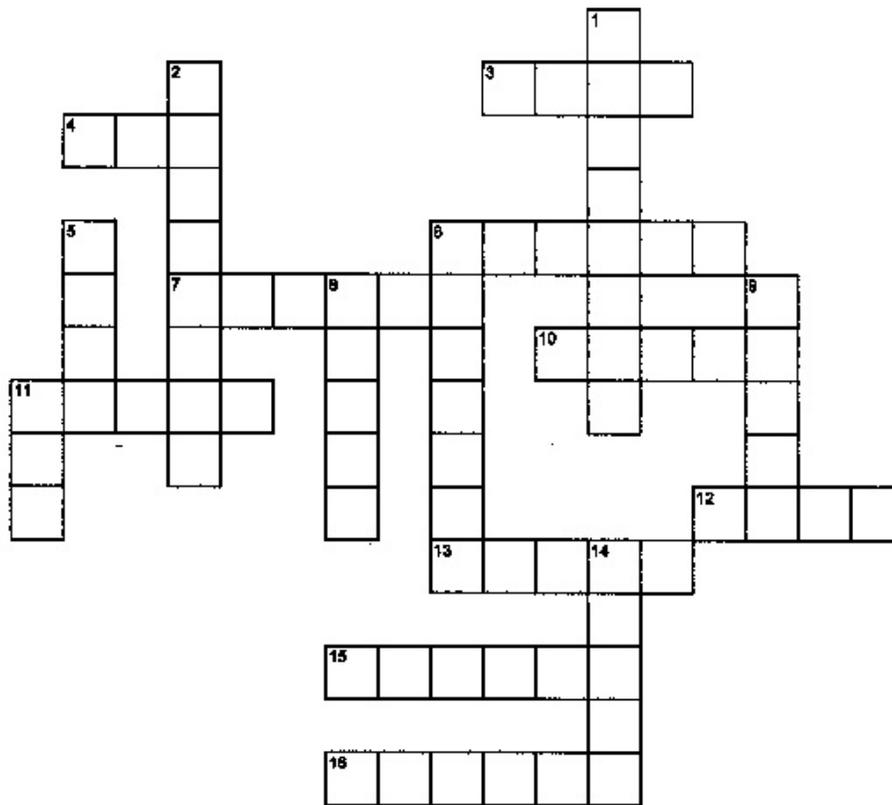
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11. Joseph _____

12. Benjamin _____



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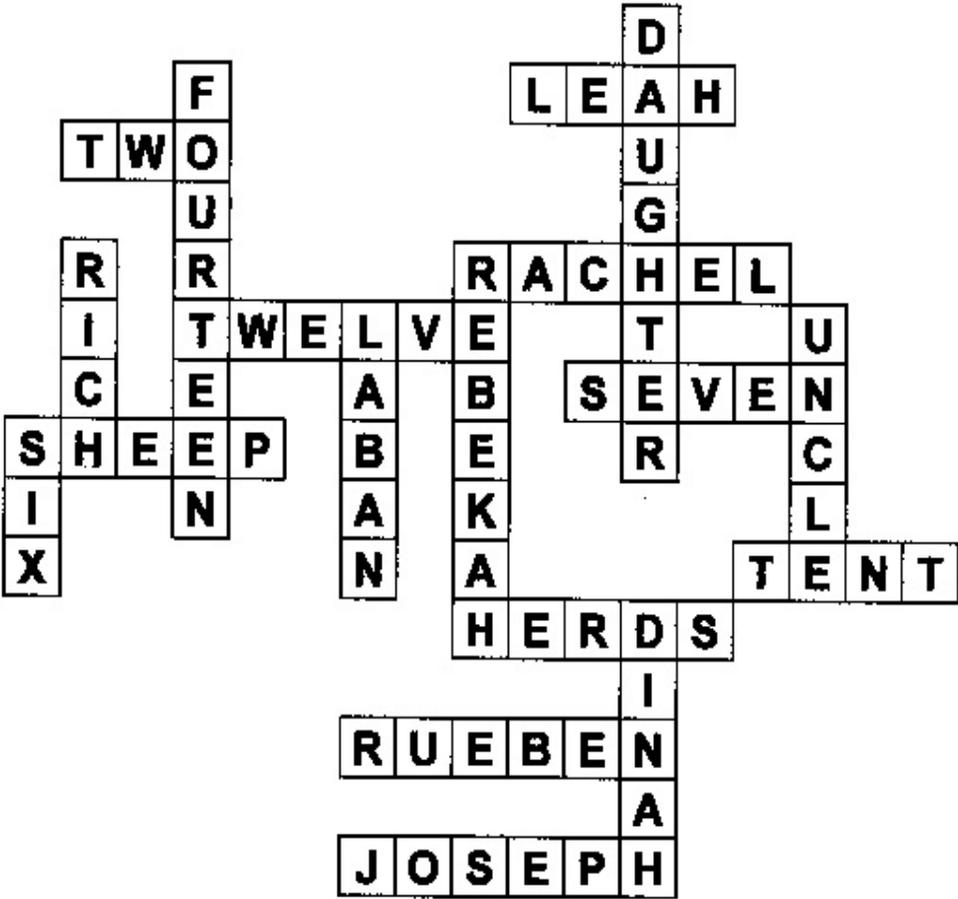
- 3 Laban tricked Jacob into marrying _____.
- 4 Rachel had _____ sons.
- 6 Jacob loved _____.
- 7 Jacob had _____ sons.
- 10 Jacob said he would work _____ years for Rachel.
- 11 Jacob took care of Laban's _____.
- 12 Jacob's wives each lived in their own _____.
- 13 Laban had many _____ of animals.
- 15 Jacob's oldest son.
- 16 Rachel's oldest son was named _____.

DOWN

- 1 Leah had one _____.
- 2 Jacob had to work _____ years to pay for Rachel.
- 5 Laban was a _____ man.
- 6 Jacob's mother
- 8 Rebekah's brother
- 9 Laban was Jacob's _____.
- 11 Leah had _____ sons.
- 14 Jacob's only daughter was named _____.

THE TWELVE SONS OF JACOB

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Jacob's wives, their handmaidens, and his sons:

Leah 1. Reuben

2. Simeon

3. Levi

4. Judah

Bilhah (Rachel's handmaiden) 5. Dan

6. Naphtali

Zilpah (Leah's handmaiden) 7. Gad

8. Asher

9. Issachar

10. Zebulun

Rachel 11. Joseph

12. Benjamin (born after Jacob returned to Canaan)

THE SPECKLED AND SPOTTED CATTLE

Genesis 30:25-43; 31:1-3

Gen 30:25 *“And it came to pass, when Rachel had born Joseph, that Jacob said unto Laban, Send me away, that I may go unto mine own place, and to my country.”*

Jacob desired to go home. He had lived with Laban, his mother’s brother, and fulfilled fourteen years of service, the length of time demanded by Laban to pay for his two wives, Leah and Rachel. He left Canaan, his mother and father, and his brother Esau fourteen years earlier. Jacob apparently had not heard from his family for all these years. He did not know that his mother had died. His father was still living but was a very old man. His brother Esau had prospered. When Jacob cheated Esau out of his birthright and deceived his father into thinking he was Esau, and Isaac pronounced the blessing upon Jacob that belonged to the firstborn, Esau became distraught. He begged his father, “Do you not have but one blessing for me?” Isaac pronounced a blessing of prosperity upon Esau, Gen. 27:39, *“Behold, thy dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth- - -”*. As Jacob’s descendants became the great nation of Israel, Esau (who was known as Edom) and his descendants also became a great nation. He had 5 sons and 11 grandsons who were known as dukes and kings of the nation of Edomites. They owned a vast area of land and obtained great wealth.

Esau (Edom) - father of the Edomites in Mount Seir (a large area southeast of the Dead Sea).

Wives: 1. Adah - the daughter of Elon the Hittite

Sons: 1. Eliphaz

Grandsons: 1. Teman

2. Omar

3. Zepho

4. Gatam

5. Kenaz

6. Korah

7. Amalek

2. Aholibamah - the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite

2. Jeush

3. Jaalam

4. Korah

3. Bashemath - Ishmael’s daughter

5. Reuel

8. Nahath

9. Zerah

10. Shammah

11. Mizzah

Many sons and grandsons are listed as dukes or kings. A duke was apparently a ruler, governor, or sheik, over his particular family or clan.

Jacob decided it was time for him to go home to Canaan, inherit the land given to his father by God, and provide for his own family. He now had four wives, eleven sons and a daughter. Jacob approached Laban with the request to leave, Gen. 30:25, *“Send me away, that I may go unto mine own place, and to my country.”* Jacob reminded Laban of his faithful

service for the past fourteen years. He had a place to live, and Laban had a good worker, but Jacob wanted his own land and possessions for his sons. Genesis 30:26, *“Give me my wives and my children, for whom I have served thee, and let me go: for thou knowest my service which I have done thee.”*

Jacob served Laban well. He did not hesitate to ask Laban to let him take his family and leave. He had faithfully fulfilled any obligation to Laban. He owed him nothing. Jacob reminded Laban of how well he had served him, and it was only right for him to now be able to acquire his own possessions.

Laban did not want Jacob to go. He said, “If you are pleased to stay and work for me, I want you to, for I have learned by experience that the Lord has blessed me for your sake.” Laban knew that it was God who had blessed him because he provided a place for Jacob. Laban offered Jacob a job for as long as he wanted to stay. Genesis 30:28, *“And he said, Appoint me thy wages, and I will give it.”* “How much do you want to keep working for me? I will pay whatever you want in order to get you to stay.”

Before Jacob asked for a salary he reminded Laban of how he had prospered because of Jacob being there. “You know how well I have served you, and you know how well your cattle have done with me taking care of them.” V. 30, *“For it was little which thou hadst before I came, and it is now increased unto a multitude; and the Lord hath blessed thee since my coming.”* Before Jacob came Laban had a home and animals and servants, but he was not a wealthy man. After Jacob began taking care of his cattle, sheep, and goats, they prospered more than they ever had before. God blessed Laban because he provided for Jacob. God was also preparing herds for Jacob by giving Laban plentiful and healthy animals. Jacob had obtained wealth for Laban, and he asked, *“Now when shall I provide for mine own house also?”* Laban again asked, *“What shall I give thee?”* “What do you want? How much will it take to get you to stay?”

Jacob did not ask for money, for gold or silver. He said, “Don’t give me anything; but if you will do one thing for me, I will stay and feed your animals, and take care of your flock.” All Jacob wanted was a portion of the animals. Normally, the herds of sheep were all white, and the goats were black or a brownish black. If any had white spots on them, they were called “speckled” or “spotted”. All Jacob asked for was to go through the herds and pick out all of the speckled and spotted cattle, all of the brown colored from among the sheep, and all of the speckled and spotted from among the goats. This would be Jacob’s pay. Then he said his own righteousness, his own honesty, would speak for him in the future. If Laban found any goats that were not speckled or spotted among Jacob’s herd, or any sheep that were not brown, they could be considered as stolen. Jacob assured him, “I will not keep any animals that are not speckled or spotted, or discolored.”

Laban agreed and went through the herds and picked out all of the male goats that were ringstraked and spotted, and all the female goats that were speckled and spotted, and every one

that had some white on it. He chose all the brown from among the sheep. He gave these animals to Jacob's sons to take away to another field to graze. Laban sent them to a pasture that was three days' journey away. A day's journey with a flock of animals was about ten miles. Laban placed a thirty-mile space between his animals and Jacob's animals so that there would not be a chance of them mixing. Jacob continued to feed and care for Laban's flocks for six more years, while Jacob's sons cared for his animals.

Jacob practiced what we might consider witchcraft, but God used his scheme to multiply his flocks at the expense of Laban. If you remember when Jacob was born, his name meant 'trickster'. He has practiced manipulating on other occasions to get what he wanted. When he met Laban he met someone who used the same practices against him. Laban tricked Jacob into marrying Leah, and cheated him out of seven years worth of pay. He was supposed to work seven years for Rachel, and had to work fourteen years instead. Now he would use his craftiness to get revenge on Laban, to get what he considered to be his for all the years of work from which Laban had prospered.

For the next six years, while Jacob watered and fed the flocks of Laban, he marked the cattle he wanted to produce young for his own herds. Jacob took rods (or limbs) from green poplar, hazel, and chestnut trees. He peeled small strips of bark from around the limbs so that white streaks appeared. He placed these striped rods or sticks in the watering troughs where the cattle came to drink. As the mothers drank water they saw these striped sticks. When their young were born, God caused them to be ringstraked, spotted, or speckled. These were the animals that Jacob took and placed by themselves for his own herd. They did not go to Laban.

Jacob placed the rods in the water troughs when he brought the healthiest cattle to drink. The healthy animals would give birth to strong healthy young which were spotted or streaked, and these would be Jacob's. When he brought the animals that were not as strong and healthy, the more feeble or weaker animals to drink, he would remove the rods. When the weaker animals gave birth, their young would not be speckled or spotted, so they would belong to Laban. In this way Jacob increased his own herds with strong healthy animals, and decreased Laban's herds, not only in number, but with animals that were not as strong and healthy. Verse 42, "*So the feebler were Laban's, and the stronger Jacob's.*"

Laban began to notice that Jacob was acquiring large flocks of healthy animals. When the healthy calves, goats and sheep would be born brown or streaked and spotted, Laban would change the plan. They would become Laban's and the plain ones would be Jacob's. Then all of the healthy animals would be born plain, so Laban would again decide he wanted the plain ones for himself. He changed Jacob's wages ten times during the next six years, Genesis 31:41.

Laban's sons also began to notice how wealthy Jacob had become. Genesis 30:43, "*And the man increased exceedingly, and had much cattle, and maidservants, and menservants, and camels, and donkeys.*" Jacob overheard Laban's sons complaining to one

another that he had taken away all that was their father's. (This is what they would some day inherit.) They were jealous of Jacob and his prosperity. They said he had only used their father and his possessions to gain wealth and glory for himself. Laban did not treat Jacob the same as before. He, too, became envious of Jacob's wealth.

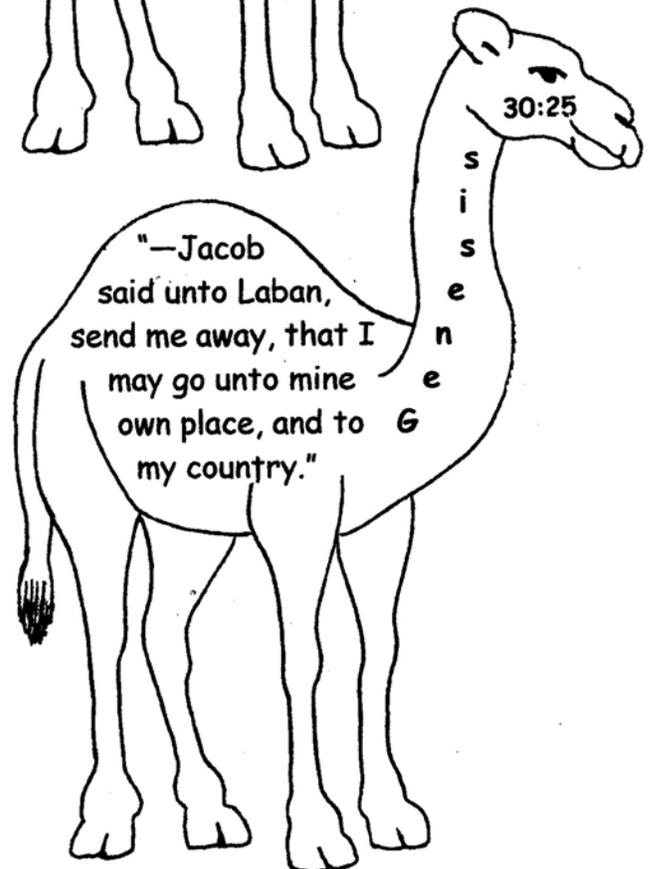
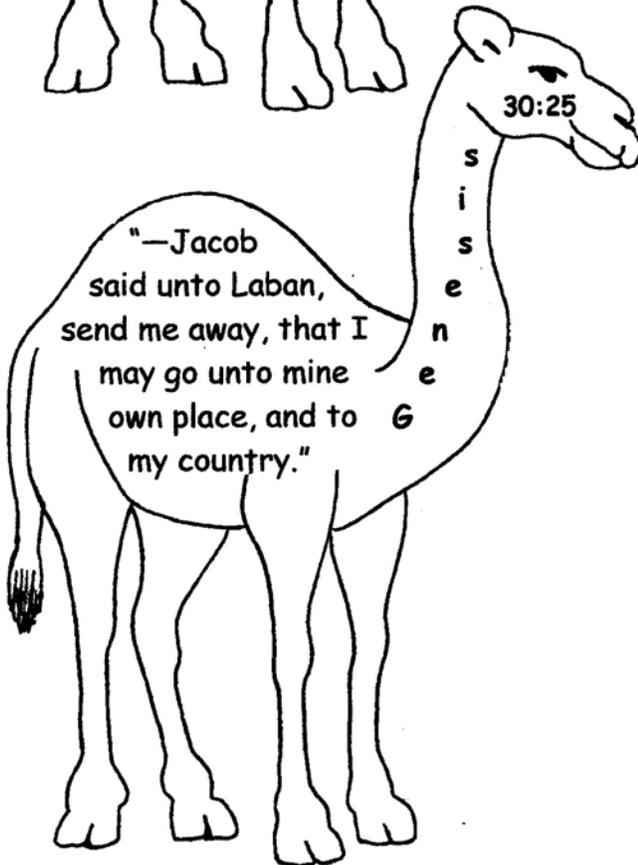
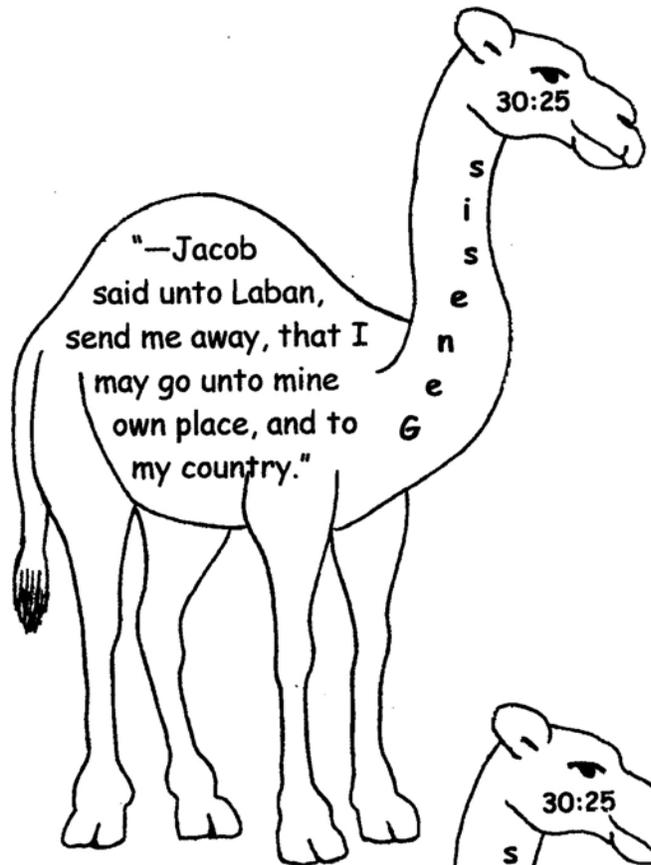
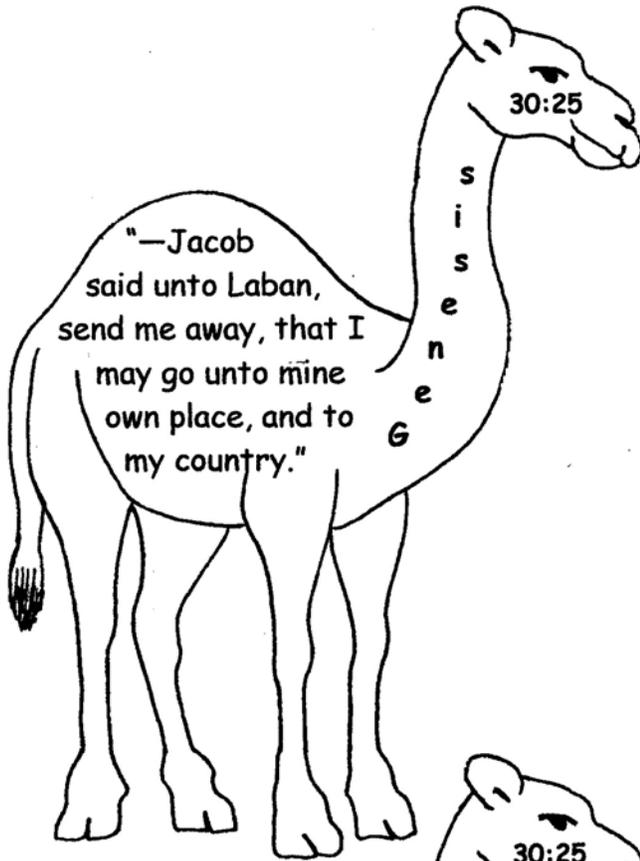
The Lord knew the situation, and He remembered His promise to take care of Jacob and to bring him back to his home land in Canaan in peace and safety. The Lord spoke to Jacob in Genesis 31:3 and said, "*Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will be with thee.*" It was time for Jacob to leave Laban and go home. God had blessed him with wealth in order to care for his own family. Jacob left Canaan with only himself, not even a servant to accompany him on the trip. Now he is ready to return to Canaan a wealthy man. He has a large family, great herds of animals, and many servants. It is time to go home.

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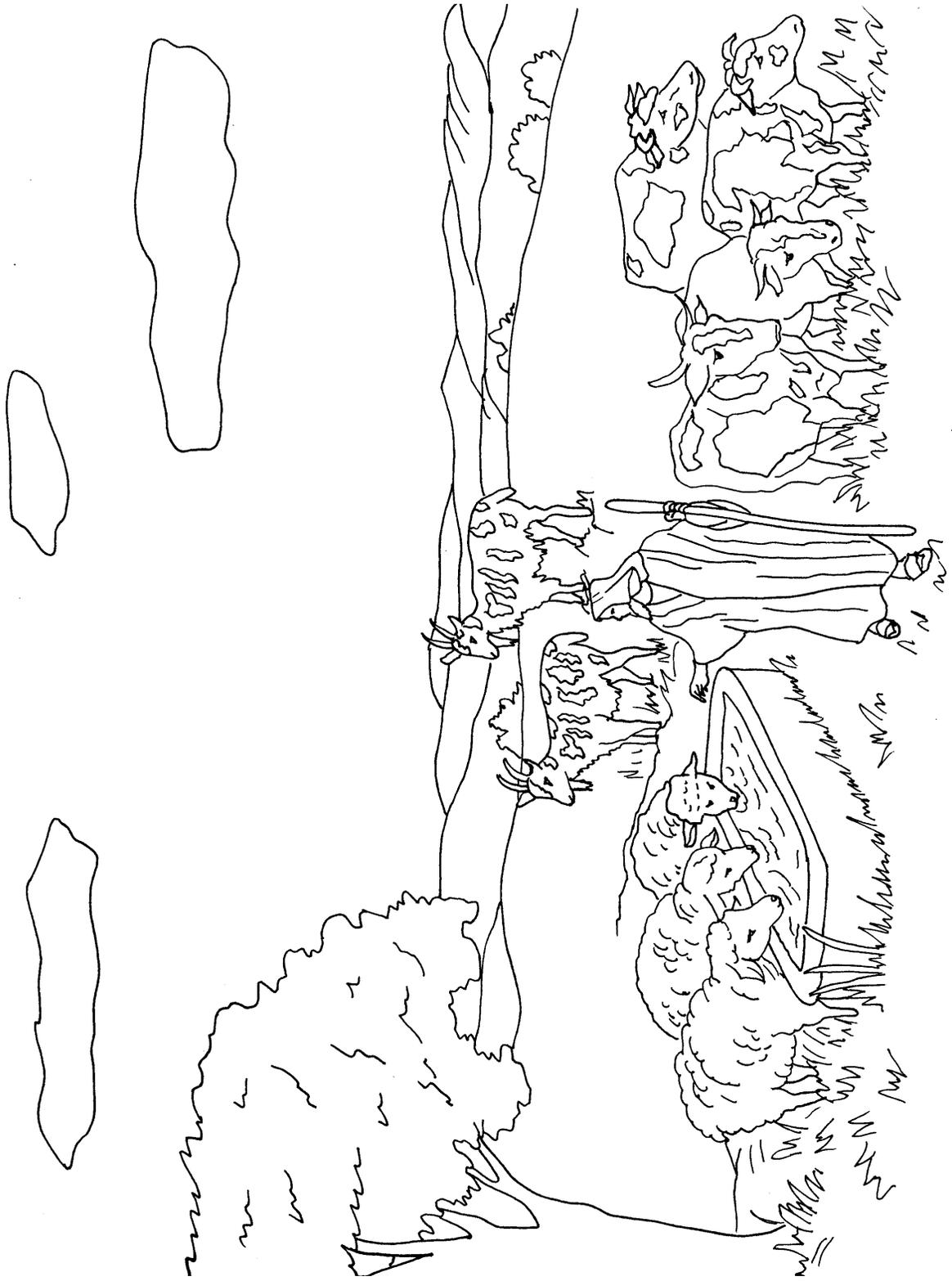
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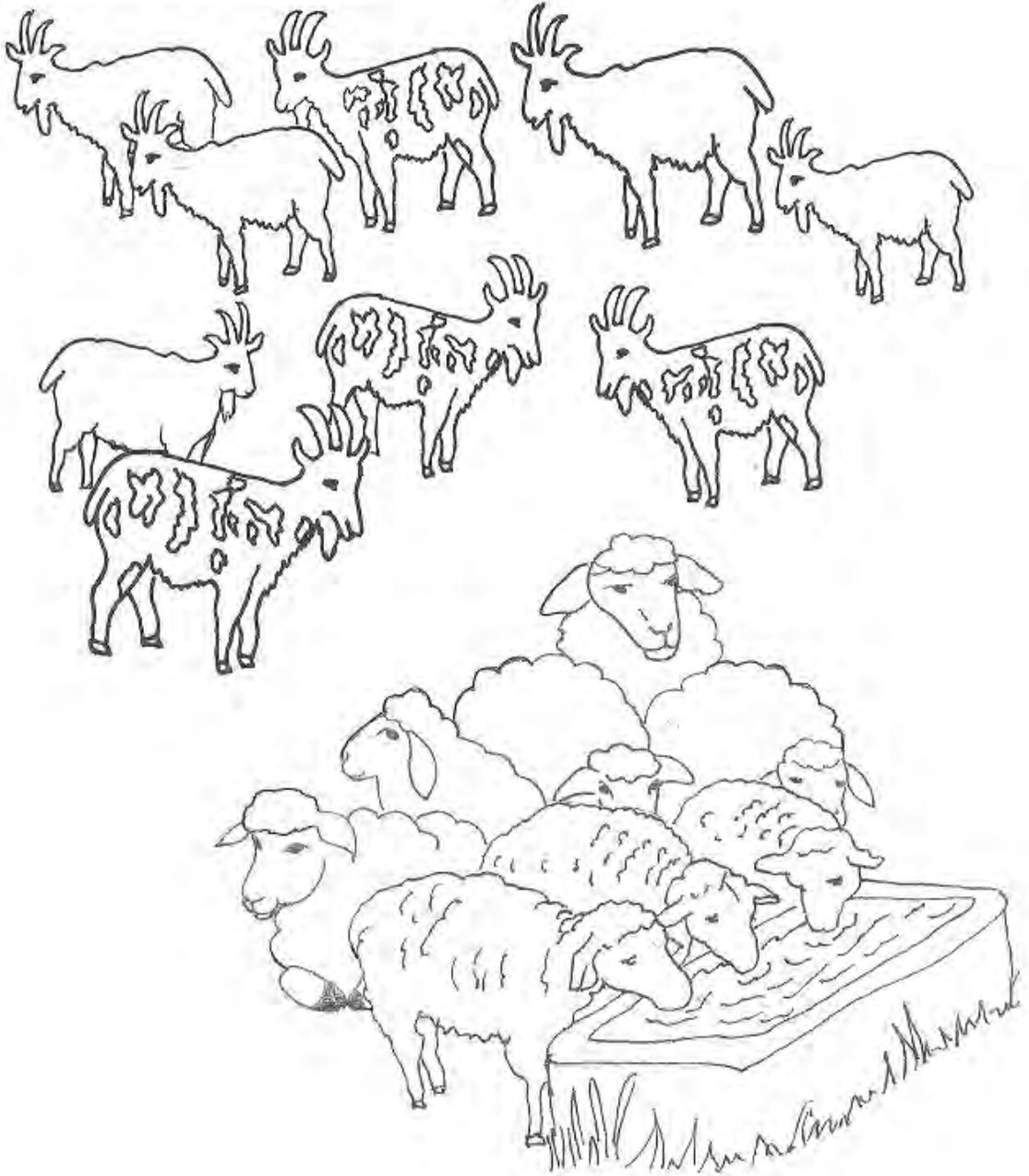
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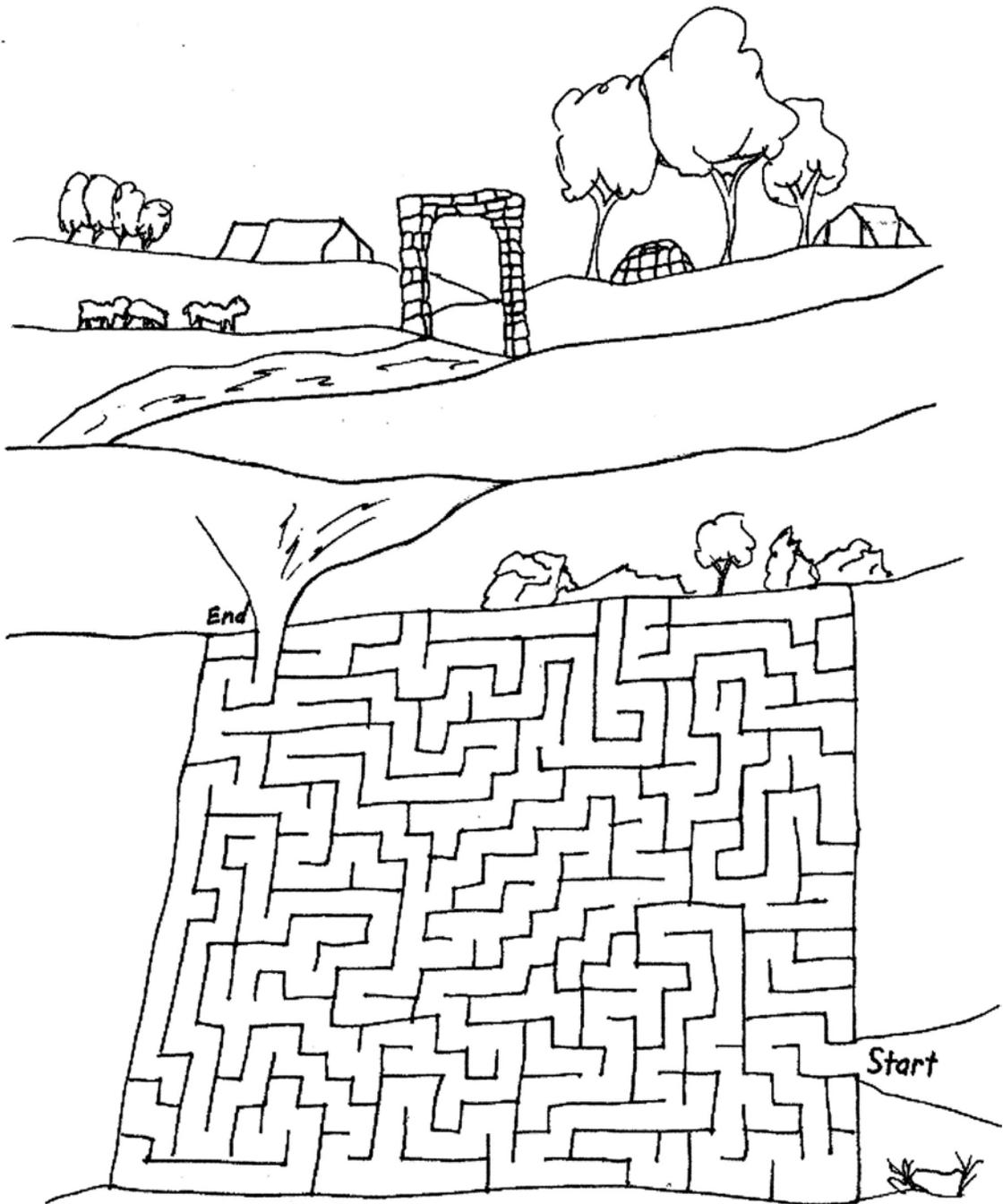
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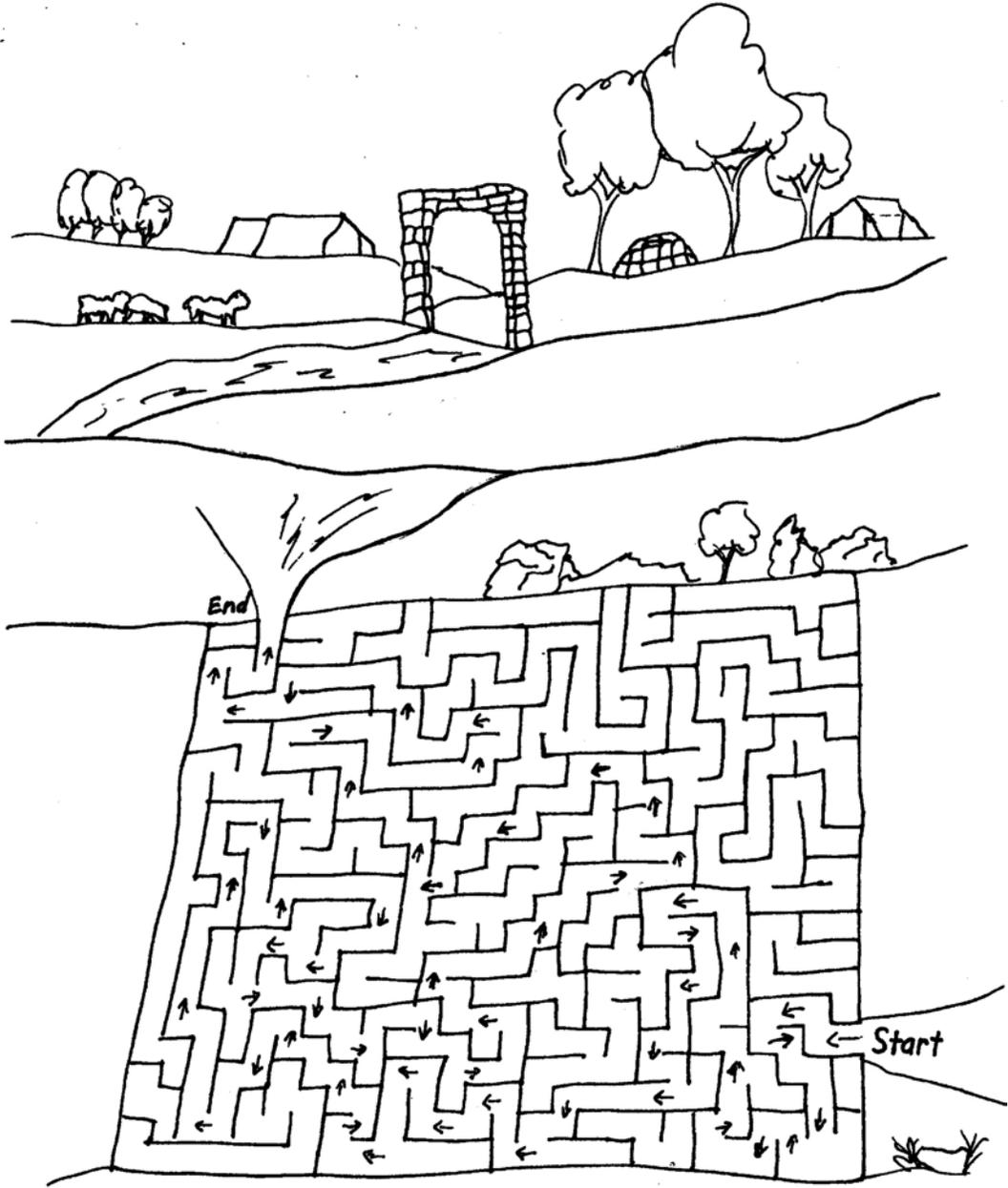
Color seven of the sheep brown.



THE SPECKLED AND SPOTTED CATTLE



Help Jacob and his family find their way across the desert
from Mesopotamia to the land of Canaan.



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JACOB FLEES FROM LABAN

Genesis 31:1-55

After working for Laban for twenty years, God spoke to Jacob and told him to return to his home in Canaan. Jacob worked for Laban for fourteen years for which he received no pay. He was only given the daughters of Laban for his wives in return for his work. The next six years was spent building up his own herds in order to have possessions with which to support his own family. Laban did not want Jacob to leave, because he knew God had blessed him for the sake of Jacob. Laban knew his wealth had come from the labors of Jacob.

Laban culled the herds and gave Jacob the animals he requested. God blessed Jacob by multiplying his herds more rapidly than Laban's. The herds of Jacob increased so rapidly in number and strength that the sons of Laban began to notice. They became envious of Jacob and his increasing wealth. They accused Jacob of taking away all that was their father's. Laban's attitude toward Jacob also changed. The Lord intervened. He appeared to Jacob and told him it was time to go back home, and He would be with him.

Jacob called Rachel and Leah out to the field where he was caring for Laban's sheep and told them their father's attitude toward him had changed. He was not stealing from Laban, but God was blessing him with prosperity. Jacob explained to them, Gen. 31:6-7, *"Ye know that with all my power I have served your father. And your father hath deceived me, and changed my wages ten times."* Laban would tell Jacob that he could have all the speckled animals, and all the young would be born speckled. When Laban saw that they were all being born speckled and became Jacob's, he would change his mind and tell him he could have all the ringstraked. When all of the animals were born streaked and belonged to Jacob, Laban would again change his mind. No matter how many times he changed Jacob's wages, the animals born were always in Jacob's favor. Jacob said, v.9, *"Thus God hath taken away the cattle of your father, and given them to me."* Jacob had a dream in which he saw these cattle that were speckled, spotted, and ringstraked. In the dream God called his name, and Jacob answered, v.11, *"Here am I."* God showed him the cattle, and said, "I have seen all that Laban has done to you. I am the same God that spoke to you at Bethel (when he was running away from Esau), where you anointed the pillar and promised to serve me if I would protect you and bring you back again to your home in Canaan." God told Jacob, v.13, *"Get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy kindred."*

Rachel and Leah considered what Jacob said, and agreed to go with him. They said there was not anything for them to stay there for. They would not receive any of their father's inheritance, v.14-15, *"Is there yet any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house? Are we not counted of him strangers? for he hath sold us, and hath quite devoured also our money."* They knew that their father had sold them to Jacob for fourteen years worth of work. He took the wealth he received because of Jacob's work and spent it on himself. He was greedy and self-centered. As for their inheritance, they knew they meant no more to him than

strangers. They said, “There is nothing here for us.” v.16, “*For all the riches which God hath taken from our father, that is ours, and our children’s.*” They knew God had taken away from their father what should have been their’s, and given it to Jacob, so he could provide for them and their children. They told Jacob to do what God had told him and they would go with him.

At a certain time of year they had a sheep-shearing. This was the process where they cut the wool from the animal, which was then used to make outer garments or blankets. The sheep would be sheared in the hot weather, so the wool would grow back before it got cold. The shearing was done once a year, and was like harvest time for the farmer. They went to a certain place to shear the sheep, and had celebrations that would sometimes last for several days. Jacob was afraid Laban would not let him take his daughters and grandchildren with him so he waited until Laban was gone away to shear the sheep, knowing that he would be gone for several days. Jacob brought the animals in from the fields and prepared to make the trip. After Laban left, without Jacob knowing it, Rachel sneaked into her father’s tent and stole his idol gods that he worshiped. She hid them among her things to take with her.

Jacob placed his wives and his sons on camels, and the servants drove the herds of animals. They sneaked away without telling anyone they were going. Especially, they did not want Laban to know they were gone. They began the long journey across the river and through the wilderness area on their way back to Canaan. It was a long and tiresome trip. After several days they set up their tents at Mount Gilead to rest. They were far enough away now that they did not fear Laban. But back at Haran all was not quiet and peaceful. Three days after they left, someone told Laban that they were gone. He became furious. He took some of his men with him and they set out to get them and bring them back.

They traveled for seven days before they overtook them at Mount Gilead. In the night, God warned Laban in a dream not to harm Jacob. Laban asked Jacob why he had sneaked off without telling him they were going. “Why did you not let me know? Why did you carry my daughters away as if they had been captured with a sword?” In spite of God warning Laban not to speak badly to Jacob, Laban rebuked him. He asked, “Why did you sneak away secretly without letting me know? Why did you not let me give a going-away party for you? I could have had a big celebration with songs, and music, and a big feast.” Laban told him he had been foolish in not even letting him kiss his daughters and his grandsons goodbye. Laban said in v.29, “*It is in the power of my hand to do you hurt: but the God of your father spake unto me yesternight, saying, take thou heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad.*” The only reason Laban did not harm Jacob was because of God’s warning. Laban understood Jacob wanting to go back to his home and his family, but he asked him, “Why did you steal my gods?” Jacob did not know what Laban was talking about. He did not steal anything from Laban. He did not know that Rachel had sneaked off and gone to her father’s tent and stolen the gods.

Jacob told Laban he left secretly while Laban was away because he was afraid that he would use force to keep him from taking Rachel and Leah with him. Jacob denied stealing the

gods, and said for Laban to search all of his possessions in the presence of the other brethren, and take anything that he found that belonged to him; and if someone was found to have the gods, they would be killed. V.32, *“With whomsoever thou findest thy gods, let him not live.”*

Laban began by searching Jacob’s tent, then Leah’s tent, and then the tents of the maidservants, Zilpah and Bilhah. Last, he went into the tent belonging to Rachel. V.34, *“Now Rachel had taken the images, and put them in the camel’s furniture, and sat upon them. And Laban searched all the tent, but found them not.”* The camel’s furniture was something like a chair, or a seat, that they attached to the hump of the camel for a person to sit in so they would be able to ride on the camel. When they camped they removed this weight from the back of the camel. Rachel had taken it into her tent to hide the images. Then she lied to her father; she asked him to please excuse her for not standing when he entered her tent, which was the polite thing for a woman to do, because she was not feeling well. This way, he did not search the camel’s furniture, and did not find the images. Jacob was extremely angry. He asked, “What have you found that belonged to you? Put it out here so we can all see.” He rebuked Laban, reminding him of all the good he had done for him for the past twenty years, and how God had blessed him, verses 38-42.

Laban and Jacob agreed to make a covenant between them, and pile up a heap of stones as a monument that neither would cross that way to do harm to the other. They ate bread on the monument and spent the night. Laban kissed his daughters and grandsons goodby and returned to Haran. Jacob and his family went on their way to Canaan.

MEMORY VERSE: Genesis 31:3

“And the Lord said unto Jacob, return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will be with thee.”

JACOB FLEES FROM LABAN

**MEMORY VERSE
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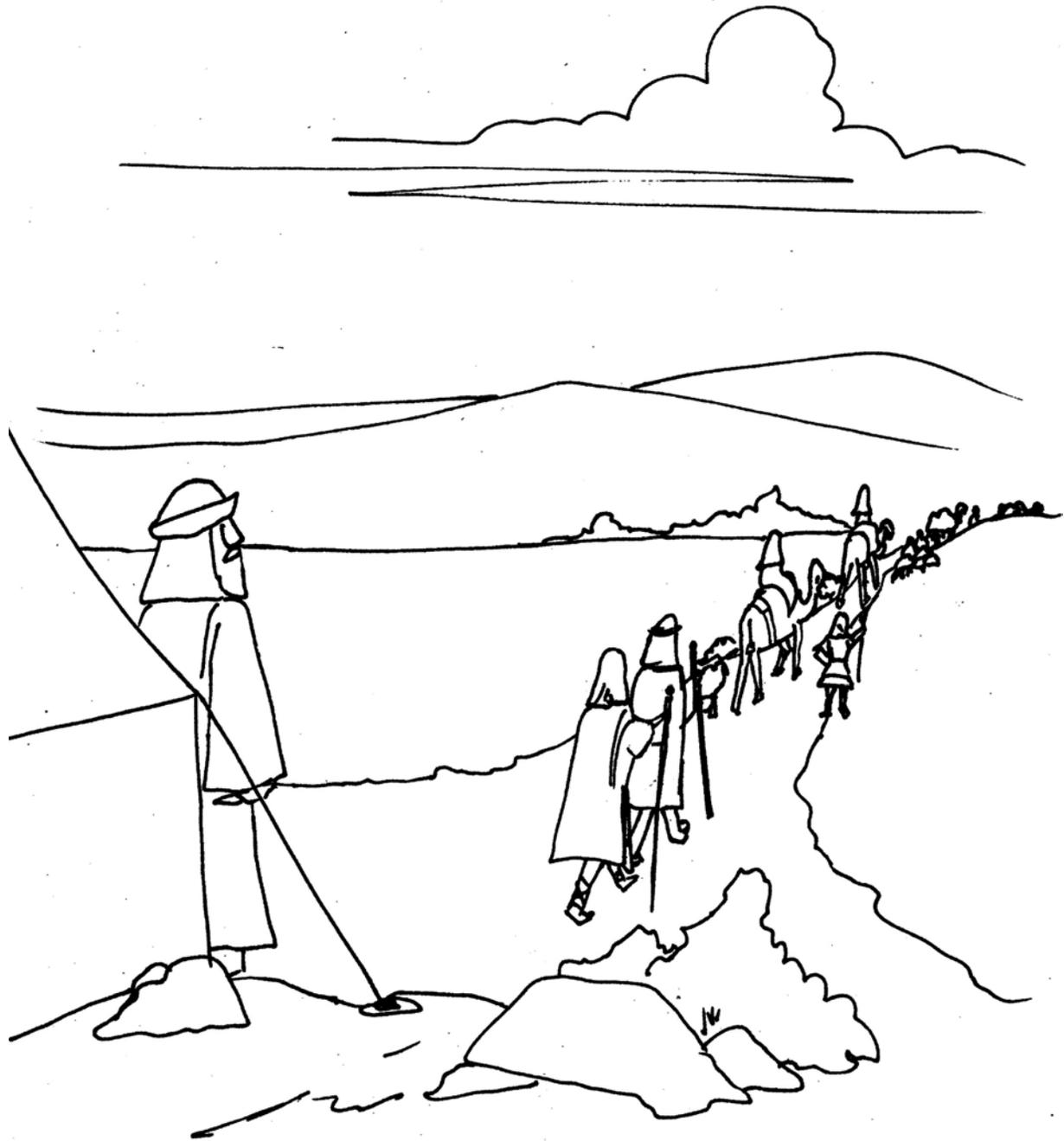
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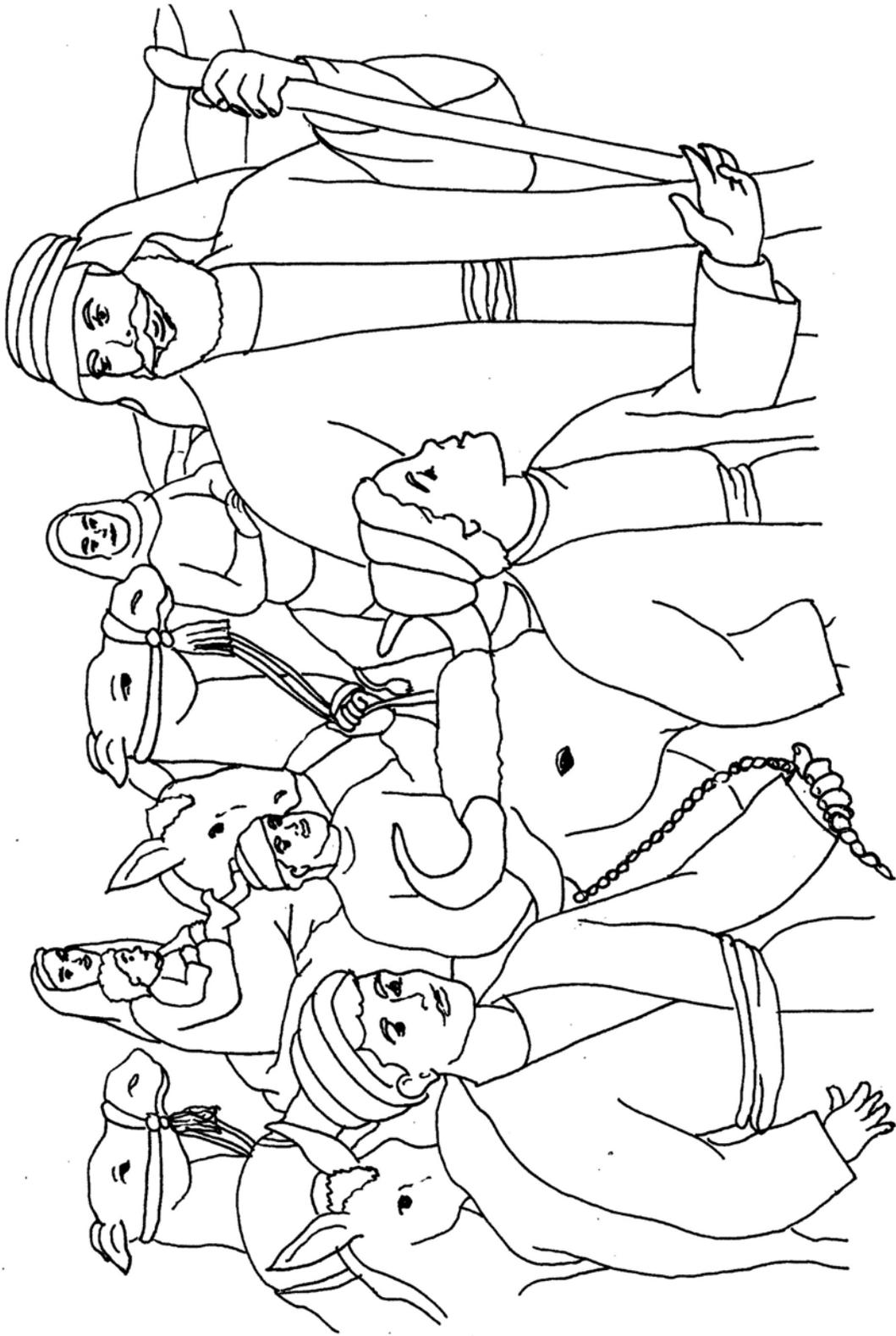
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Genesis 31:3



Jacob called his family together and they left secretly while Laban was away shearing his sheep.



"Then Jacob rose up, and set his sons and his wives upon camels; and he carried away all his cattle and all his goods - - - to go to Isaac his father in the land of Canaan." Genesis 31:17

JACOB FLEES FROM LABAN

BEGINNER

Add the vowels (a, e, i, o, or u) to complete the story.

J__c__b ran away from his brother, __s__ ____. He went to live with his __ncl__, L__b__n. He worked for f__ __ rt __ __ n years to pay for his two wives, R__ch__l, and L__ __ h. Then he worked for s__x more years to get sh__ __ p, g__ __ ts, c__ws, and c__m__ls.

L__b__n cheated J__c__b, but God blessed him with many __n__m__ls and made him rich. God told him to take his f__m__ly and all of his __n__m__ls and go back to the land of C__n__ __n to live.

J__c__b waited until L__b__n went away to shear his sh__ __ p so he would not know when they left and could not stop them. After three days L__b__n's servants told him J__c__b was gone and he chased after them. When he caught up with them they built a monument of stones and ate a meal together. They settled their problems and became fr__ __ nds again.

J__c__b promised to be good to L__b__n's daughters and grandchildren. They both promised that neither one would cross over the monument with intentions to do harm to the other one. L__b__n kissed his daughters and grandchildren goodbye and went back to his h__m__.

JACOB FLEES FROM LABAN

BEGINNER
ANSWER PAGE

Add the vowels (a, e, i, o, or u) to complete the story.

Ja co b ran away from his brother, Es a u. He went to live with his u ncle, La ba n. He worked for fo u rt e e n years to pay for his two wives, Ra che l, and Le a h. Then he worked for si x more years to get she e p, go a ts, co ws, and ca me ls.

La ba n cheated Ja co b, but God blessed him with many a ni ma ls and made him rich. God told him to take his fa mi ly and all of his a ni ma ls and go back to the land of Ca na a n to live.

Ja co b waited until La ba n went away to shear his she e p so he would not know when they left and could not stop them. After three days La ba n's servants told him Ja co b was gone and he chased after them. When he caught up with them they built a monument of stones and ate a meal together. They settled their problems and became fri e nds again.

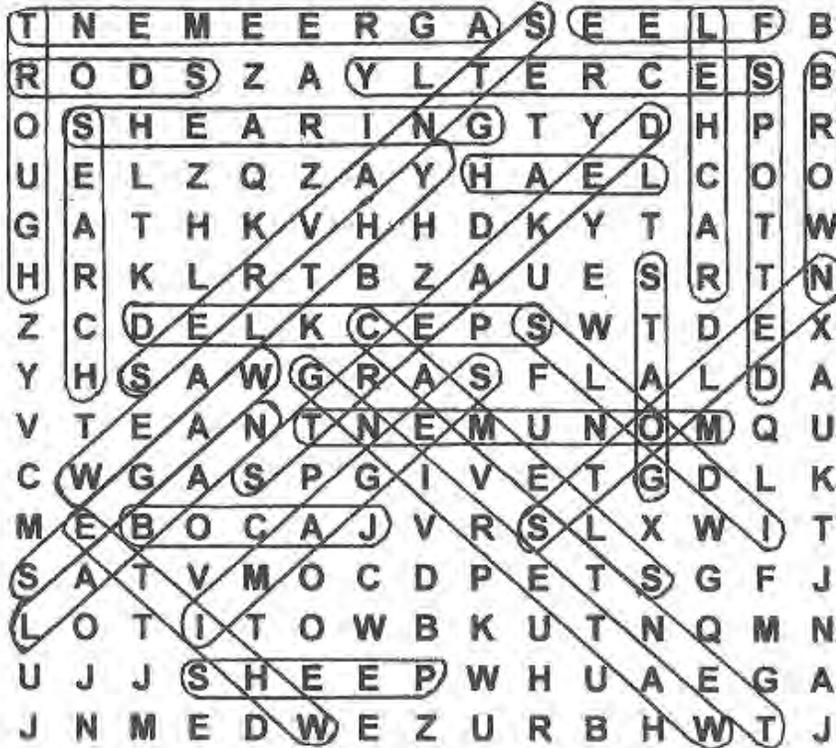
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JACOB WRESTLES WITH THE ANGEL

Genesis 32:1-32

After twenty years of being away from his home in Canaan, and his family, Jacob begins his trip home. It has been twenty years since he last saw his brother, Esau. He left hurriedly under pressure, because he was fleeing for his life. He had cheated Esau out of his birthright, and stolen the blessing from his father that should have been Esau's, so his brother had promised to kill him as soon as his father died. Rebekah convinced Isaac that they should send Jacob to her brother, Laban, so he could find a godly wife from among her relatives in Haran. On the way to Haran, Jacob had a vision, or a dream, in which God promised to be with him and protect him wherever he went, and bring him back to his father's house in safety. In return, Jacob promised to serve the Lord all of his life.

Jacob spent twenty years working for Laban, and obtained a family of four wives, eleven sons and a daughter. The last six years that he worked for Laban, he accumulated large herds of animals for himself. There began to be tension between Jacob, and Laban and his sons because of the wealth that God was blessing Jacob with rather than Laban. Laban knew his prosperity came because of Jacob. Now that Jacob was working to build up his own herds, his wealth was surpassing that of Laban. God spoke to Jacob and told him it was time to return to his home in Canaan.

Because Jacob feared that Laban would not let him take his wives and children with him, he slipped off secretly while Laban was away shearing his sheep. When Laban heard that Jacob was gone he set out with his servants intending to bring them back, but God spoke to him in a dream and told him not to harm Jacob. They finally came to an agreement that Jacob should return to his people, and erected a monument to remind them of their promise that neither would pass that way again intending to do harm to the other. Jacob had overcome the first obstacle in his safe return. Now his thoughts turned to his fear of facing Esau.

Genesis 32:1-2, *“Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. And when Jacob saw them, he said, this is God's host: and he called the name of that place Mahanaim.”* God had promised to be with Jacob and protect him, and now Jacob knew that God was there. He sent his angels to accompany him on the trip just as they had been with him for the past twenty years. Jacob traveled many days getting to Mt. Gilead. His brother Esau with his three wives and several children lived in the land of Seir, the country of Edom. (Esau became known as Edom and is the father of the Edomites.) The land of Edom was south of where he grew up in Beer-sheba, around the southern end of the Dead Sea. Their father Isaac was still living on the plains of Mamre at Hebron (Gen. 36:27).

As Jacob left Mt. Gilead he began to concentrate on meeting his brother. He wondered if the hatred was still there. He wondered if the anger had grown. What would he face when he met Esau? Did Esau still intend to kill him?

Jacob made plans to meet Esau. He sent messengers ahead of him to the land where Esau lived. The messengers were to portray Jacob as Esau's servant, and tell him that Jacob had lived with Laban since he left until now, and he desired to come home. They were to tell Esau of Jacob's wealth, Genesis 32:5, *"I have oxen, and asses, flocks, and menservants, and womenservants: and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find grace in thy sight."* Jacob wanted Esau to know that he was coming home and he would not be a burden to Esau, that he could provide well for his own family, and he was asking Esau to let him return in peace as his brother, *"that I may find grace (or forgiveness) in thy sight."* Jacob wanted Esau to forgive him for the wrong that he had done to him in the past so they could live peacefully together.

Jacob waited anxiously for the return of the messengers to know what Esau's response would be. When the messengers returned, it increased Jacob's fears. They had delivered the message, and Esau had gathered four hundred of his men (his servants) and they were coming to meet Jacob. Verse 7 says, *"Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed."* What should he do now? Esau was coming with an army of four hundred men. Surely their intentions were to destroy Jacob and his family. Jacob had momentarily forgotten that God had promised to bring him back in peace and safety, and that had not yet happened.

Jacob must quickly decide what to do. He divided his servants and all of his flocks of sheep and goats, his herds of cows and donkeys and his camels into two groups, and left a large space between them. He said if Esau came and saw the first group, and killed all of them, he would still have the second group, and they could escape. Then Jacob prayed. He prayed seriously. He wanted God's protection. He acknowledged God as the God of his grandfather Abraham and his father Isaac. He reminded God that He told him, v. 9, *"return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee."* He reminded God that He told him to come back, and had promised to protect him. Jacob said he was not worthy of all the mercies that God has shown to him. All he had when he left and passed over the Jordan River on his way to Haran was his staff (the stick that he carried as he walked). Now he returns with two large groups of servants and animals. Jacob prayed, "Deliver me from the hand of my brother, Esau, for I fear that he might come and kill me and my wives and my children." Jacob again reminded God in verse 12 of His promise, *"I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude."* Jacob was depending on God to keep His promise to protect him and give him so many descendants that they would be like the grains of sand; they could not be counted.

Jacob stayed through the night, and took from the animals he had at hand a present for Esau: two hundred she goats and twenty he goats, two hundred female sheep and twenty rams (male sheep), thirty milk camels with their young colts, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten foals (young donkeys). He divided them into five droves, or flocks. He gave the five groups of animals to his servants separately, and told them to take them to Esau, and to leave a space between each group of animals. When the servants and the first drove met Esau, and he asked, "Whose servants are you? where are you going? and who do these animals belong to?", they were to answer, "They belong to your servant Jacob, and they

are a present sent to my lord Esau, and he is coming behind us.” He told the servants with the second drove of animals to say the same thing. When Esau met them and asked, “Whose servants are you? where are you going? and who do these animals belong to?”, they were to answer, “They belong to your servant Jacob, and they are a present sent to my lord Esau, and he is coming behind us.” Jacob told the third, and the fourth, and the fifth groups to say the same thing. They were to tell Esau these were a present from Jacob to him, and that Jacob was coming behind them to meet him. Jacob said, “I will appease him with all these gifts, and afterward I will see his face, and maybe he will accept me.” Appease means to pacify, to satisfy, to calm or soothe. Jacob’s reason for sending the gifts was to make Esau forget that he was angry toward Jacob. When Esau saw all the things that Jacob was giving to him, he would not be angry anymore, and would accept Jacob back in peace and forgiveness.

By the end of the day Jacob had sent the servants and the animals on their way to Esau, and he stayed behind for the night with the second group of his possessions. He rose up during the night and took his two wives, his two maidservants, and his children and sent them across the ford Jabbok. (Apparently near Succoth, east of the Jordan River, and north of the Jabbok River.) A ford is a wide, shallow place in the river that can be walked across. When he sent them and all of his possessions across the brook, the ford of the river, he was left alone for the rest of the night.

Genesis 32:24-32

As Jacob was alone, a man came and wrestled with him all night. He wrestled until it began to get daylight. When the man saw that he could not prevail, or win, against Jacob, he touched the hollow of his thigh (his hip joint), and caused it to be out of joint. He dislocated Jacob’s hip. This did not cause Jacob to lose his grip. He held tightly to the man. The man said, “Let me go, for it is nearly daylight.” Jacob refused to let go. He said “I will not let you go until you bless me.” The man asked him, “What is your name?” Jacob replied that his name was Jacob. The man said, “Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince you have power with God and with men, and have prevailed (or won).” The name “Israel” means “having power with God”. Jacob asked him what his name was, and he said, “Why do you have to ask what my name is?” Then he blessed him. He did not tell Jacob his name. He expected Jacob to know who he was. Verse 30, “*And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.*” Peniel means “the face of God”. Jacob knew this was an angel from God. The Lord used an angel to come down and wrestle with Jacob. He saw Jacob’s determination, and he blessed him. He changed his name from Jacob to Israel. This is why his descendants are called the children of Israel.

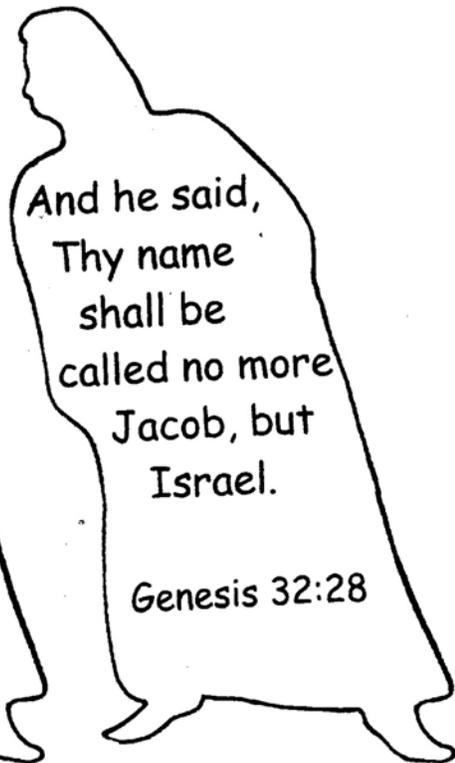
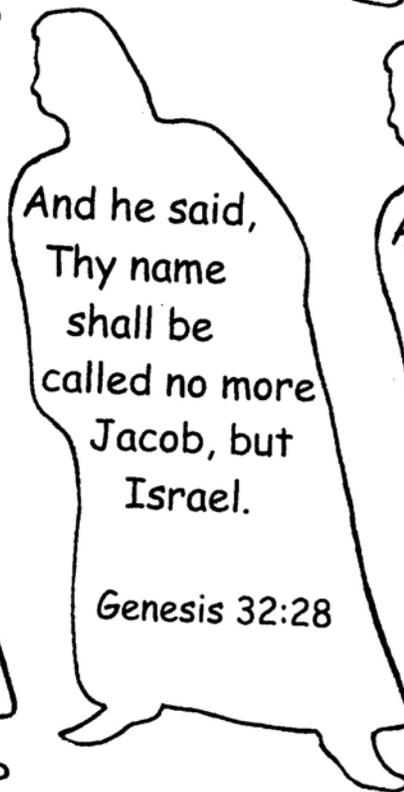
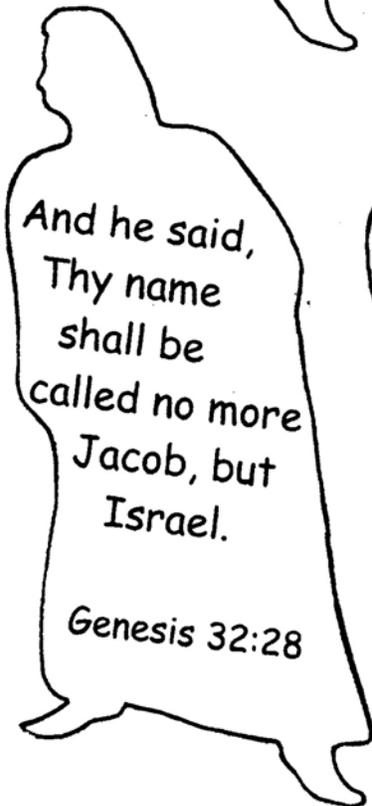
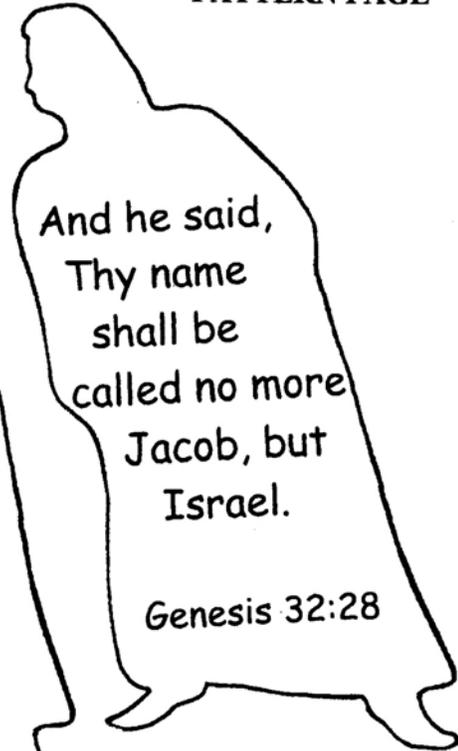
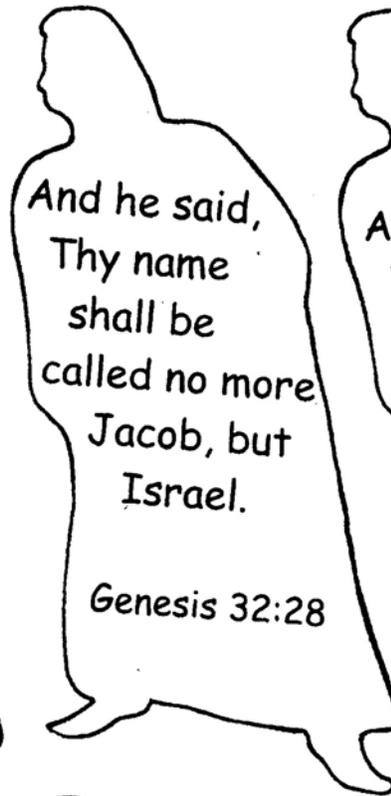
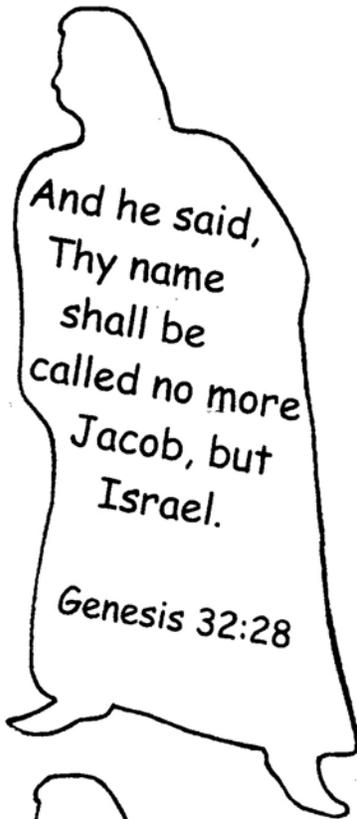
As the sun rose Jacob left the place he called Peniel, and he walked with a limp. During the wrestling the nerve in the hip joint was injured, which caused him to limp for the rest of his life as a reminder of this occasion.

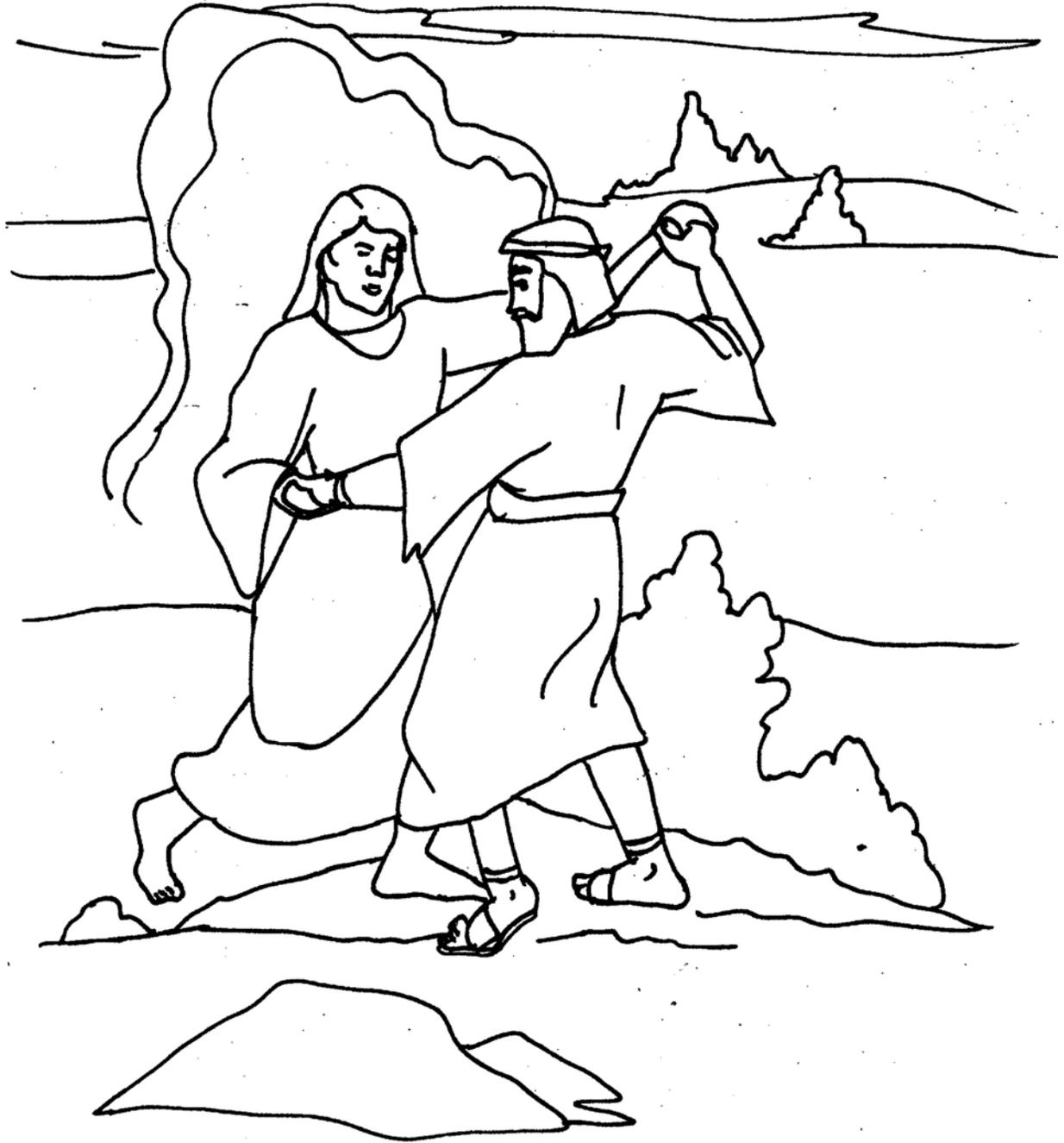
MEMORY VERSE: Genesis 32:28

“And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel.”

JACOB WRESTLES WITH THE ANGEL

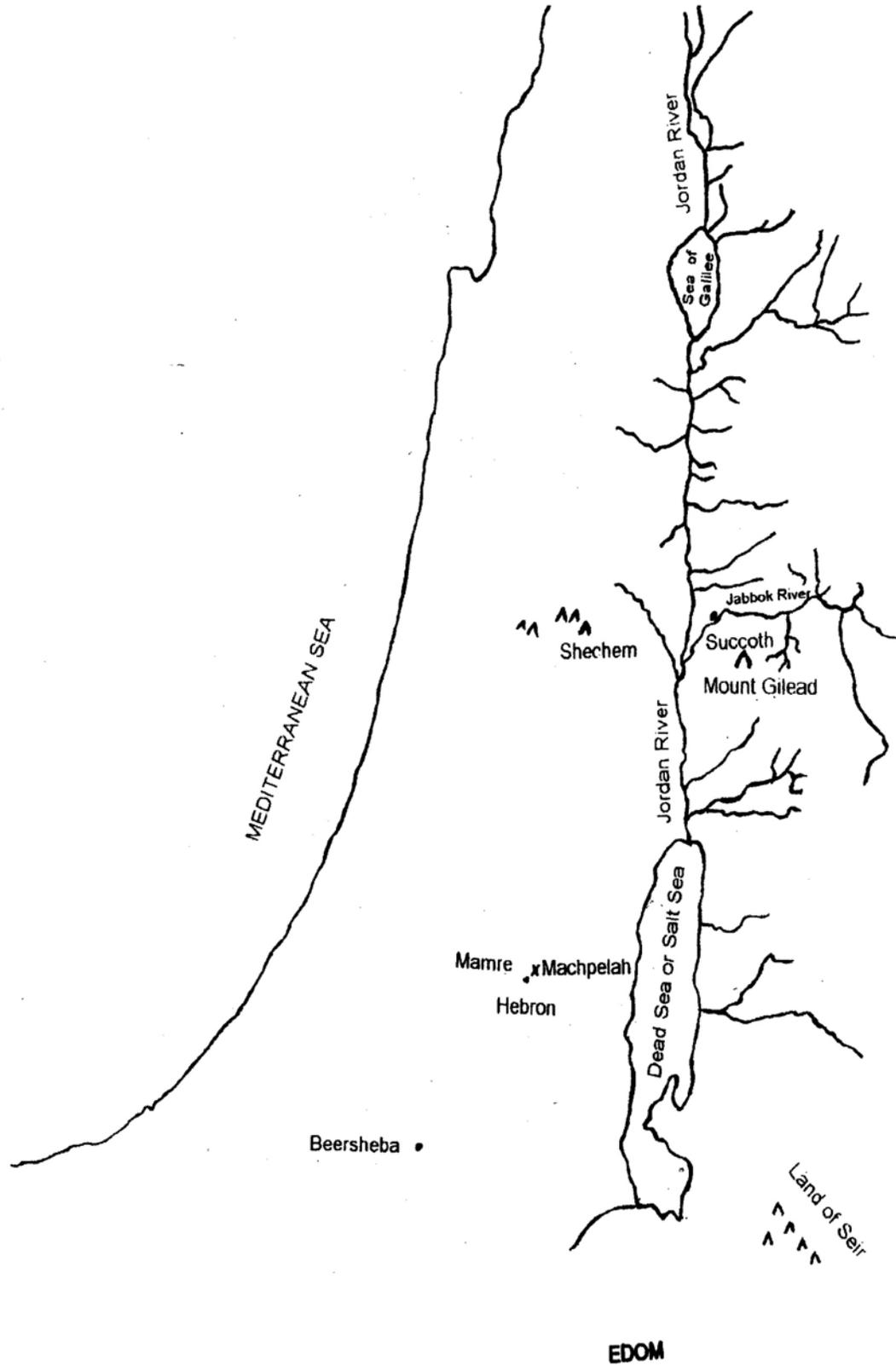
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God sent an angel who wrestled with Jacob all night. The angel dislocated his hip joint so that Jacob walked with a limp the rest of his life as a reminder that God met with him and changed his name to Israel.

JACOB WRESTLES WITH THE ANGEL



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BEGINNER

Write the correct number in the box after the question.

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2. How many wives did Jacob have?

3. How many sons did Jacob have?

4. How many daughters did Jacob have?

5. How many droves of animals did Jacob send to Esau as a gift?

JACOB WRESTLES WITH THE ANGEL

BEGINNER ANSWER PAGE

Write the correct number in the box after the question.

1. How many years had Jacob been away?

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2. How many wives did Jacob have?

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3. How many sons did Jacob have?

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4. How many daughters did Jacob have?

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5. How many droves of animals did Jacob send to Esau as a gift?

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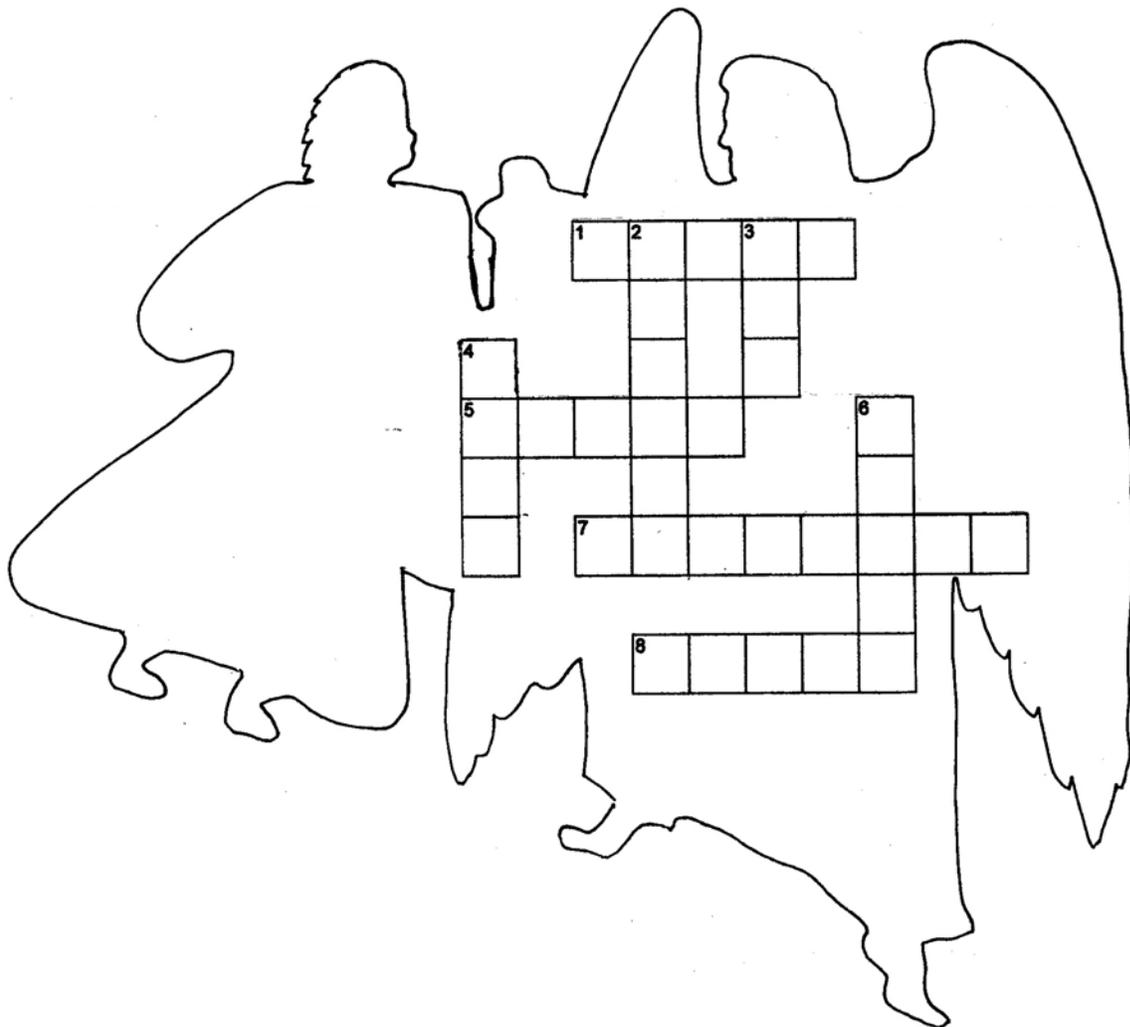
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7. We ask God's _____
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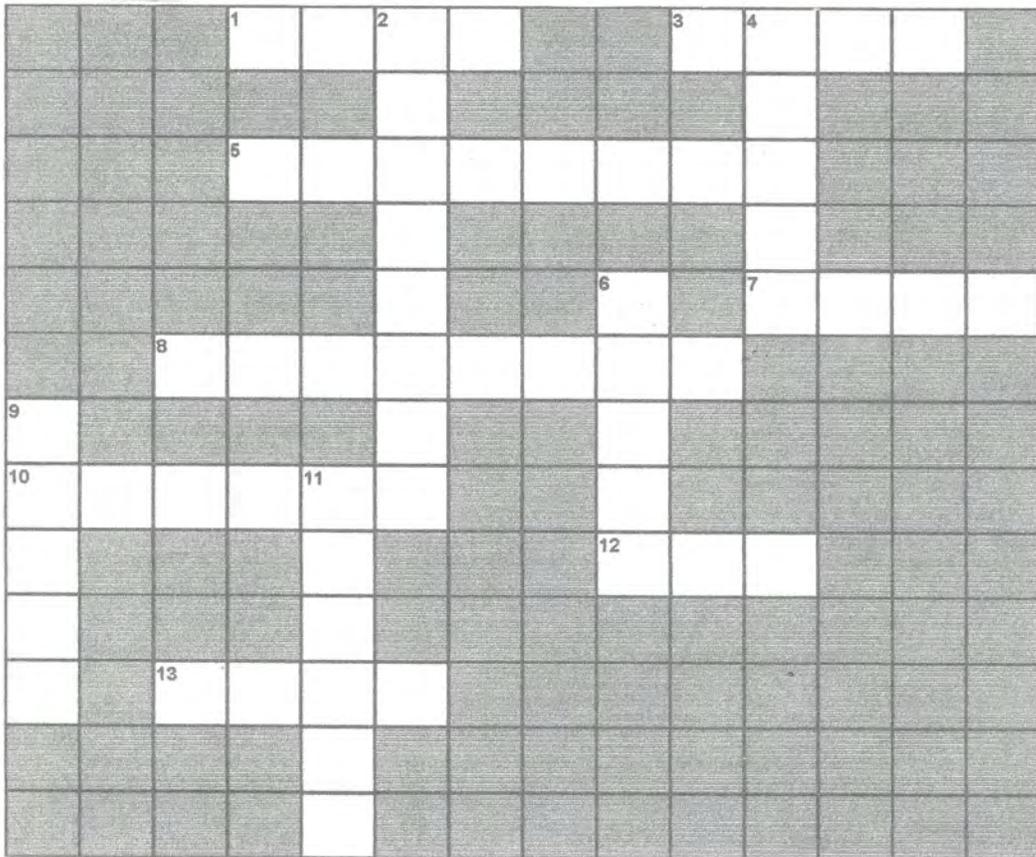
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7. Jacob walked with a _____.
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10. Jacob was _____ of Esau.
12. The angel knocked Jacob's _____ joint out of place.
13. Jacob's brother

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JACOB WRESTLES WITH THE ANGEL

PRIMARY / JUNIOR

Jacob wrestled with an angel all night long.

He would not let the angel go until he blessed Jacob.

God gave Jacob a blessing and changed his name to "Israel".



Israel means
"Contender with God".

How many words
can you make?
using the letters

in
CONTENDER
WITH GOD

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JACOB WRESTLES WITH THE ANGEL

PRIMARY / JUNIOR
ANSWER PAGE

Jacob wrestled with an angel all night long.

He would not let the angel go until he blessed Jacob.

God gave Jacob a blessing and changed his
name to "Israel".



Israel means

"Contender with God".

How many words
can you make?

using the letters

in

CONTENDER

WITH GOD

HER THE GREEN WRITE CORD

GET GOT CROW TEND GOTTEN

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JACOB MEETS ESAU

Genesis 33:1-20

The time came for Jacob to return home to Canaan and face Esau. He did not know what to expect. When he last saw Esau he was angry because Jacob had wronged him. It had been twenty years. When Jacob got to Mount Gilead he sent messengers ahead of him to tell Esau that he was coming. They were instructed to tell Esau of Jacob's good fortune while in the land of Haran, and to assure Esau that Jacob was a wealthy man who could provide well for his own family. He would not be a burden to Esau. He was not wanting help from Esau. He only wanted to return in peace and live in the land of Canaan as brothers.

The messengers returned and told Jacob that Esau was coming to meet him with four hundred of his men. This frightened Jacob. He could imagine Esau coming with an army of four hundred men to completely destroy all that he had. Jacob decided to try to protect some of his possessions by dividing his servants, his flocks of sheep and goats, his herds of cattle, camels and donkeys into two groups. He said if Esau came and destroyed one group he would think that was all, and the other group could escape. While they were waiting for Esau to arrive, Jacob prayed earnestly for God to protect him. He reminded God of His promise to bring him back to his home land, and to make of his descendants a great nation of people.

Jacob selected 580 of his very best animals as a gift for Esau. He divided them into five groups, giving each group into the hands of his servants, and told them to leave a little space between each drove of animals.

Jacob told each group of servant that when they met Esau and he asked them, "Who are you, where are you going, and whose animals are these that are with you?" to tell him, "They belong to your servant Jacob, they are a present for my lord Esau, and Jacob is coming behind us." Jacob said, "I will appease him with the present that goes before me, and then I will see his face; and maybe he will accept me."

After Jacob sent the servants ahead with the animals he stayed behind for the night. He took his two wives and his two women servants, and all of his children, and sent them across the ford of the Jabbok River with all of his other servants and possessions while he stayed behind alone. This was when he wrestled all night with the Lord, and God changed his name from Jacob to Israel.

When daylight came Jacob joined his family. He look way off in the distance and saw Esau coming with four hundred men. Jacob must now face Esau. He divided his children with each of their mothers. He first placed the two handmaids and their four children, then Leah and her seven children, and last, Rachel and Joseph. Then Jacob went before them so he would meet Esau first. He bowed down seven times to the ground on the way to meet his brother.

When Esau saw Jacob coming, he ran to meet him. Genesis 33:4, *“And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him: and they wept.”* Esau did not wait for Jacob to come to him. He ran to meet Jacob, hugged him, kissed him with the kiss of greeting, and they cried tears of joy. Esau did not come with four hundred men to harm Jacob; he came to greet him and welcome him home. Esau looked up and saw the women and the children coming, and he asked Jacob, “Who are these people that are with you?” Jacob replied in v.5, *“The children which God has graciously given thy servant.”* He called himself “thy servant.” He was humble in the presence of Esau. He was his brother, but he was presenting himself as his servant in humility and submission to the will of Esau.

Jacob introduced Zilpah and Bilhah, his maidservants, and their four sons, and they bowed down in respect to Esau. He introduced Leah, his wife, and her six sons and a daughter, and they bowed down in respect to Esau. Then he presented Rachel, his favorite wife, and her son, Joseph, and they, too, bowed down in respect to Esau. Jacob was proud of his large family, and he presented them as the children that God had graciously given him. He considered them a blessing from God. These, plus one more son who would be born in the land of Canaan, were the heads of the twelve tribes of the nation of Israel.

Esau asked Jacob, “What did you mean by all those droves of animals that I met on the road?” Jacob explained that they were a gift for him so that he might find grace, or forgiveness, in the eyes of Esau. He wanted to be welcomed back by Esau. He wanted to be accepted back as his brother. This was his way of showing his love for Esau, but Esau objected, “I have enough, my brother. Keep what you have for yourself.” Esau was also a wealthy man. He had gained many possessions of servants and animals of his own. He did not need any more. He had enough. He wanted Jacob to keep his for himself, but Jacob refused. He had sent the gifts to show his love for Esau and his desire to be forgiven for the wrong that he had done in the past. In v.10 Jacob said, “When I saw your face, it was as though I had seen the face of God, because you were pleased to see me.” Jacob saw in Esau’s expression that he was happy. He was glad to see him, glad that Jacob had returned home. Jacob insisted that Esau accept his gifts. He said, “I know you are glad to see me, so please, I beg you, take the blessing (the gifts) that I have brought, because God has been gracious to me and blessed me. I have enough.”

He insisted until Esau accepted, and said, Esau said, “Let us be on our way and go home!” Esau did not want to wait any longer, he was ready for them to go home. He would go before him and lead the way. Jacob had to travel slowly because he had young children with him, and many in his herds and flocks of animals were young animals that could not walk as fast or as far in a day as Esau and his men. If the servants drove the animals too fast, or walked too far in a day, the animals would die from exhaustion.

Jacob said, “I must travel more slowly, so you go on and I will join you in Seir as the children and the young animals permit. Esau offered to leave some of his servants to help Jacob on the trip” He wanted to do something for Jacob. If he must go on ahead, then he would

leave his men to help Jacob and his family. Jacob asked, “Who needs it? Let me find grace in the sight of my lord.” Jacob didn’t need the men to help because he had many servants of his own. Jacob said, “I don’t need the help of your men, I just want to find grace in your sight. I just want you to accept me.” Esau wanted to do something for Jacob to make up for all the years that he had not seen him. Jacob didn’t need financial help, or help with his traveling, because he had enough. All he wanted Esau to do was accept him back as his brother with no hard feelings between them. This Esau agreed to do, and returned to his home in Seir.

Jacob’s family was tired from their journey, so he traveled to Succoth, about a mile north of the Jabbok River, and built himself a house, and booths (barns or pens) for his animals. V.17 “*And Jacob journeyed to Succoth, and built him an house, and made booths for his cattle: therefore the name of the place is called Succoth.*” Succoth means “booths”. After a while he crossed over the Jordan River into the land of Canaan and went to a town called Shechem, which was a city of Shechem. This is where the group of people known as the Hivites lived. He put up his tent there, and bought a field of land where he had placed his tent from the sons of a man named Hamor, who seems to have been the head man of the Hivites. He paid 100 pieces of money for the land. Shechem is where Abraham stopped when he first came to the land of Canaan. He built an altar there and worshiped God, thanking Him for bringing him to this land. Even though God had given the land to Abraham to someday belong to Isaac, and then to Jacob, there were other people living there, so Jacob paid them for the land. He did not claim it because God had given it to him, but he bought it from the men who lived there. Jacob dug a well on the land he bought so he would not have to depend on his neighbors for water for his family and his cattle. Later he gave his land to his son, Joseph, and this is where Joseph was finally buried after they brought his bones back from the land of Egypt hundreds of years later. You will read of Shechem many times in the history of the Israelites.

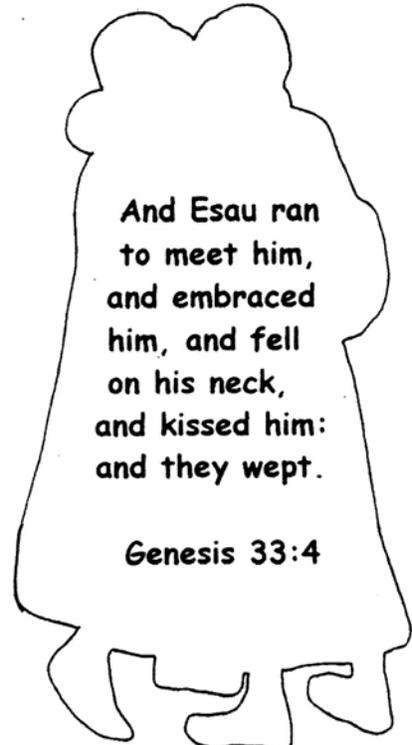
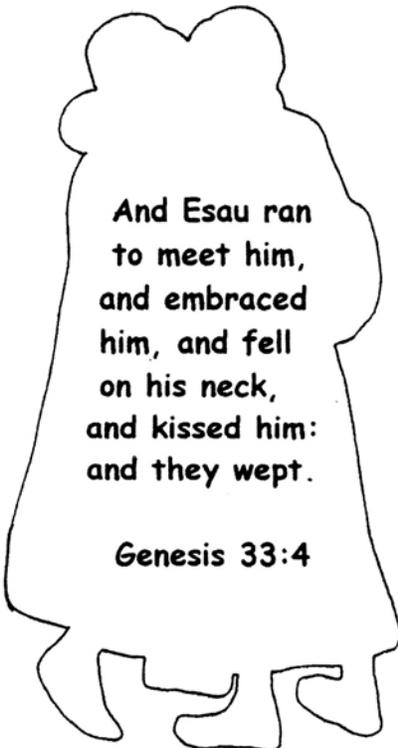
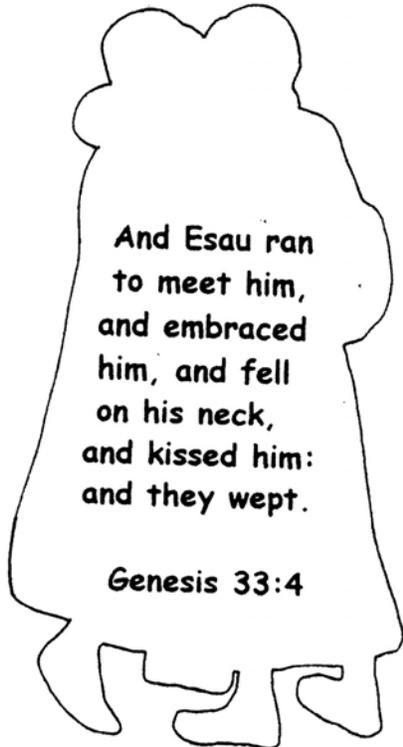
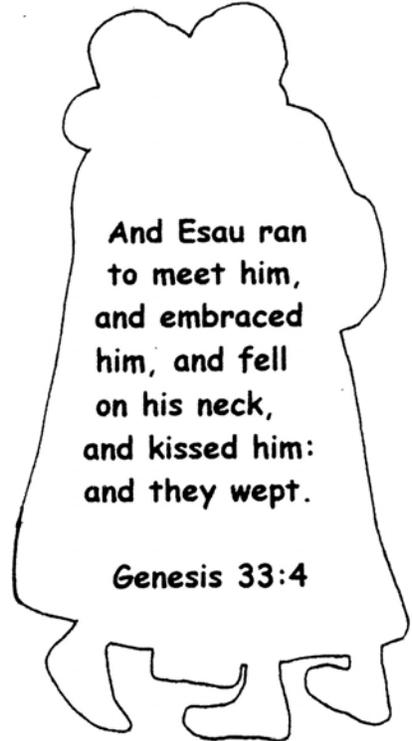
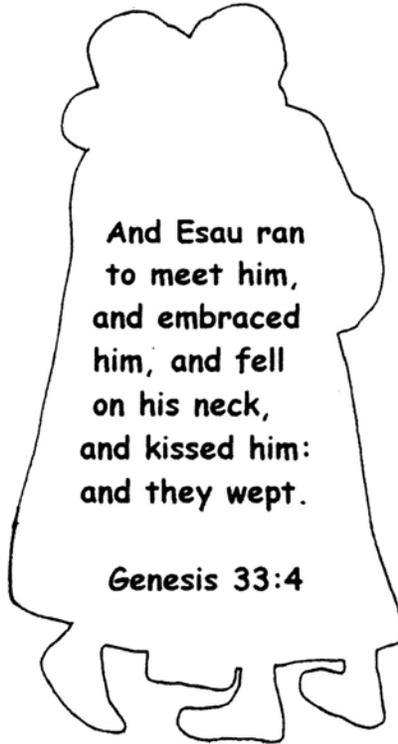
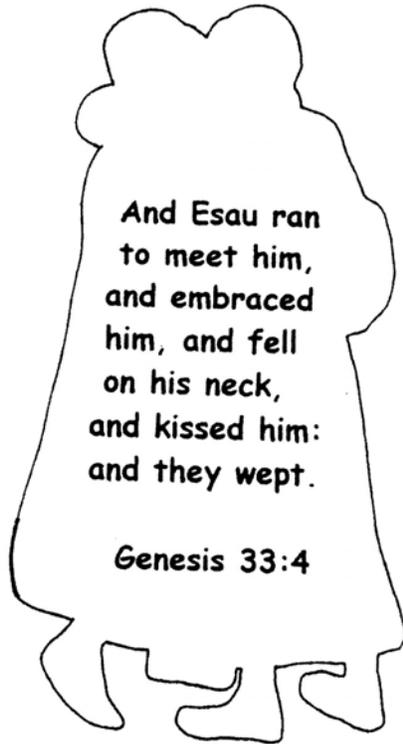
Jacob built an altar at Shechem and worshiped God. He called it “EloheIsrael”, which means “the mighty God of Israel”. Jacob had promised God he would worship and praise Him if He brought him back in safety to his home in Canaan. God did, and Jacob built the altar and gave God the praise.

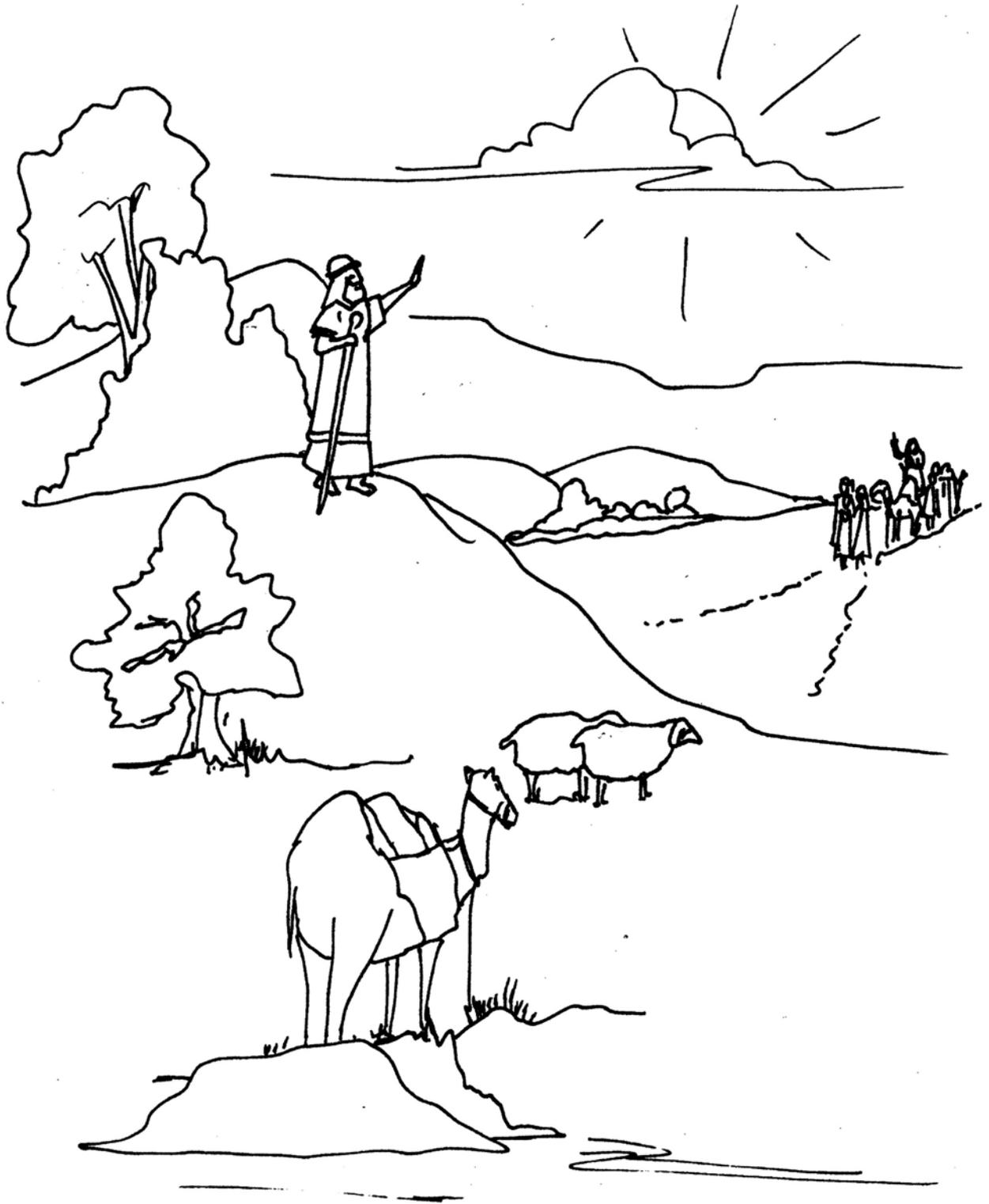
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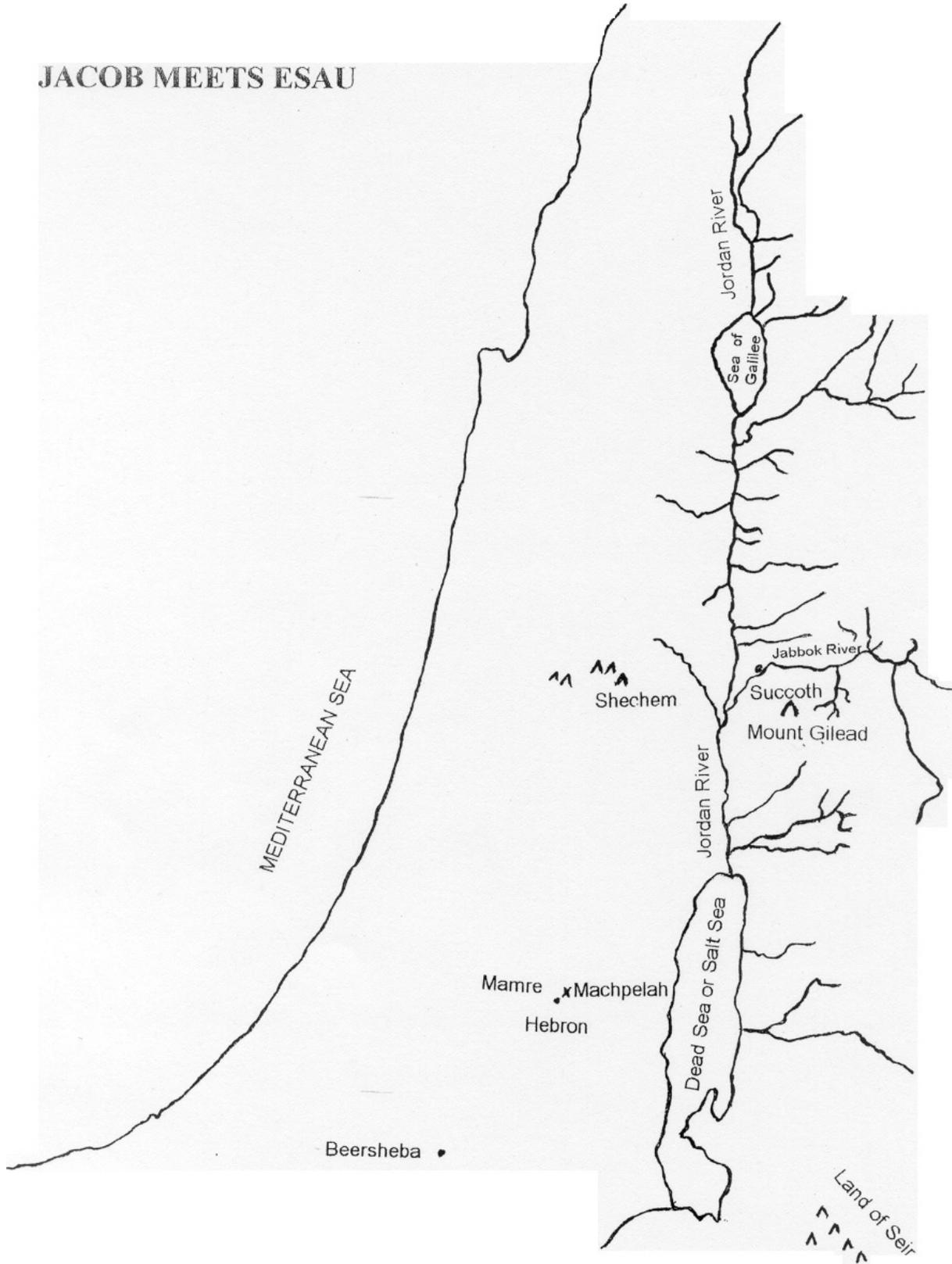
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MEMORY VERSE PATTERN PAGE





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ANSWER PAGE

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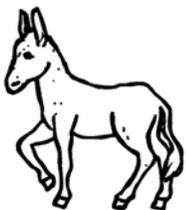
How many rams (male)  did he send? 20

How many milch  did he send? 30

How many of their colts  did he send? 30

How many  did he send? 40

How many  did he send? 10

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How many foals (young)  did he send? 10

How many animals did Jacob send to Esau? 580

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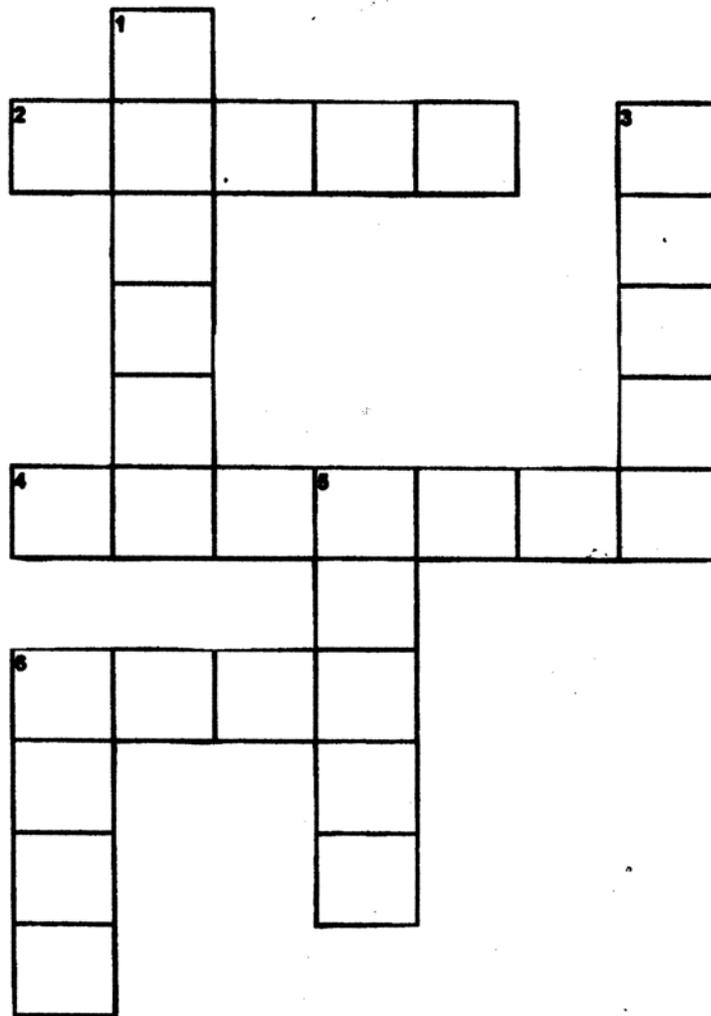
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- 6. Jacob's brother

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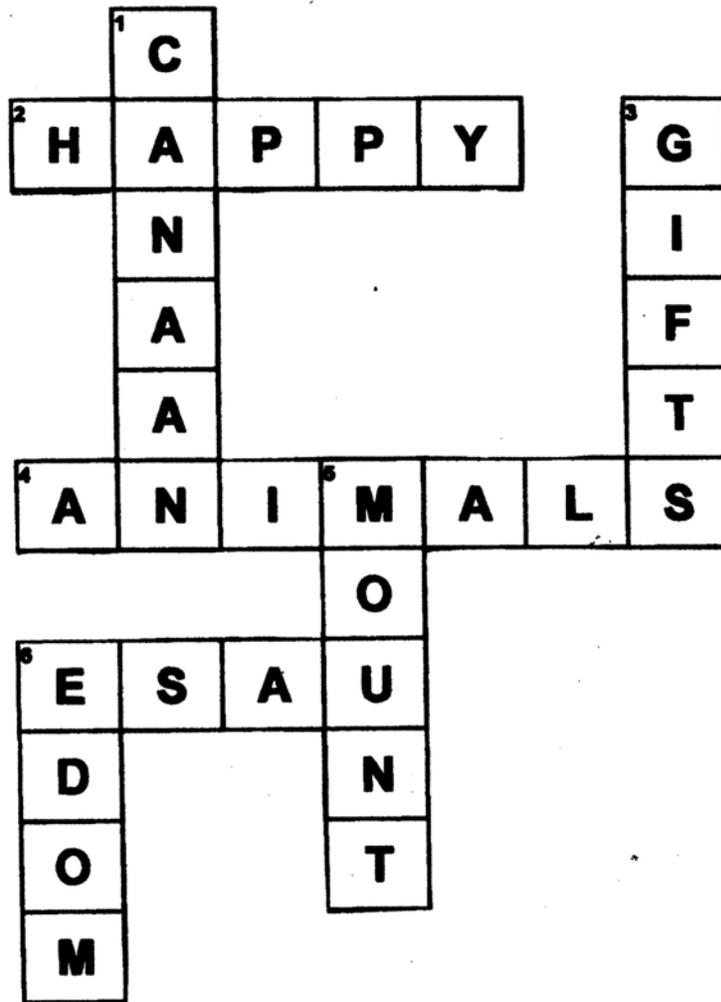
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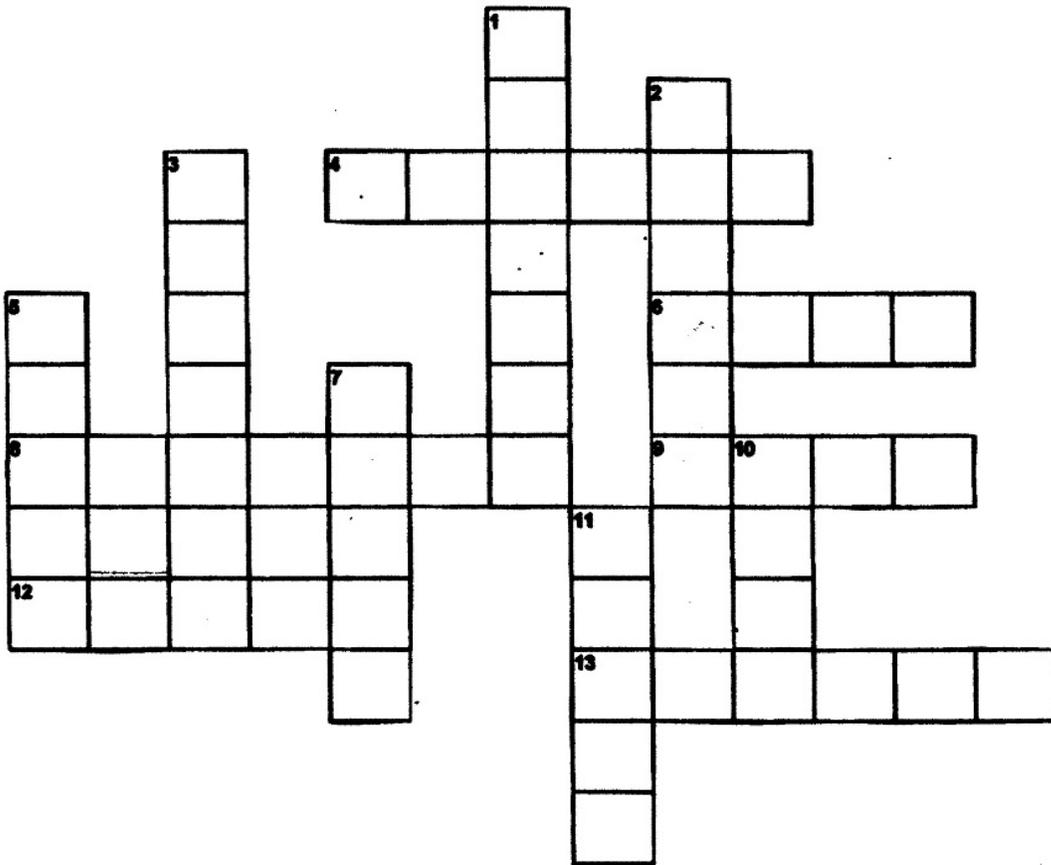
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JACOB'S SONS ARE DECEITFUL

Genesis 34:1-31

Jacob had a reputation of being deceitful. To be deceitful means “deceiving, or an attempt to deceive, to be dishonest.” Deceive means “to mislead, to cheat, to gain something for one’s self by causing others to believe something that is not true, trickery.” Jacob’s name meant “trickster”. From his early life he was a deceiver. He deceived Esau when he took his birthright. He deceived his father into thinking he was Esau, and stole the blessing that should have been Esau’s. He fled his home under false pretense. His mother helped him devise a scheme so that his father sent him away to the home of Laban to find a wife, when he really was running from Esau in order to protect his life. Jacob met someone who was also a deceiver when he went to live with Laban. Laban deceived him, and tricked him into marrying Leah thinking it was Rachel. So Jacob did not always get away with his dishonesty.

When Abraham first came into the land of Canaan, which God had promised to him and his descendants, he came to Shechem (Sichem), Genesis 12:6-7. *“And the Canaanite was then in the land. And the Lord appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the Lord, who appeared unto him.”*

Jacob left home because of his fear of Esau, and he went to live with his uncle Laban in Haran. He lived there for twenty years and God told him it was time to return to his homeland. He began the long trip back to Canaan with his large family, his servants, and all of his possessions that he had acquired in Haran. When Jacob returned to the land of Canaan, he came to a city in Shechem, Genesis 33:18. He bought land there from a man named Hamor, the head of the Hivites, a group of Canaanites who lived in the land. The first thing he did was build an altar, and called it EleloheIsrael, meaning “the mighty God”, because he had promised to give glory to the God of Israel. He set up his tent, dug a well for water, and lived in Shechem for several years.

Some of Jacob’s sons, the sons of Leah, are now grown men. His daughter, Dinah, has grown up to be a young woman. One day she went out to get acquainted with the other young women in the land, the daughters of the Hivites. Hamor had a son who was also named Shechem. He felt very important because his father was the head of the Hivites, and he was a prince in that country. He thought he could have anything he wanted. When Dinah came to visit the young women in the land, he saw her and decided he wanted to marry her.

Shechem did not treat Dinah respectfully, and when Jacob heard about it, he waited until his sons came in from the fields where they were taking care of the animals. When he told them, they were sad, and then they became very angry. Hamor came to see Jacob and his sons, which was according to the custom of the people, and asked permission for his son, Shechem, to marry Dinah. Hamor wanted to make an agreement with Jacob where the daughters of the Hivites would marry the sons and grandsons of Jacob, and the daughters and

granddaughters of Jacob would marry the sons of the Hivites. By their children marrying one another, this would make them as one people. (Remember, God has promised Jacob that He will make his descendants a new nation of people, a separate nation of people from those around them. God did not want them joining with the Canaanites because the Canaanites worshiped idol gods.) Hamor promised if Jacob would agree to this, he would have the freedom to come and go as he pleased in their land. He could buy and sell, trade, and do business in order to gain possessions anywhere he wanted. Genesis 34:10, *“And ye shall dwell with us: and the land shall be before you; dwell and trade ye therein, and get you possessions therein.”* God had already given this land to Jacob, but because the Hivites were living there, Jacob paid them for the land on which he lived. Now Hamor is offering to make him a part of ‘one big family’ by intermarrying.

Shechem came to Jacob and Dinah’s brothers and begged to be allowed to marry Dinah. (She could not marry without her father’s and her brothers’ permission.) Shechem said, “I will give anything you ask if you will let me marry Dinah.” Her brothers did not mention his being disrespectful of Dinah, but they sought to get revenge. Verse 13 tells us, *“And the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father deceitfully.”* They were not honest, and they lied to Shechem and Hamor. Neither was Hamor being honest with Jacob’s sons, because he was a greedy man. Hamor and Shechem went to the city gate (where business was transacted) and talked to the men of the city of Shechem. Hamor convinced them that they must make an agreement with Jacob. In verse 21 Hamor said, “These men live peacefully with us; therefore let them dwell in the land, and trade in the land, because the land is large enough for them and us; let us take their daughters to us for wives, and let us give them our daughters.” V. 23, *“Shall not their cattle and their substance and every beast of theirs be ours? only let us consent unto them and they will dwell with us.”* Hamor was greedy. He said, “If we make an agreement with them, than we will come to own everything that is theirs.”

Hamor did not count on dealing with deceitful people. They came to an agreement, and Dinah was married to Shechem. Without Jacob knowing it, two of Dinah’s brothers, Simeon and Levi, waited for a convenient time. Simeon and Levi took punishment into their own hands because Shechem had been disrespectful of their sister. When the time was right, they took their swords, went into the city, and killed Hamor and Shechem and all of the men of the city. They took Dinah out of Shechem’s house and brought her home. They went throughout the city and took their sheep, and oxen, and donkeys. They also took all of their animals that were out in the fields. They went into their houses and took their gold and silver, and any jewels they found. They also took all of their possessions, any food or clothing, or household goods that were of any value. Then they took their children and their wives as captives, to be their slaves. They left nothing in the city except the bodies of the men they had killed.

When Jacob heard what they had done, he was displeased. He did not like what his sons had done. He knew God was displeased with their actions. In verse 30 Jacob told Simeon and Levi, *“Ye have troubled me to make me to stink among the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites: and I being few in number, they shall gather themselves*

together against me, and slay me; and I shall be destroyed, I and my house.” Jacob was worried about what would happen when the Canaanites and the Perizzites, another group of people who lived in the land, heard what they had done. He said, “You have caused us to be an abomination, to stink, or be as filth and a bad odor that needs to be gotten rid of. The other nations will gather together and outnumber us. They will come with their armies and destroy us.” Simeon and Levi justified their actions by saying they were defending their sister.

Even when Jacob and his sons were disobedient and deceitful, God protected them, because God made a promise. God always keeps His promises. He promised Abraham, then Isaac, then Jacob that He would make of their descendants a great nation, and He promised Jacob He would take care of him wherever he went. God keeps His promises. God was not always pleased with their actions, and many times punished them, but He still kept His promises.

Genesis 35:1, *“And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God, that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother.”* God told Jacob to go back to Bethel. Go back to the place where he promised God he would serve Him. Go back to the place Jacob called “the house of God”. Verse 5, *“And they journeyed: and the terror of God was upon the cities that were round about them, and they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob.”* God put fear into the people who lived in the area, and they did not harm Jacob.

MEMORY VERSE: Jeremiah 17:9

“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?”

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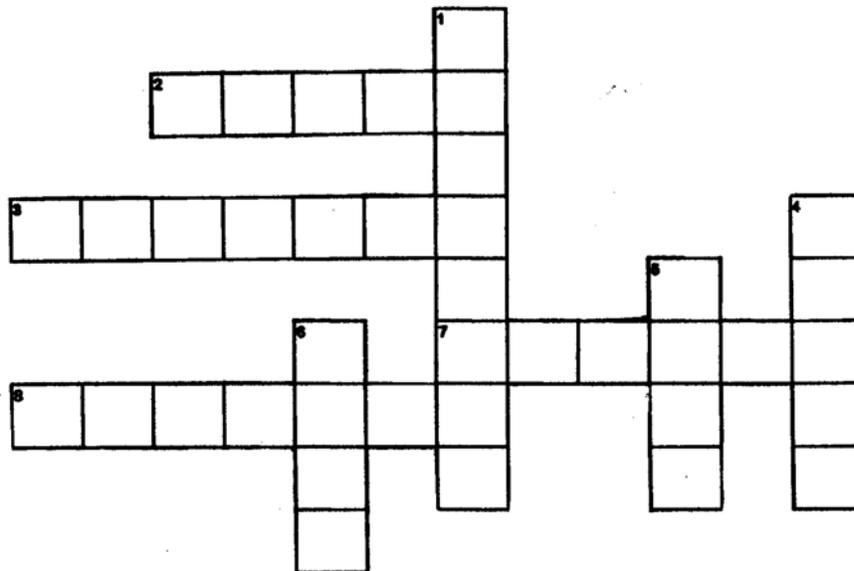
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| Hivites | to be dishonest |
| Dinah | Jacob's sons |
| Simeon and Levi | son of Hamor |

ACROSS

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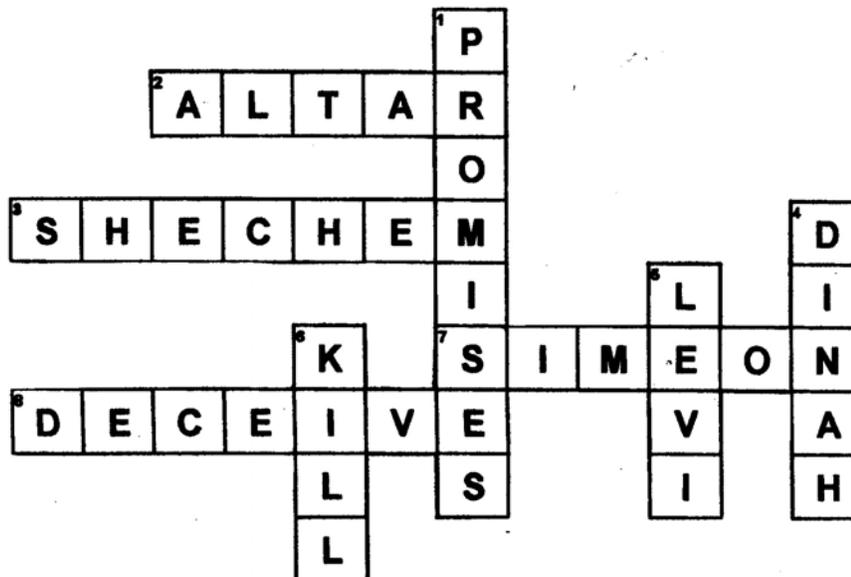
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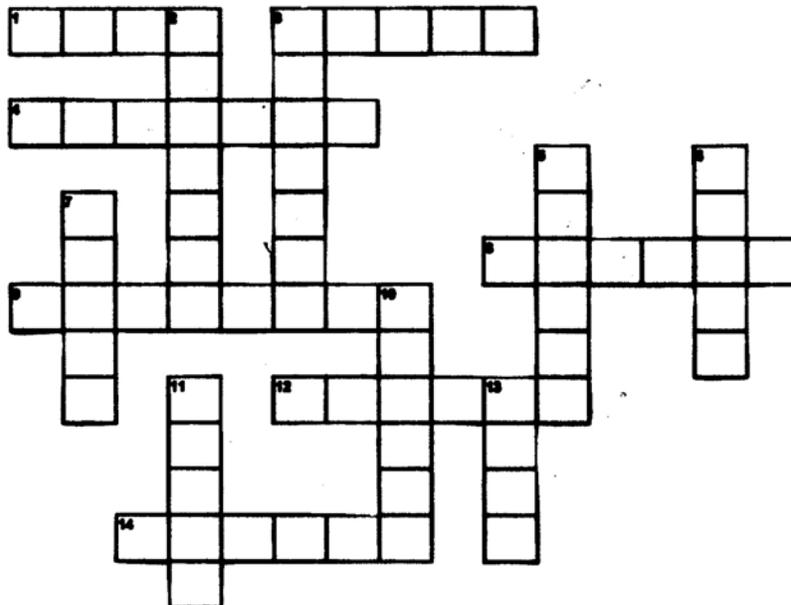
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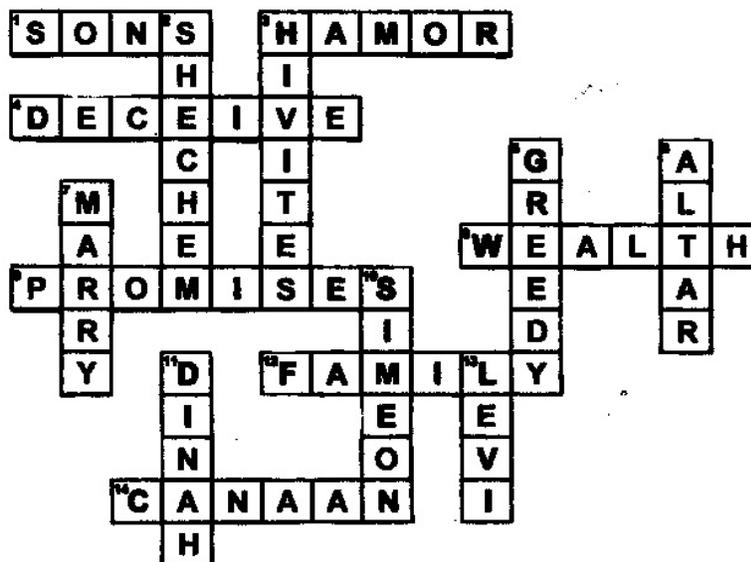
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JACOB GOES BACK TO BETHEL

Genesis 35:1-15

“And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there:”

Several years have passed since Jacob returned to the land of Canaan. His older sons have grown up to be men. They work for their father, and care for the sheep and other animals in the fields. Their sister, Dinah, went to visit with the young women of the Hivites who lived in the city of Shechem. Hamor, the head of the Hivites, had a son who was also named Shechem. Because Shechem mistreated Dinah, two of her brothers, Simeon and Levi, became very angry, and at a convenient time, they came into the city of Shechem and killed all the men of the city. They took all of their possessions, anything of value, and took their women and children as captives to work for them as slaves. This was a terrible thing to do, and a bad mistake. When Jacob heard of it, he was angry and frightened. He said, “Because you have done this, you have made me to stink among the people who live in the land. Because we are small in number, the Canaanites and Perizzites will join together and kill me and destroy all of my family as punishment for what you have done.”

It seems Jacob had forgotten God’s promise to always take care of him, and to make of his descendants a great nation. God does not overlook wrong doing, and He punishes those who do wrong, but He always keeps His promises. Jacob feared he could not live in the land because the other nations would want to get even with him for what his sons had done to the Hivites. Once again God took care of Jacob. He told him to get up and go back to Bethel and stay there, and build an altar to worship God.

Bethel means “house of God.” Jacob had been to this place before. It got its name because it was where Jacob had a dream, and in this dream he was in the presence of God. Jacob feared for his life and fled from his brother, Esau, because he had done wrong and Esau was very angry. When he stopped to rest and sleep at the city of Luz, he had a dream. He saw angels going up and down on a ladder that reached into the presence of God. Jacob heard a voice speak from the top of this ladder. It was the voice of God. God told Jacob not to be afraid. He would go with him wherever he went, and take care of him wherever he was. God promised to bring Jacob back to the land of Canaan to take possession of it for his descendants. Jacob felt reassured when God spoke to him, and he promised God that if God would take care of him and bring him back to his father’s house in peace, he would worship and serve Him, and give unto Him one tenth of all his financial increase. Jacob set up a monument to God, and called the place Bethel, because he was in the presence of God.

Jacob was afraid when he came back to meet Esau after twenty years. He feared Esau would still be angry and try to destroy him. He had forgotten God’s promise. When Jacob’s sons, Simeon and Levi did this terrible thing to the people of Shechem, Jacob feared once again for his life. He seems to have again forgotten the promise of God. God spoke to Jacob,

and said, “Get up and go to Bethel and live there, and make there an altar unto God that appeared unto you when you fled from the face of Esau, your brother.” God reminded Jacob of the incident at Bethel. God still intended to take care of Jacob and make a great nation of his descendants. God remembered what happened at Bethel, and He knew Jacob remembered what happened at Bethel. God wanted him to go back and have his faith renewed.

Jacob immediately obeyed God and began to make plans to leave and go back to Bethel, but he did not intend to go until something changed at home. When Jacob went to live at Haran with his uncle, Laban, the people there worshiped idol gods. Laban worshiped idol gods. The daughters of Laban, Leah and Rachel, were taught to worship idol gods. Even though Laban worshiped idols, God blessed him for Jacob’s sake. Laban knew that the blessings from the God in heaven was the reason his animals increased while Jacob cared for them. Laban knew it was the God in heaven that gave him his wealth. But he still worshiped idols.

When Jacob told his wives, Leah and Rachel, that God told him to go back to Canaan, Rachel secretly sneaked into the tent of her father while he was away shearing the sheep and stole his idols. She hid them from Jacob. No one knew she had them. When Laban realized they were gone, he came looking for Jacob. He accused Jacob of stealing the idols. Rachel hid them in the camel furniture that she rode on, and when her father searched all of the possessions of everyone there, she was sitting on the camel furniture, so he did not search it. He did not find the idols. Rachel had kept them for all of these years since she left Haran. At some point in time Jacob must have realized she had the idols. Leah and the two handmaids probably also possessed idol gods. Jacob’s servants may have brought idols with them. The people in Canaan worshiped idols, so the servants that Jacob had acquired in the land of Canaan owned idols. His sons possibly acquired idols from the Canaanites.

When God told Jacob to go back to Bethel where he met God before, there was something Jacob wanted to do first. He called all of his household (wives, children, and servants) and said to them, Genesis 35:2-3, “*Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments: And let us arise, and go up to Bethel; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went.*” Jacob told all of his household to get rid of the strange gods that they owned, and take a bath and put on clean clothes. He said, “We are going to Bethel. There I will make an altar to the God in heaven. He is the One who cared for me when I needed help and protection. He is the One who took care of me all these years. He is the One we are going to worship.”

V. 4, “*And they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods which were in their hand, and all their earrings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak which was by Shechem.*” They gave Jacob all of their idol gods, their images, their statues, and the ones they wore as jewelry. Many of the idols were small images that they carried with them. Some were larger and were set up in temples where the people came to worship. There was a superstition

associated with the wearing of earrings. Many times they were gems or metal charms with something inscribed on them, attached to rings, and worn in their ears for protection as well as decoration. They believed their earrings would ward off evil, or bring them good fortune. Anything they trusted to help them, to protect them, or to bring them good luck was an idol to them, and when they trusted it, they were not trusting God. God was not pleased when they wore their jewelry thinking it would protect them, and did not depend on Him. He was displeased when they wore their idols in their ears or around their necks, depending on that to bring them prosperity, rather than trusting God for His blessings which He had promised to them if they would only worship and serve Him.

They gave Jacob all their idols and their earrings and he hid them, or buried them, under an oak tree which was near Shechem. Then they began their trip to Bethel. As they traveled God caused the people around them to be afraid of them. He put terror on the cities that were round about them, and they did not harm them. They let them travel through the land in peace.

Jacob and all the people with him came to Luz, which he had earlier called “Bethel”, meaning “house of God”. He built an altar that he called “El-bethel”, which means “the God of Bethel”. He built the altar in memory of God’s appearance to him when he was running away from Esau and God sent him a vision of angels going up and down a ladder to remind him that His angels were around Jacob at all times even when he didn’t know it. God appeared to Jacob again and blessed him. God reminded him, v. 10, *“thy name is Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and He called his name Israel.”* When we speak of the descendants of Jacob we call them the “children of Israel”. The twelve sons of Jacob make up the twelve “tribes” (or families) of Israel. God also reminded him that He was the “Almighty God”, and renewed His promise that He would give him the land, and would give him many, many descendants, and make of them a great nation. God keeps His promises.

God left Jacob, and Jacob set up a stone as a monument in the place where God spoke to him. He poured a drink offering on the stone, and anointed it with oil. This dedicated it to God as a special monument. It was a reminder of a special place where God met with Jacob.

“And Jacob called the name of the place where God spake with him, Bethel.”

MEMORY VERSE: Genesis 35:15

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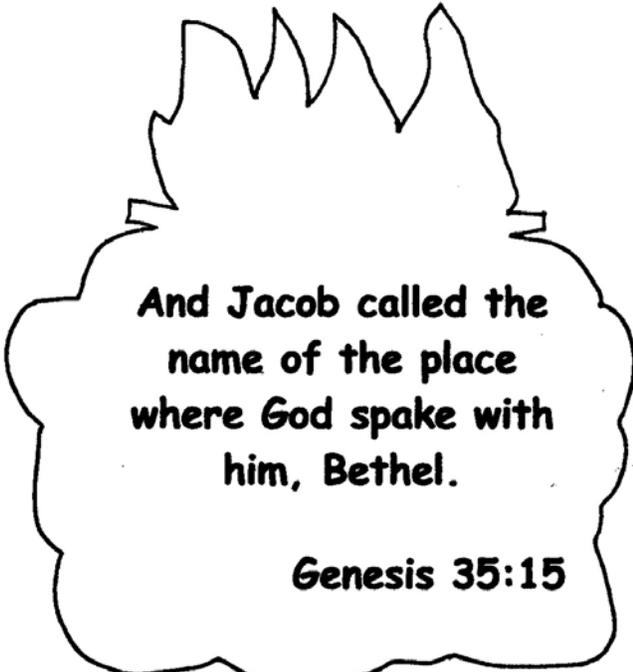
JACOB GOES BACK TO BETHEL

For Class Discussion

1. How did Jacob display his lack of faith in God?
 2. What promise did God keep to Jacob?
 3. How did Jacob display his determination to serve God?
 4. How did Jacob obey God's command?
 5. What was the importance of Jacob going back to Bethel?
 6. What promises did God renew to Jacob?
 7. What did "Bethel" and "El-Bethel" mean?
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 2. God kept His promise to protect Jacob by putting fear on the people in the cities of Canaan so that they did not harm him and let him travel through the land in peace.
 3. Jacob made all of his family members and his servants get rid of their idol gods. He made them bring them to him and he buried them under an oak tree near Shechem.
 4. Jacob did as God told him and took his family back to live at Bethel, and built an altar at Bethel to worship God.
 5. It was a reminder of God's earlier promise when Jacob was running away from Esau that He would be with him, would always protect him, and would bring him back in peace to live in the land of Canaan. He also reminded him that He had changed his name from Jacob to Israel, and he would no longer be called Jacob, but Israel.
 6. He would be with him, He would bless him, He would protect him wherever he went, He would bless him with many children, He would make of his descendants a great nation, and He would give this land to him that He had given to Abraham and to Isaac,
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JACOB GOES BACK TO BETHEL

**MEMORY VERSE
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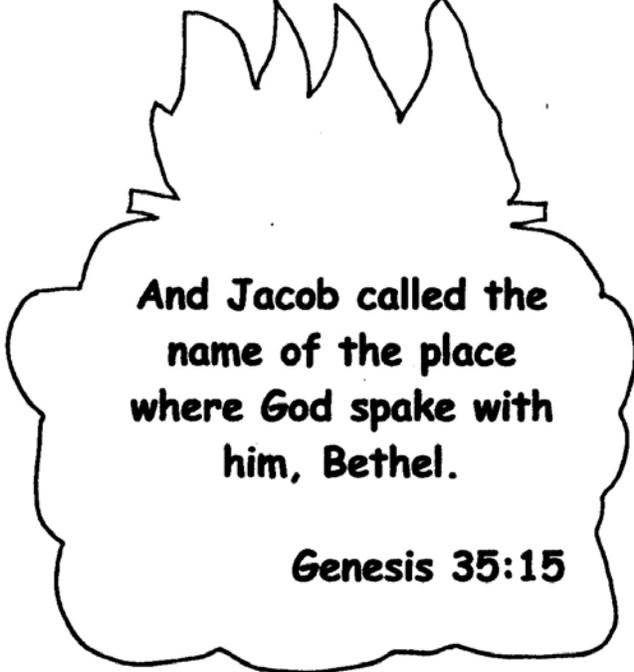
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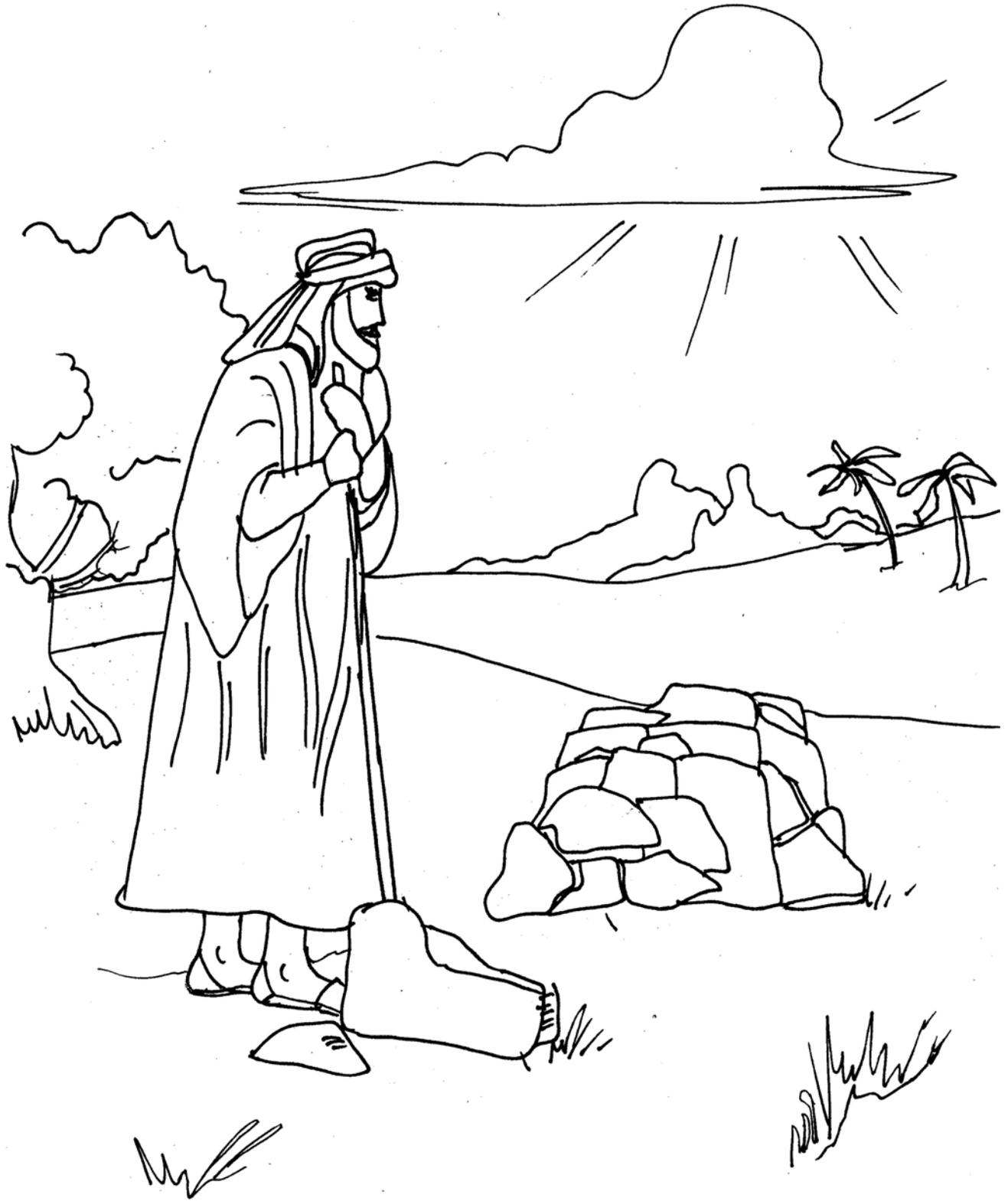
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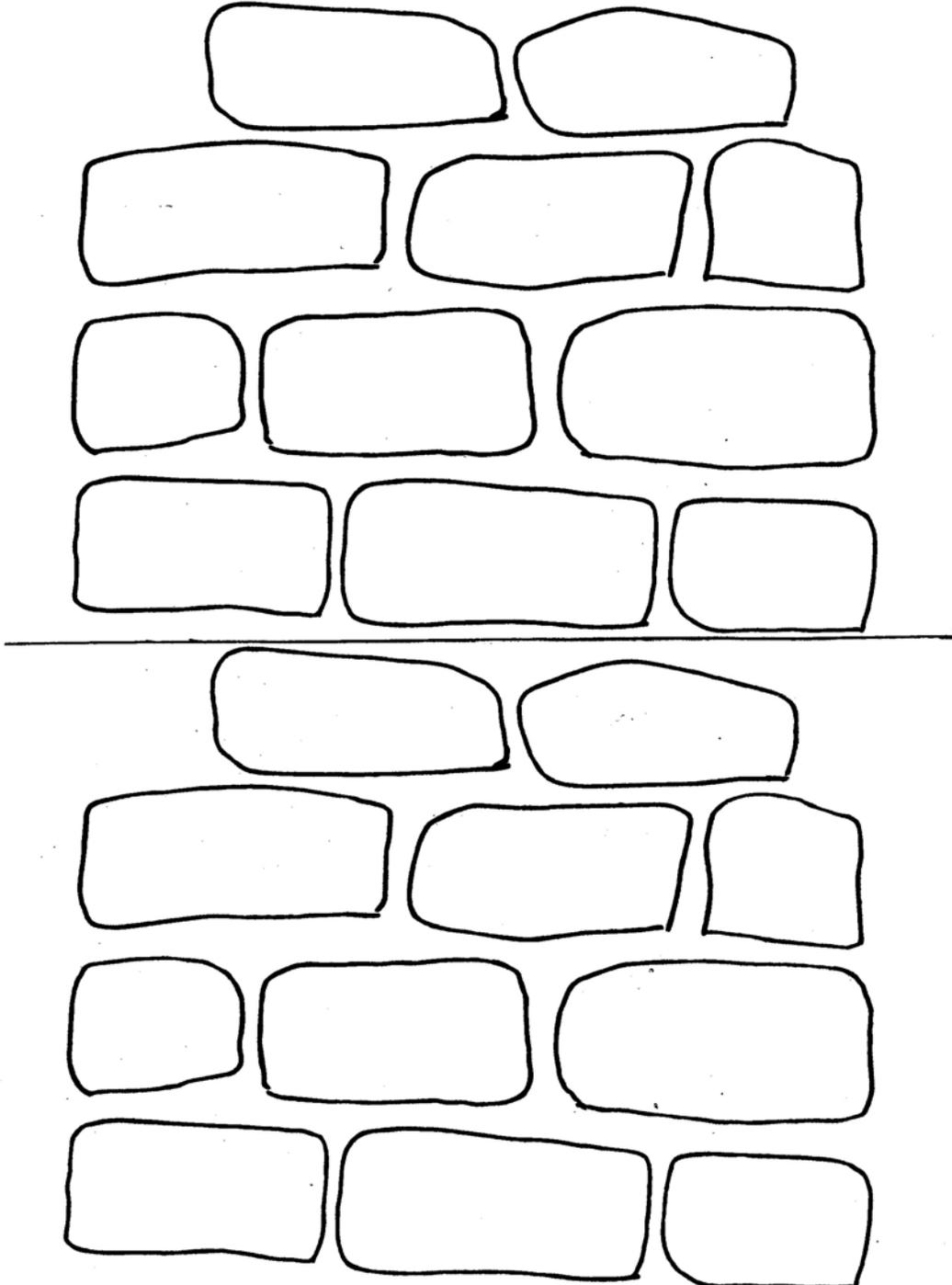
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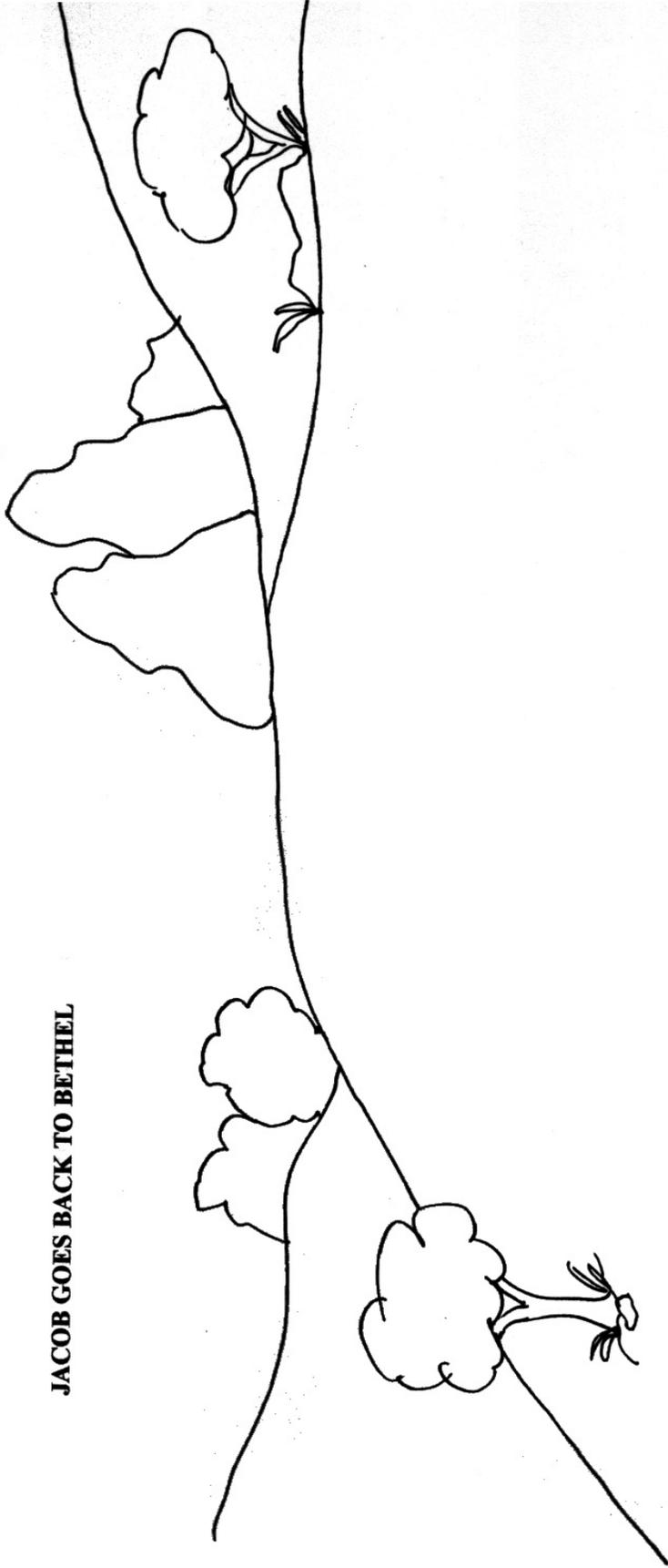
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Copy one set of rocks for altar on gray construction paper for each child, to be cut out and pasted on following picture. Color picture.

Optional: Cut sticks from brown paper, or use toothpicks, and paste on top of altar and draw flames, or cut or tear small pieces of orange paper and glue on for flames.



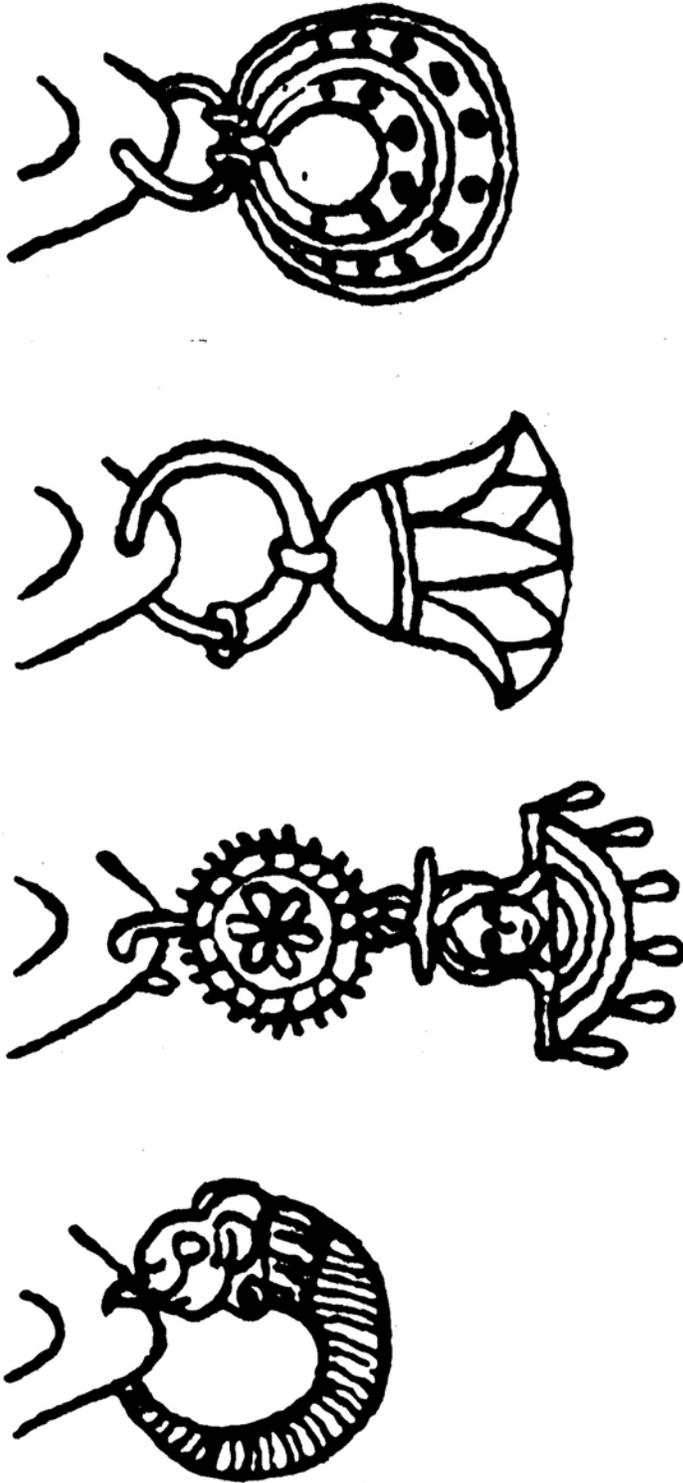
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JACOB GOES BACK TO BETHEL



Ancient Earrings

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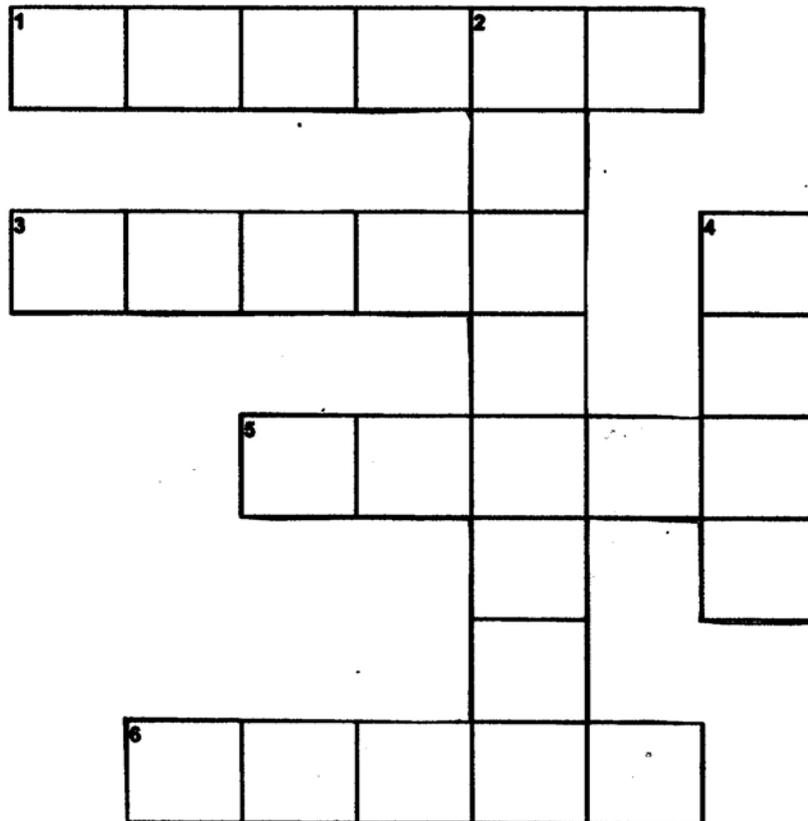
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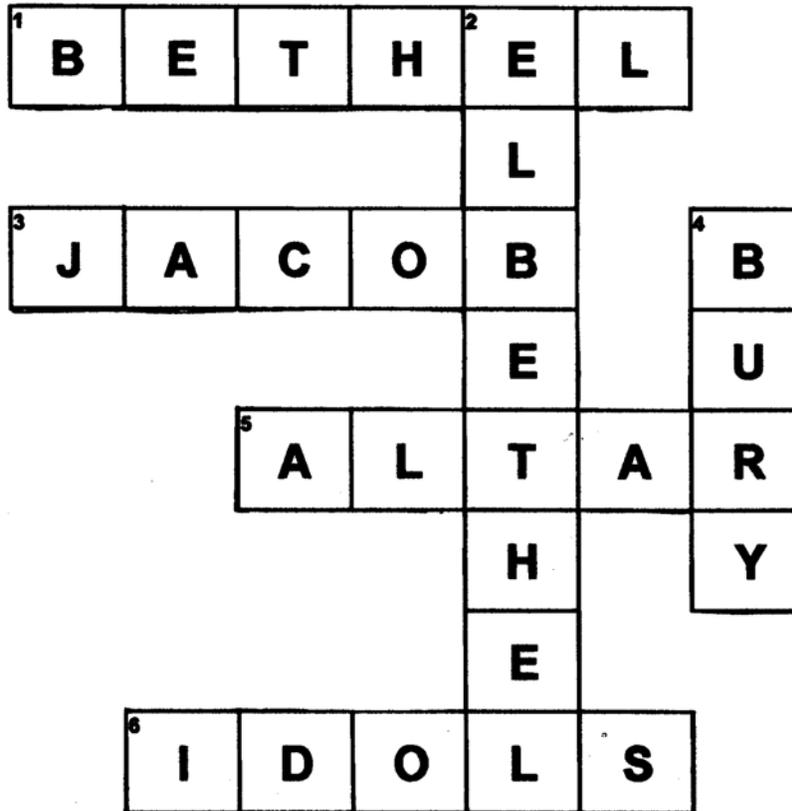
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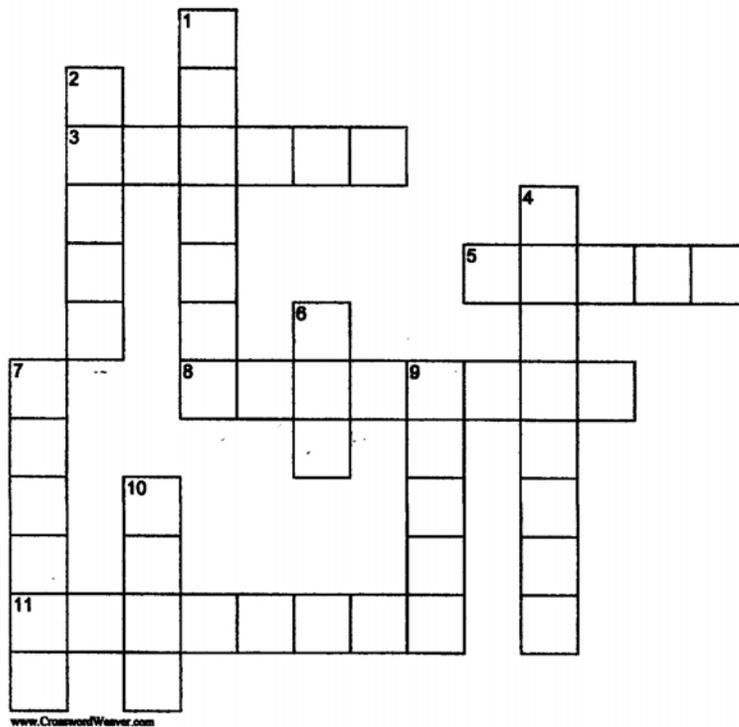
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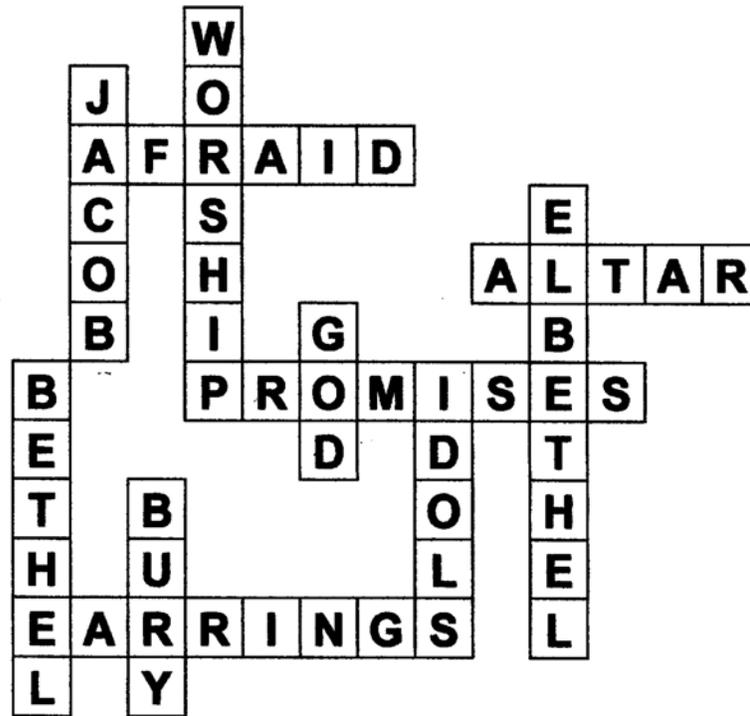


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THE DEATH OF RACHEL

Genesis 35:16-21, 27-29; 36:1-8, 40-43; 49:28-32

The first place Jacob lived when he returned to Canaan was Shechem. He was well received by the Hivites who lived in this area and bought land from Hamor, the head of the Hivite people. He dug a well to have water for his family and his cattle and sheep. The well was used by many generations of people and was known simply as “Jacob’s well”. In the New Testament it is still referred to as “Jacob’s well”. All seemed to go well for Jacob and his family until two of his sons, Simeon and Levi, in anger, killed all the men of Shechem, confiscated their possessions and took their wives and children as slaves. Jacob was badly disturbed by their actions and feared for his life, but God kept His promise to take care of Jacob. God told Jacob to go back to Bethel and again build an altar to renew his faith, and worship Him. Bethel is where God first told Jacob that He would protect him wherever he went and bring him back to his father in peace. God’s method of keeping this promise was to place fear on the inhabitants of the cities between Shechem and Bethel, so that they did not harm Jacob and his family as they traveled to Bethel.

Before they built the altar at Bethel to worship God, Jacob demanded that his family and his servants get rid of all their idols. They brought their idol gods and their earrings, which were gods or images that they wore on their ears for protection, to Jacob and he hid them beneath an oak tree close by Shechem. Bethel means “house of God”. Jacob built an altar there because it was where God first appeared to him when he was running away from Esau. After Jacob built the altar and worshiped God, God renewed His promise to Jacob, and again told him his name had been Jacob, but now it would be Israel, which means, “having power with God, or God’s fighter”.

Jacob stayed at Bethel for a while and then traveled toward Bethlehem. On the way something very important happened. Benjamin was born. Benjamin was the twelfth son of Jacob, and the second son of Rachel. Benjamin was a very special child because Jacob loved his mother more than all his other wives. But something sad happened to mar this joyous occasion. When Benjamin was born, Rachel died. She knew she was going to die, so she called her son Benoni, which means, “son of my pain, or son of my sorrow”, but his father named him Benjamin, which means, “son of my right hand”. We do not hear anymore about Benjamin for several years. He was Joseph’s younger brother. Joseph and Benjamin were the only two sons of Rachel. Joseph, the first son of Rachel, was the son that Jacob loved more than all his other sons, but Benjamin was also special to him because he was the youngest son, and Rachel’s son, and because his mother died soon after he was born.

Rachel had believed in her heart that someday God would give her another son, because when her first son was born she named him Joseph which meant, “May He (God) add”. Rachel said “I will name him Joseph, because *“The Lord shall add to me another son.”* Genesis 30:24. She believed for many years, and finally God did add another son. Joseph was

probably about six years old when Benjamin was born. All of Jacob's sons except Benjamin were born in Padanaram (Haran) where he lived and worked for Laban. Benjamin was the only one born after they came back to the land of Canaan. They were near Bethlehem when Rachel died, so this is where she was buried. Jacob placed a large stone monument on her grave to mark the place, and it remained for many years as a reminder of where Rachel was buried.

Jacob had traveled as far down as Bethlehem, which was probably about fifteen miles from Hebron. He went a little way outside the city of Bethlehem and put up his tent at a place he called Edar, which means "a flock". His flocks of sheep and his herds of animals needed a place to graze and the people needed to rest, so he stayed at Edar for a while, then he went on to Mamre. The Bible doesn't tell us what happened during the years after Rachel died until Jacob came to his father at Mamre. Genesis 35:19-21 tells us she died and was buried at Bethlehem, and Jacob traveled to Edar and set up his tent. Then verse 27 tells us "*And Jacob came unto Isaac his father unto Mamre, unto the city of Arbah, which is Hebron.*"

Hebron was located on top of a mountain, on the plains of Mamre where Isaac had lived with his father, Abraham, and his mother, Sarah. They had traveled south to Beersheba (Genesis 22:19) searching for grazing land for their herds, and because Sarah was getting old, she returned to Hebron with servants to care for her, and was there when she died, Gen 23:2. Abraham came to Hebron to mourn her death. He bought a field from the men of Hebron and buried his wife, Sarah, in the cave of Machpelah which was in the field. When Abraham died, Isaac and his brother Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, at Mamre. When Isaac's wife, Rebekah, died, Isaac buried her in the same cave with the remains of the bodies of Abraham and Sarah.

Rebekah, Jacob's mother, died before Jacob returned to the land of Canaan. She had schemed and plotted, and helped him deceive his father and steal his brother's blessing, and she was punished for her dishonesty. When she sent Jacob away to go live with Laban in Haran, she would never see him again. She loved Jacob more than Esau, and made a difference in the way she treated them. Because of her actions she was denied the joy of seeing Jacob again, or seeing Jacob's children and his wives.

Isaac, Jacob's father, lived on the plains of Mamre as a boy. Then he traveled to other places and he returned to Mamre as an old man. Verse 27, "*And Jacob came unto Isaac his father unto Mamre, unto the city of Arbah, which is Hebron, where Abraham and Isaac sojourned.*" This is where Jacob found his father when he returned to the land of Canaan. God kept His promise that He would take care of Jacob and bring him back to his father in peace. When Jacob returned to Canaan he expected his brother to make trouble for him, but Esau welcomed him back in peace. Jacob brought his wives to meet his father. He brought his children to meet their grandfather. They rejoiced that Jacob had returned with his family.

We don't know how long Jacob stayed at Edar before he traveled on to Hebron to see his father. We don't know how long Jacob lived at Hebron with his father before his father

died. It was sixteen years after Rachel died until Isaac died, so Jacob probably spent most of this time with him before his death. Isaac was so happy to have Jacob return home. Now he could die in peace because he had seen his son again. When Jacob deceived his father and stole the blessing that should have been Esau's, it was because his father was very old, and was nearly blind. He thought he would soon die, and he wanted to give Esau the blessing before he died. Jacob ran away and lived in Haran for twenty years, then at least twenty-nine years passed after he left Haran. Isaac was one hundred and eighty years old when he died. God kept Isaac alive for many years so he could see Jacob once again.

Verse 29, *“And Isaac gave up the ghost, and died, and was gathered unto his people, being old and full of days: and his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.”* We haven't heard from Esau since he met Jacob and welcomed him home. He offered to lead the way to the land of Seir where he lived, but Jacob said the children and the animals must travel more slowly, so Esau went back to his home to wait for Jacob to come. It was several more years, and the next we heard from Esau was when he came to help Jacob bury their father in the cave of Machpelah at Hebron. Now Abraham and Sarah, and Isaac and Rebekah are all buried in the same cave, the cave of Machpelah at Hebron on the plains of Mamre. Genesis 49:29, Jacob instructed his sons to also bury him in the same cave when he died.

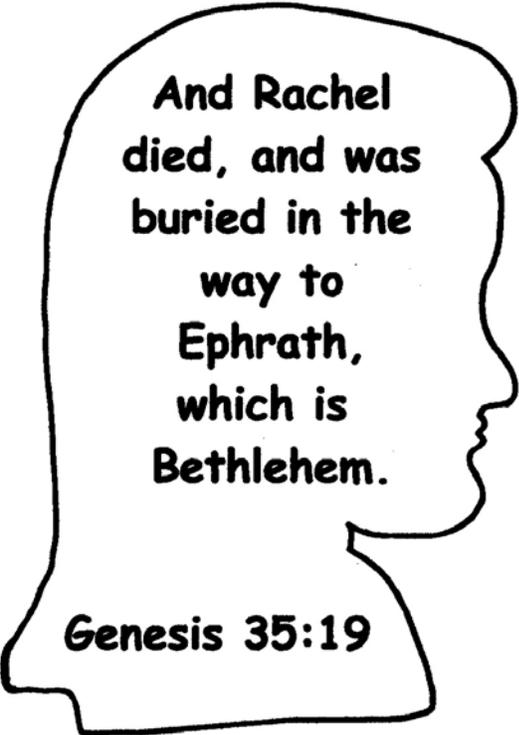
After Isaac was buried Esau didn't cause trouble for Jacob, but took his wives, his sons and daughters, his servants, his animals, and all of his possessions that he had obtained in the land of Canaan and went farther into the country away from where Jacob lived. Esau knew that all the land of his father had been given to Jacob by God for his descendants to inherit forever, so he found another place to live. Genesis 36:7 tells us that he went away because their riches were too great for them to live together. They were both very wealthy men. They each had such a large family and so many servants that it took a large area for them to set up their tents and have a place to live. They each had so many animals that the land could not produce enough grass for them to eat. They had to spread out into other areas. So Esau went to live in the land south of the Dead Sea, the land of Edom, Genesis 36:8, *“Thus dwelt Esau in mount Seir: Esau is Edom.”* Just as Jacob was called Israel, and his descendants are the children of Israel, or the Israelites, Esau was called Edom, and his descendants are the Edomites.

MEMORY VERSE: Genesis 35:19

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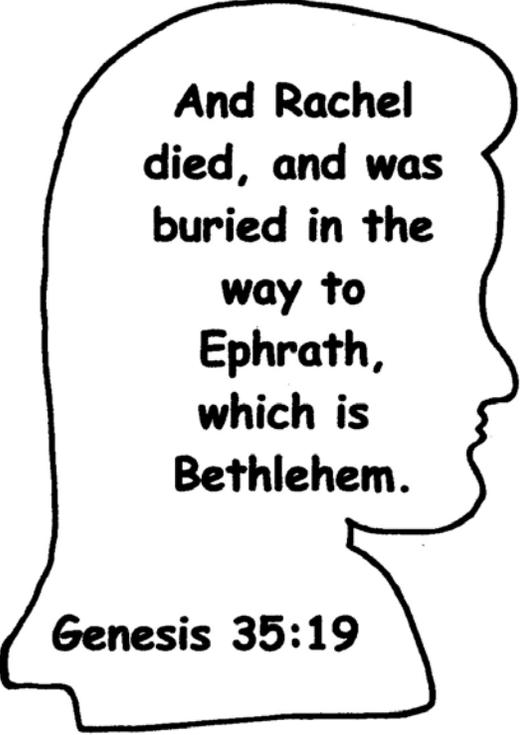
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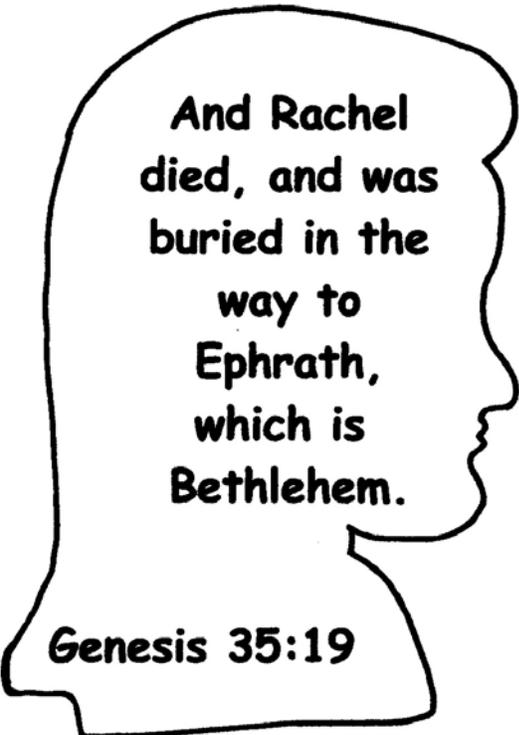
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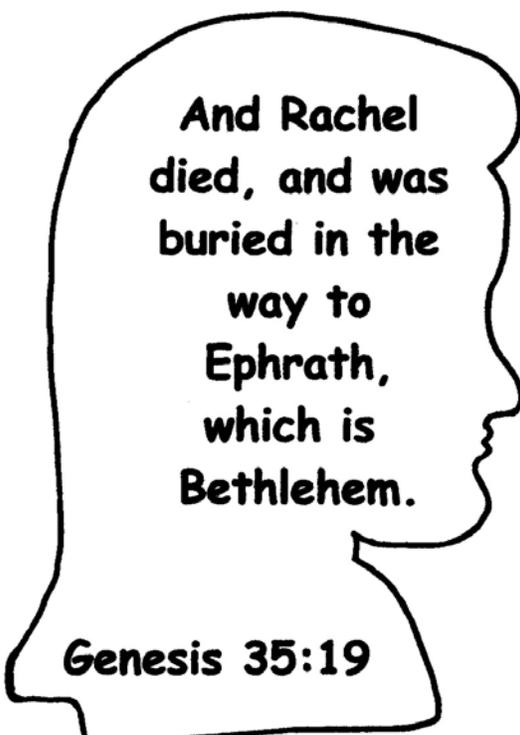
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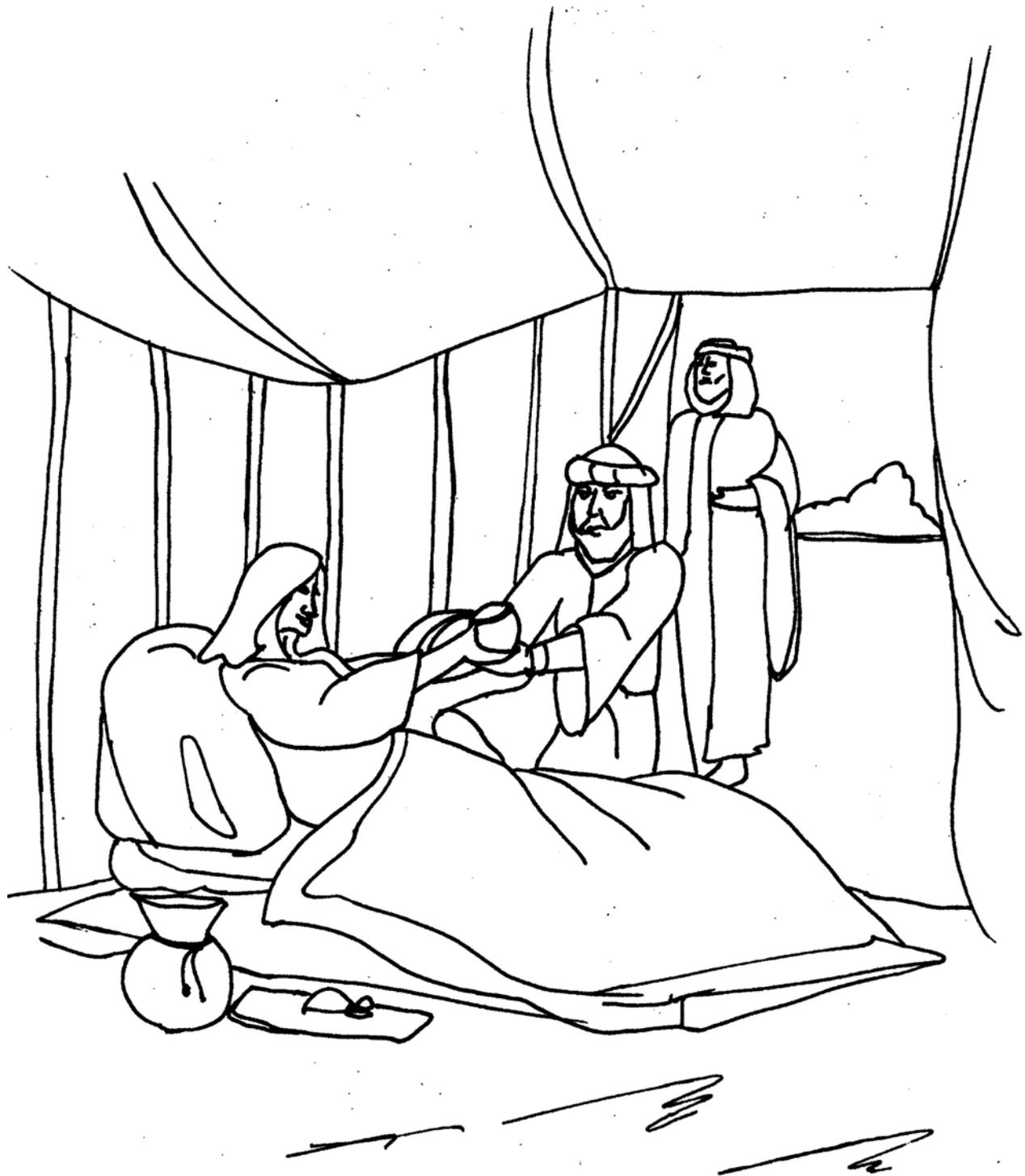
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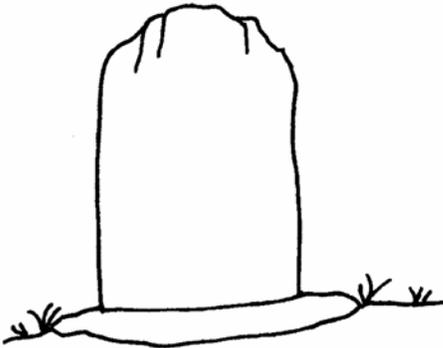
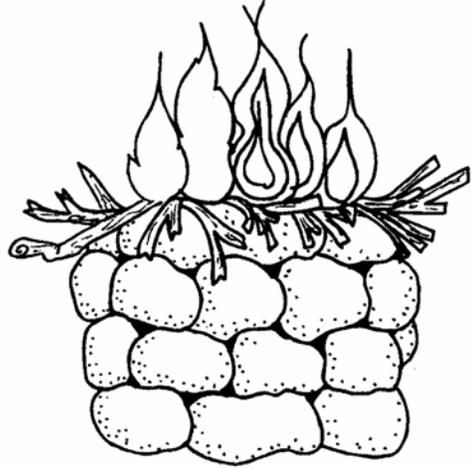
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**Rachel presented Jacob with a son before she died.
Jacob named him Benjamin.**

THE DEATH OF RACHEL

Write the answers on the line under the pictures.



What did Jacob bury under the oak tree?

Where did Jacob build an altar to worship God?

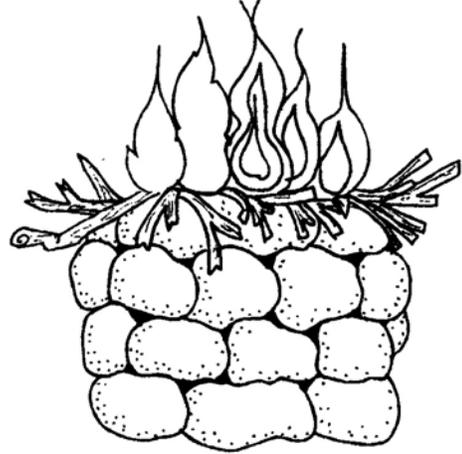
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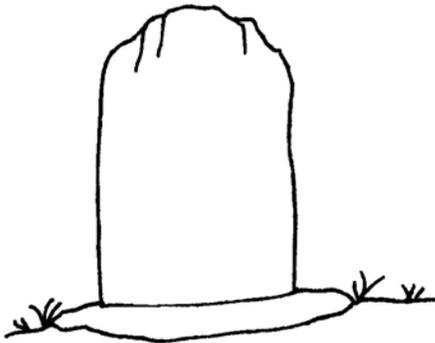
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Bethel



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THE DEATH OF RACHEL

BEGINNER
(for discussion)

Find the places on the map where these things happened:

Mount Gilead - where Laban caught up with Jacob.

Succoth - where Jacob wrestled with the angel.

Bethel - the place God told Jacob to go and build an altar.

Bethlehem - where Rachel died and was buried.

Mamre - where Jacob met with Isaac again.

Machpelah - where Jacob buried Isaac.

Edom - where Esau lived.

THE DEATH OF RACHEL

PRIMARY / JUNIOR

Look on your map and answer the following questions:

Where was Jacob when Laban caught up with him? _____

Where did Jacob wrestle with the angel? _____

Where was the first place Jacob lived when he returned to the land of Canaan? _____

Where did God tell Jacob to go and build an altar? _____

Where was Rachel buried? _____

Where did Jacob go to meet his father? _____

Where did Jacob and Esau meet again? _____

Where did Jacob and Esau bury Isaac? _____

Where had Isaac buried Jacob's mother, Rebekah? _____

Where did Esau live? _____

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Name the 4 people who were buried in the cave at Machpelah:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

[Where did Jacob ask his sons to bury him when he died?] _____

THE DEATH OF RACHEL

**PRIMARY / JUNIOR
ANSWER PAGE**

Look on your map and answer the following questions:

Where was Jacob when Laban caught up with him? Mount Gilead

Where did Jacob wrestle with the angel? Succoth

Where was the first place Jacob lived when he returned to the land
of Canaan? Shechem

Where did God tell Jacob to go and build an altar? Bethel

Where was Rachel buried? Bethlehem

Where did Jacob go to meet his father? Mamre (or Hebron)

Where did Jacob and Esau meet again? Mamre

Where did Jacob and Esau bury Isaac? cave of Macpelah

Where had Isaac buried Jacob's mother, Rebekah? cave of Macpelah

Where did Esau live? Edom or Land of Seir

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THE DEATH OF RACHEL

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ANSWER PAGE

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T	ree
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E	sau
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