

Genesis 27-32

We learned that Jacob and his mother decided to trick Isaac. Jacob came into his father and pretended to be Esau. Isaac felt of Jacob's arms and hands and neck that had the goat skins on them. Isaac knew it felt like Esau, so he went ahead and gave Jacob (the wrong son) the blessing.

As soon as this was done, Esau came in with the stew he had made. When he heard that Isaac had given Jacob the blessing, he became very angry. In fact, he said that he was going to kill his brother. Jacob was sent to his uncle Laban's house for his safety.

As night fell, Jacob took a stone for a pillow and went to sleep under the stars. He dreamed of a ladder or stairway going up to heaven. Angels were going up and down the ladder, and the Lord stood at the top in heaven. He spoke to Jacob and told him that he would bless him and give him many descendents. When Jacob awoke, he took the stone and set it for a pillar and poured oil on it. He promised to serve God always and to give Him a tenth of all he had.

Jacob went on to his uncle's in Haran. He first went to the well and a lovely girl, named Rachel, came to the well to draw water for her sheep. Jacob helped her draw water for her sheep, and he went with her to Laban's house. Jacob worked with Laban for a month and fell in love with Rachel. At that time, he asked to marry Rachel and Jacob agreed to work 7 years for her hand in marriage.

At the end of the 7 years, there was a wedding feast and Jacob thought he had married Rachel. Instead, Laban had given him Leah,

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Rachel's older sister. Jacob was very upset about this, but he agreed to work 7 more years for Laban if he could go ahead and marry Rachel.

Jacob and Leah had many children, but for a long time Rachel had no children. Finally, Rachel had two sons, Joseph and Benjamin. In all, Jacob had 12 sons and one daughter. We can see that God had kept His promise to give him many descendants.

God had blessed Jacob in other ways, too. While he worked for Laban, he became very rich in sheep and cattle. Jacob worked for Laban for 20 years, but he became very homesick. He wanted to go back to his home in Canaan.

Jacob gathered his large family together with his servants and animals and started to Canaan. One night, while on their journey, Jacob wrestled with an angel all night long. Early the next morning, the angel blessed Jacob and changed his name to Israel. Jacob became the father the Israelites, the children of Israel.

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True or False

- T F 1. Jacob tricked old Isaac.
- T F 2. It is okay to lie.
- T. F 3. Esau was very mad at Jacob.
- T F 4. Jacob had to go away.
- T F 5. Jacob dreamed of a stairway to heaven.
- T F 6. Jacob would not obey God after his dream.
- T F 7. Jacob went to his uncle Laban.
- T F 8. Jacob never had children.
- T F 9. Jacob loved Rachel most.
- T F 10. Jacob had 5 sons..
- T F 11. Jacob decided to go home to see Esau.
- T F 12. Esau would not forgive Jacob.
- T F 13. God wants us to forgive.