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**Week 20**

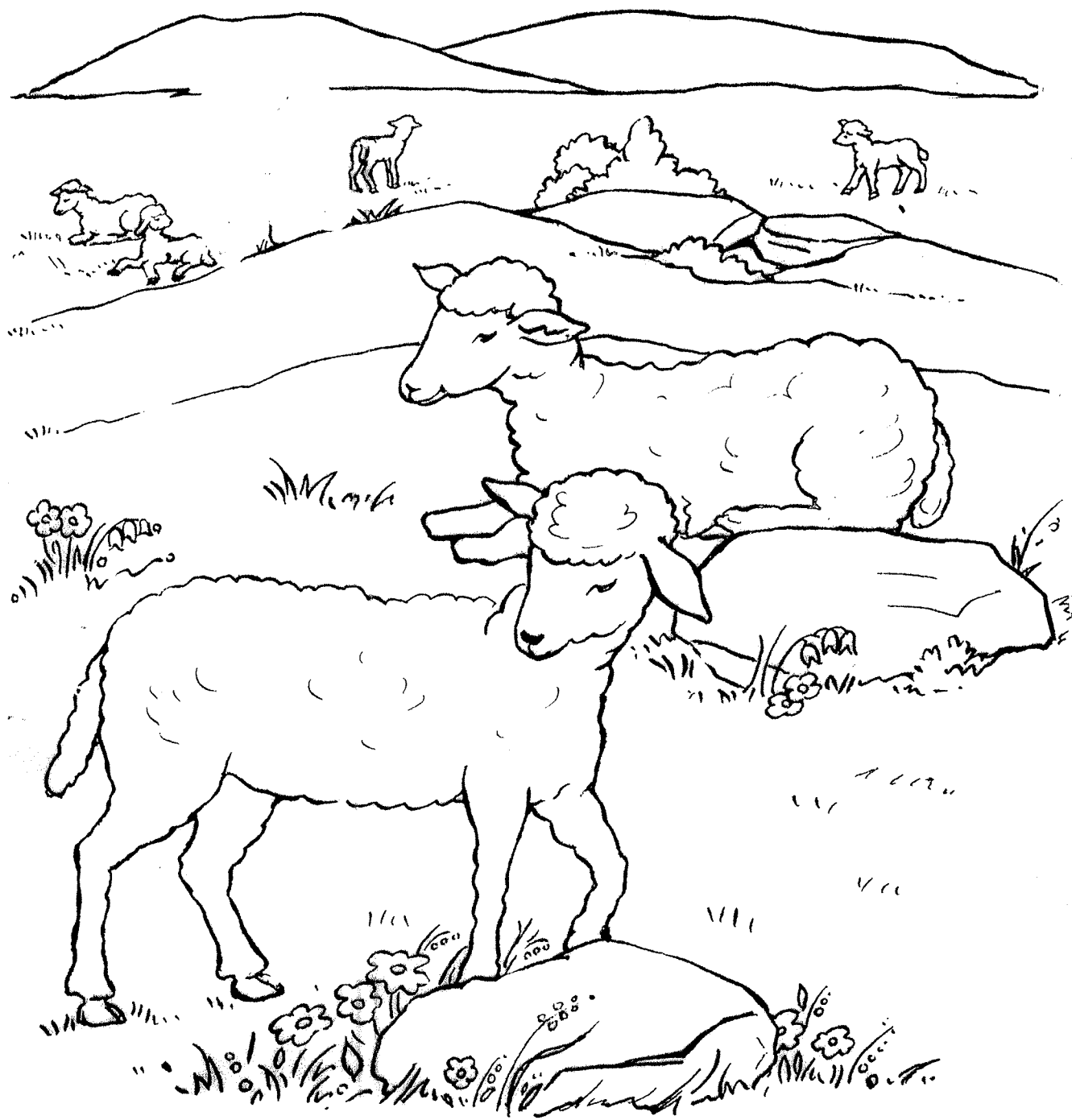
## **Jacob Works for a Wife**

**Scriptures: Genesis 29, 30: 1-24**

**Key Verse: Genesis 29:20 "So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed only a few days to him because of the love he had for her."**

### **Key Points:**

1. Jacob went on his journey to find a wife from God's special people.
2. He met Rachel at a well where she comes to water her father's sheep. He loved her at first sight.
3. Jacob agreed to work for Laban 7 years to gain Rachel for his wife.
4. Jacob served his 7 years for Rachel, but Laban tricked him after a feast and brought his daughter Leah to him instead. So Jacob agreed with Laban that he would be with Leah for 1 week, then he could have Rachel also. However, Laban required that he stay and work another 7 years for Rachel.
5. Jacob loved Rachel more than Leah, therefore there was quite a jealousy between them. God allowed Leah to bear children. Rachel was desperate for children but could not bear, so she gave some of her slaves to Jacob to have children that she could claim as hers. After a time, Leah was no longer having children, so she also gave Jacob her slave to have children.
6. God did remember Rachel and allowed her to have a son, Joseph.



Genesis 29:9-

“... Rachel came with her father’s sheep for  
she was a shepherdess.”



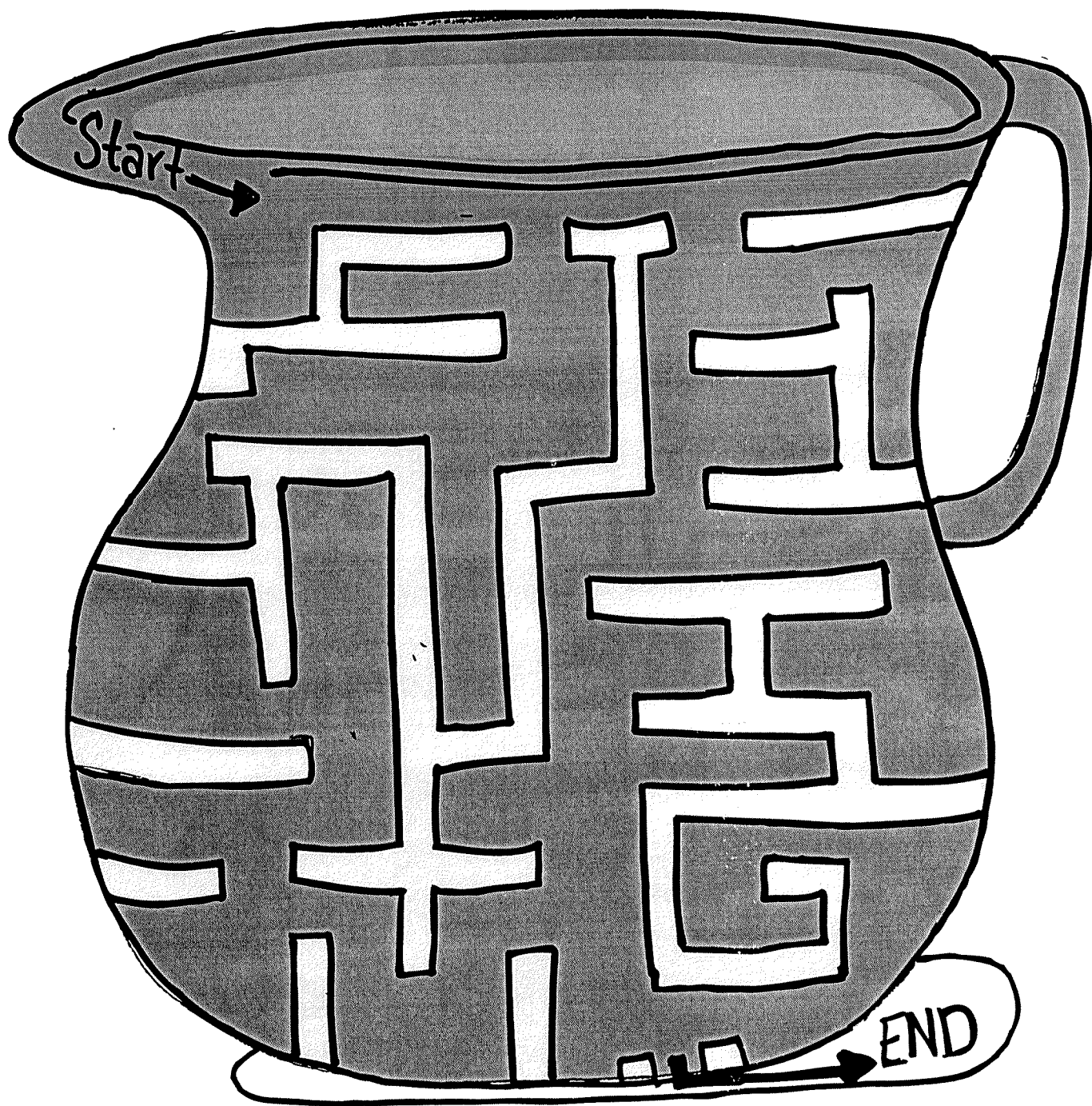


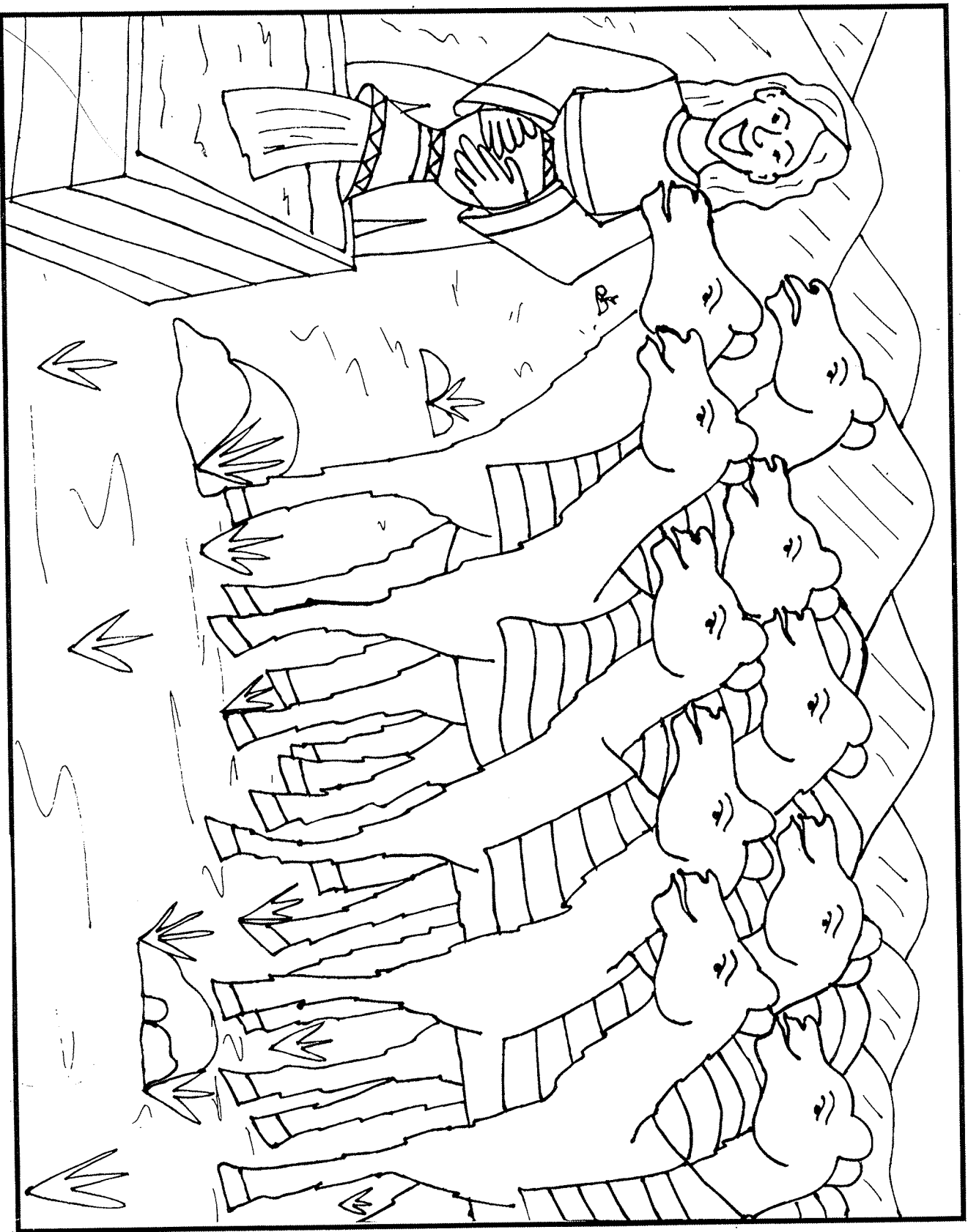
Jacob and Rachel - Love at First Sight

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## Rachel Fetches Water Maze

Start at the beginning and find your way through Rachel's water jug.

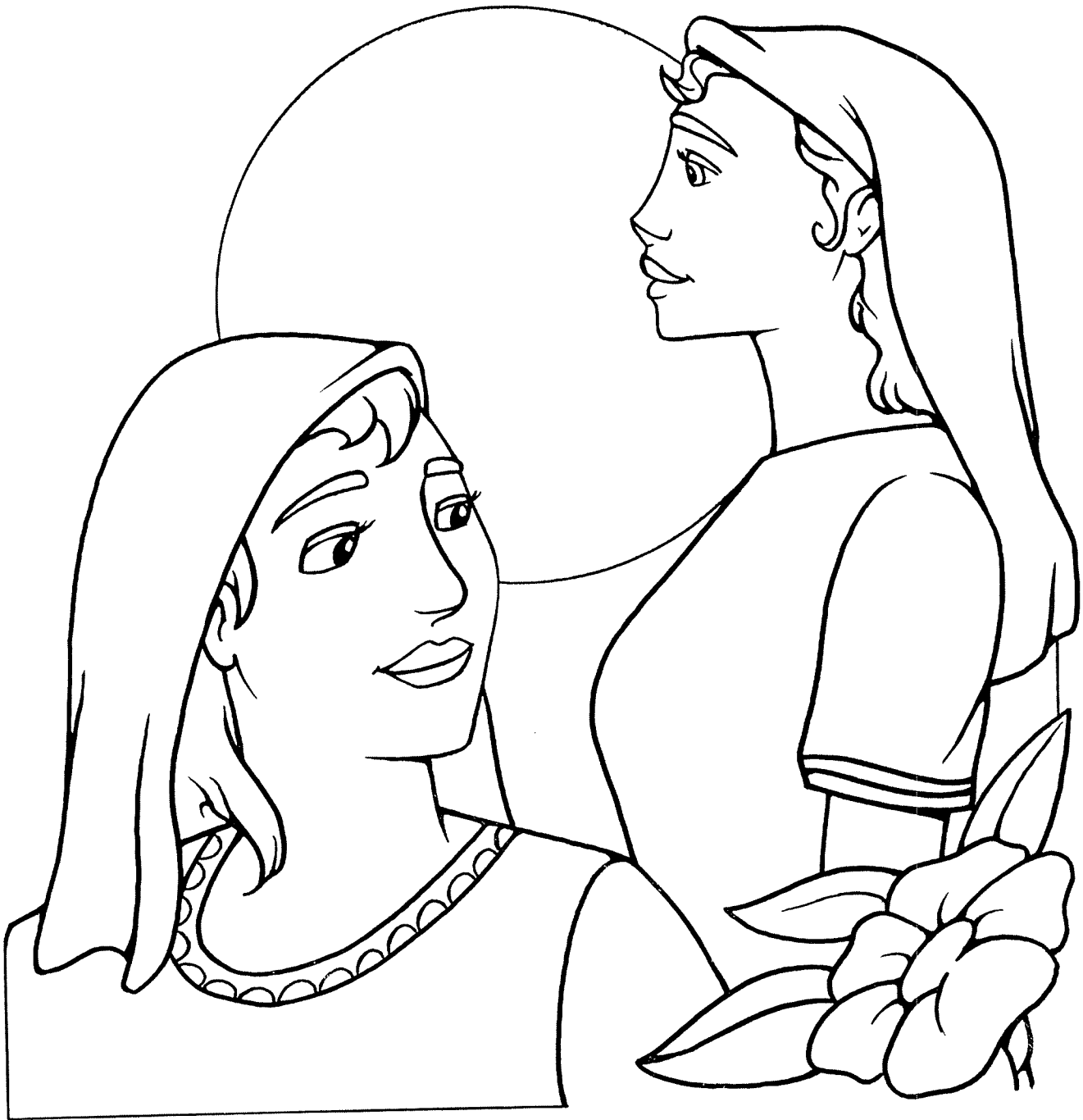




***How many camels did Rachael give  
water to? \_\_\_\_\_***

# LEAH & RACHEL

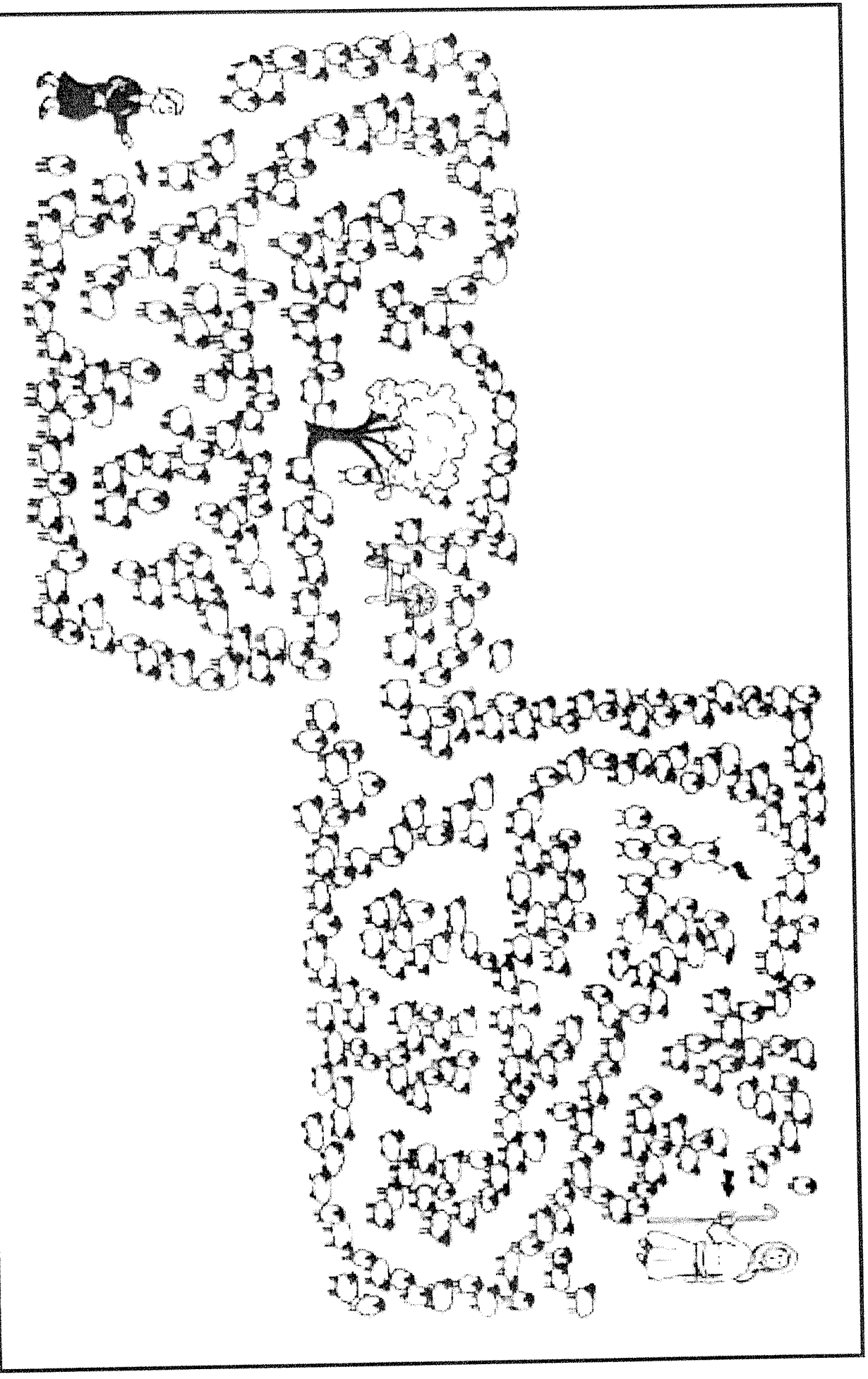
(GENESIS 29:1-30)



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**GENESIS 29:16**

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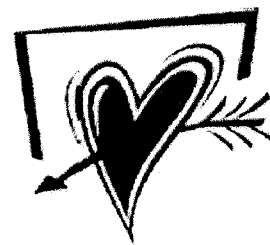
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# Jacob & Rachel

And then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife.  
Genesis 29:28b (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Genesis 29:15-28



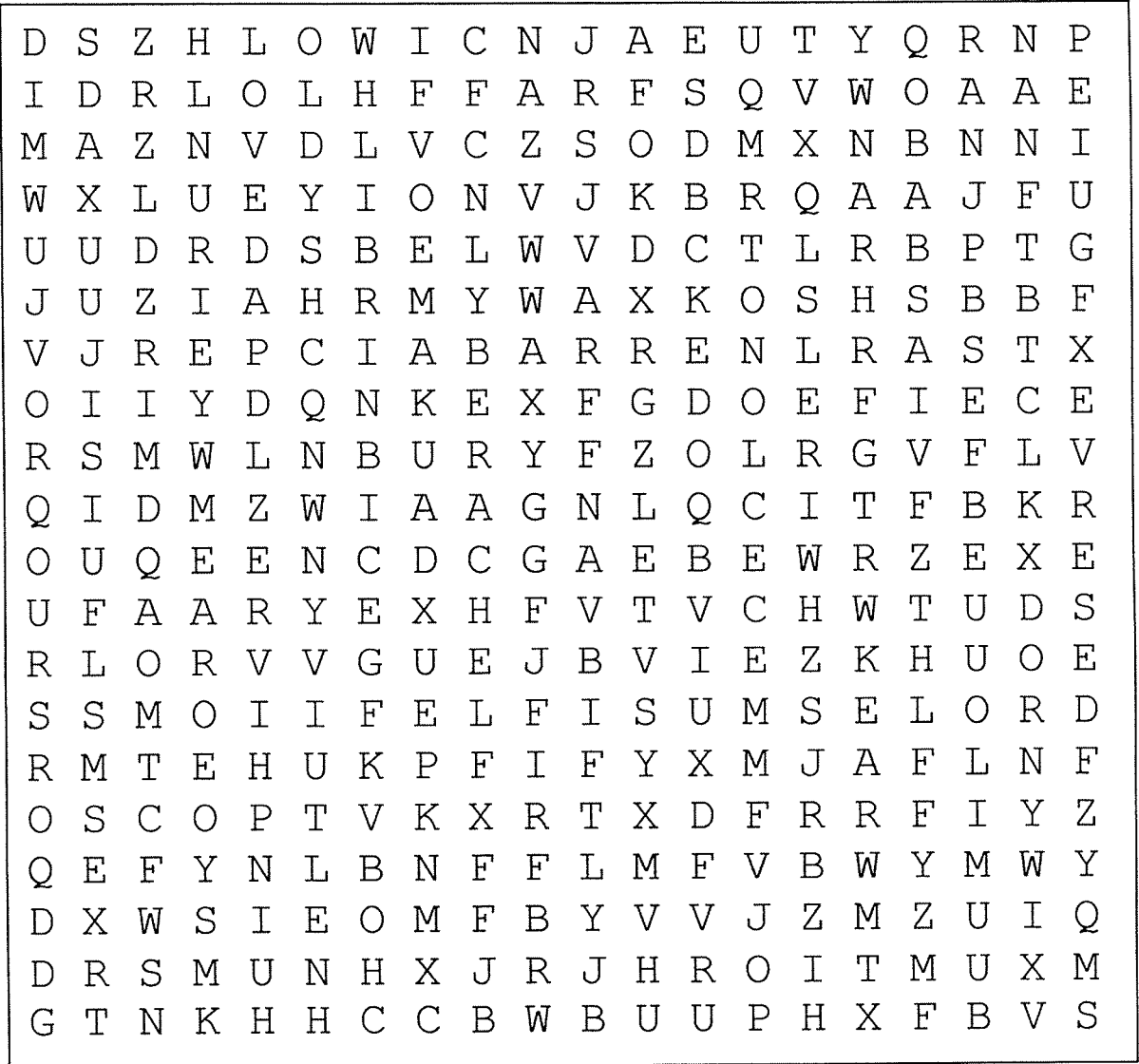
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name \_\_\_\_\_

## Rachel and Leah



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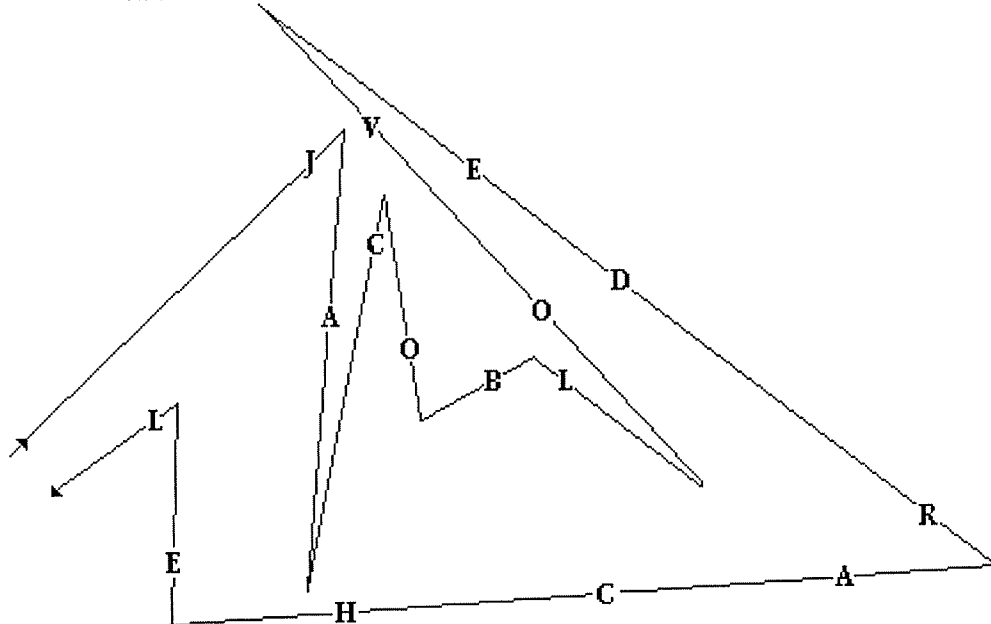
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WRITE DOWN THE LETTERS AS YOU COME TO THEM ON THE LINES BELOW



# LEAH & RACHEL

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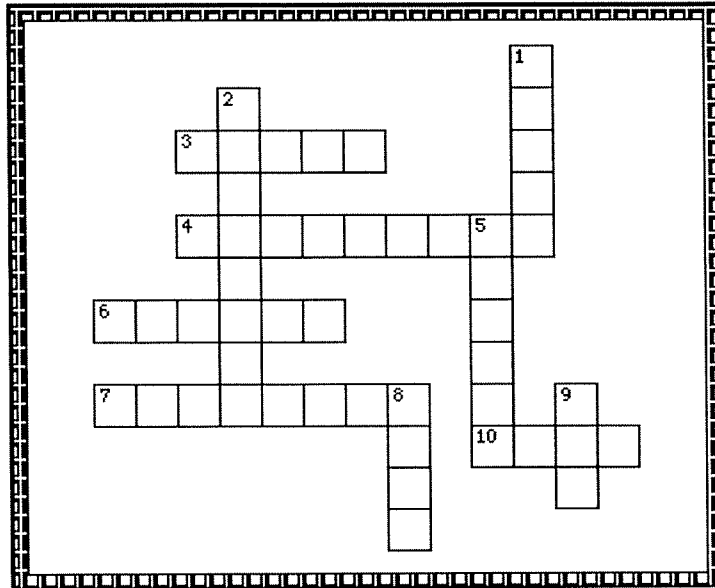
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# Story & Questions

Have you ever played a trick on someone? Was it a funny trick or a nasty trick? Sometimes when you play a trick on someone it is funny - but sometimes it isn't. Sometimes it really hurts. Remember that Jacob tricked his father into giving him the blessing instead of giving it to his brother Esau. That wasn't a very nice trick, was it. Esau was so angry, in fact, that he planned to kill Jacob.

So Jacob ran away to Haran, and along the way one night he met God in a dream of a ladder reaching up to heaven. Remember that when you meet God your life gets changed. Let's see how God begins to change Jacob...

Verse 21

Finally, the time came for Jacob to marry Rachel. "I have fulfilled my agreement," Jacob said to Laban. "Now give me my wife so I can marry her"

So Laban invited everyone in the neighborhood and prepared a wedding feast. <sup>23</sup> But that night, Laban tricked Jacob and had him marry Leah instead of Rachel.

"What have you done to me?" Jacob raged at Laban. "I worked seven years for Rachel! Why have you tricked me?"

"It's not our custom here to marry off a younger daughter ahead of the firstborn," Laban replied. You have to work seven more years for me to marry my other daughter.

So Jacob agreed to work seven more years. And he was able to marry Rachel, too. He loved her much more than Leah.

When the LORD saw that Leah was unloved, he enabled her to have children, but Rachel could not. So Leah had her first son, named him Reuben. She soon again had another son. She named him Simeon. Leah had many sons with Jacob and each time she hoped that Jacob would love her more than Rachel.

When Rachel saw that she wasn't having any children for Jacob, she became jealous of her sister. Jacob told her to pray to God because he is in control. One day God answered her prayers by letting her have a baby. She said "God has removed my disgrace," And she named him Joseph, for she said, "May the LORD add yet another son to my family."

1. Who were the relatives of Jacob whom he met in Canaan?
2. What pay did Jacob agree to receive for working 7 years for Jacob?
3. Why was he willing to wait that long? Do you have the patience to wait that long?
4. What happened on the day Jacob got married?
5. Why was it that he did not do something bad in return for Laban's trick on him?
6. Would you have done as Jacob did?
7. What lessons can we learn from this story? (Patience, willing to wait for the best thing, not to reciprocate evil for evil...)

# Discussion Questions

- **Jacob went East and came across a well and there were shepherds there. Where did the shepherds say that they were from?** *Harran.*
- **Who came while he was talking to the shepherds?** *Rachel, Laban's daughter, his cousin.*
- **Why did Jacob kiss Rachel and begin to weep?** *He had found his mother's family and he was overwhelmed with joy.*
- **How did Laban receive him?** *He said, "You are my own flesh and blood." and he took him in to live with him.*
- **What did Laban ask Jacob after he had been there one month?** *What wages did he want for his work?*
- **How did Jacob answer?** *He would work for him for 7 years in exchange for Rachel for his wife.*
- **Describe Rachel.** *She was the younger daughter of Laban. She was beautiful.*
- **Describe Leah.** *She was the older daughter of Laban. She had "weak" eyes. Maybe she was cross-eyed or blind. We don't know exactly what that means.*
- **Do you think that Jacob should have been picking a wife just for her beauty?** *No. He should be looking for inner qualities that would make her a good wife.*
- **Who did Jacob end up married to?** *Leah*
- **How do you think that it is possible that he could marry her without realizing that it wasn't Rachel?** *The bride would have been wearing a veil.*
- **Jacob was angry when he realized that his wife was Leah instead of Rachel and he demanded an explanation from Laban. What was Laban's answer?** *It is customary for the eldest daughter to marry first.*
- **Do you remember someone else who had deceived others in the same way in the lesson 2 weeks ago?** *Yes. Jacob had deceived his brother and father in the same way. (Gen. 25:29-34 and Gen. 27: 1-41)*
- **How long did he have to work for Laban to pay for her?** *Seven more years.*
- **Why do you think that God had a purpose in allowing Jacob to be deceived in this way?** *The Lord disciplines those he loves. (Hebrews 12:6) He wanted him to see his own sin. God was now beginning to mold Jacob into a Godly man.*
- **Do your parents ever discipline you?** *Yes.*
- **Why do you think that they discipline you?** *To help me to correct my bad behavior and help me to grow into a more godly person.*

Middle School  
**Lesson 20: Genesis 29, 30:1-24**  
**Jacob Works for a Wife**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Laban meets Jacob**

Laban, the father of Rachel, was pleased to meet Jacob.

Laban made a deal with Jacob whereby Jacob had to work for Laban for 7 years in exchange for his daughter Rachel's hand in marriage. However, Laban substituted her sister Leah instead and Jacob had to serve a further 7 years in order to marry Rachel.

Laban was a nomad. He and his family and servants lived in a number of tents.

They followed their sheep as they were moved from one feeding ground to the next.

Laban in Hebrew means: *white, glorious*. He was the son of Bethuel and the brother of Rebekah, who had married Jacob's father, Isaac.



9. What does Laban mean when he says to Jacob, "Surely you are my bone and my flesh"?
10. When Laban gives his daughter Leah in marriage to Jacob instead of Rachel, what does this show about Laban's character?

**Jacob**

Jacob lived 147 years, from 2005BC-1885BC. He married two sisters, Leah and Rachel, and then had 12 sons and at least one daughter, Dinah. God changed Jacob's name to Israel and from his sons came the 12 tribes of Israel.

Before Jacob and Esau were born, God had said "Jacob I have loved and Esau I have hated."

Jacob stole the blessing, of the first born, from Esau that their father Isaac's was to give Esau on his death bed.

Rebekah the mother of Esau and Jacob helped Jacob to deceive their father Isaac.



11. In Genesis 25, Jacob is described as "a mild man, dwelling in tents" and loved by his mother. What does his service to Laban show about Jacob's love for Rebekah?
12. Jacob's sons Judah and Levi become two prominent tribes in Israel. Who is their mother? Why is Levi important? Why is Judah important?
13. Which of Jacob's wives has a daughter named Dinah?

## Middle School Lesson 20: Wives & Sons of Jacob

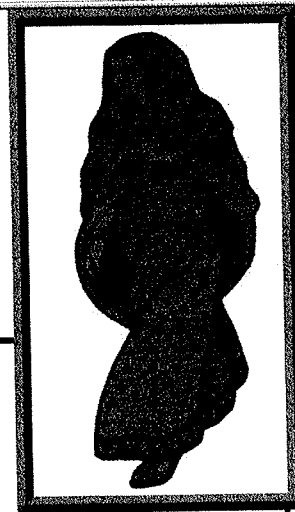
### Leah

The older sister of Rachel and first wife of Jacob. After working seven years for Laban in order to marry Rachel, Jacob was tricked by Laban into marrying Leah instead.

In order to then marry Rachel, Jacob had to promise to work another seven years for Laban.

The Hebrew meaning of Leah is *languid, weary*.

Leah gave birth to six of Jacob's twelve sons who came the twelve tribes of Israel.



(glue Leah's sons here)

14. What is Leah's physical weakness?

15. How does the Lord show pity for Leah since Jacob doesn't love her?

16. What did Leah say when she had Reuben:  
when she had Simeon:  
when she had Levi:  
when she had Judah:  
when she had Issachar:  
when she had Zebulun:

### Zilpah

Zilpah, the handmaiden of Leah, bore two sons to Jacob, named Asher and Gad.

It was the custom of those times if the wife was barren. Then a another woman would bare children for her.

Zilpah was not from the family of Laban but a servant in the extended household.

Zilpah in Hebrew means *Drooping*.



17. Who were Zilpah's sons?

18. What did Leah say when Zilpah had Gad:  
when Zilpah had Asher:

(glue sons  
here)