

Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How did God show His love for Leah? Through whose family did God send Jesus into the world?
- Have you ever been tempted to be deceptive, or tricky, to get what you want?
- How can you show God's love to others?

Jacob and Rachel

Genesis 29–31

STORY POINT: LABAN TRICKED JACOB INTO MARRYING LEAH AND RACHEL.

Jacob traveled from Bethel toward his uncle Laban's land. He came to a well where shepherds were watering their sheep. "Do you know a man named Laban?" Jacob asked.

"Yes," they said. "Here comes his daughter Rachel with her sheep." Jacob told Rachel that he was her relative, a son of Rebekah. Rachel ran to tell her father Laban.

Laban welcomed Jacob into his house. Jacob stayed with Laban and worked for him. After about a month, Laban said, "What should I pay you for your work?"

Jacob said, "I will work for you seven years if you will let me marry Rachel." Laban agreed. Jacob worked for seven years. Then Laban had a feast, but instead of giving Rachel to Jacob, Laban gave his older daughter, Leah. Jacob was upset. "Why did you trick me?" he asked.

Laban said, "I will give you Rachel too, but you must work another seven years." So a week later, Jacob married Rachel. Then he worked for Laban seven more years.

Now Jacob had two wives, but he loved Rachel more than Leah. When God saw Leah was not loved, He gave her children. Rachel wanted children too. God heard her prayer, and in time, God gave her children too. In all, Jacob had twelve sons. God told Jacob to go home to the land of Canaan. So Jacob gathered his family and his possessions, and he headed home.

Christ Connection: Nothing could stop God's plan for the family of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Even though Jacob did not love Leah, God loved her and used her in His plan. Through the family of Jacob and Leah's son Judah, God would show His love for the world by sending His Son to be the Savior He promised.



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Family Matters

Use the clues below to match the descriptions to the people in the Bible story from Genesis 29–31.

1. Esau's brother was not the father-in-law of Jacob.
2. Jacob's wives were named Leah and Rachel.
3. Leah and Rachel were sisters.
4. Rebekah was Jacob's mother.
5. Jacob's first wife was Laban's older daughter.
6. Rachel was younger than Leah.

| | Jacob | Laban | Leah | Rachel | son of Isaac and Rebekah | father-in-law of Jacob | first wife of Jacob | second wife of Jacob |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|------|--------|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| older daughter of Laban | | | | | | | | |
| younger daughter of Laban | | | | | | | | |
| brother of Rebekah | | | | | | | | |
| brother of Esau | | | | | | | | |
| first wife of Jacob | | | | | | | | |
| second wife of Jacob | | | | | | | | |
| son of Isaac and Rebekah | | | | | | | | |
| father-in-law of Jacob | | | | | | | | |



That Just Happened

Use the words in the word bank to fill in the blanks.

_____ tricked _____ into marrying

_____ instead of _____.

Through the family of Jacob and Leah's son Judah, God would show His _____ for the _____ by sending His Son to be the Savior He _____.

Word Bank

Jacob
Laban
love
world
promised
Rachel
Leah

