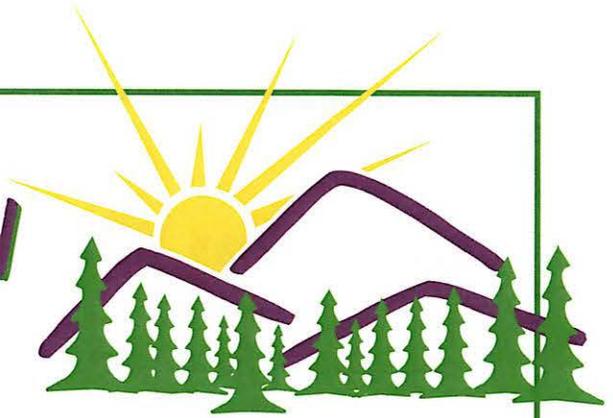


# All Things Made New



## Parents' Page

### Lesson 8

## Jacob: A Man Who Wrestled with God

### Your child should understand...

Obedience—Working with God, not against Him

### Your child should be able to...

1. Tell which wife Jacob loved the most.
2. Name Joseph as the first son of Jacob and Rachel.
3. Tell the story of Jacob's wrestling with God.
4. Identify Israel as the new name God gave Jacob.
5. Tell how Esau treated Jacob when they saw each other again.

### Your child should be able to say...

Genesis 12:1-3

“The Lord had said to Abram, ‘Leave your country and your people...Go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you. I will make your name great...All nations on earth will be blessed because of you.’”

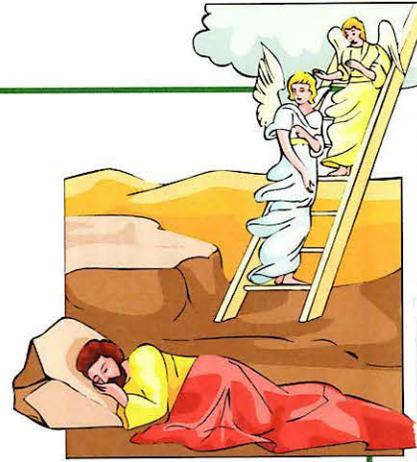
### Please help your child read...

Day 1	Genesis 28:10-17; Genesis 29:9-10, 16-18, 20-22, 25-30
Day 2	Genesis 29:31; Genesis 30:1, 22-24
Day 3	Genesis 31:1-9, 14-17, 22, 26, 30-34, 43-45, 55
Day 4	Genesis 32:3-9, 11, 22-28; Genesis 33:1-4, 8-14
Day 5	Genesis 35:1-4, 10-18, 22b-26

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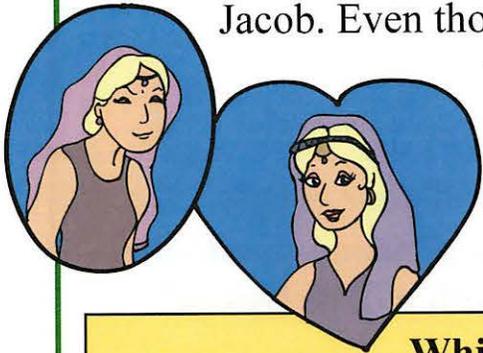
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One night, as Jacob was running away from Esau, he dreamed about a stairway from earth to heaven. There were angels going up and down the stairway. In the dream, God told Jacob that He would watch over Jacob always, give him many children, and bring him back home some day. When Jacob woke up, he remembered the dream and promised to serve God faithfully.



Jacob went to Haran where Laban, his uncle, lived. When Jacob stopped at a well for water, he met Rachel, who was Laban's daughter. She took Jacob home to meet her father. Laban was so happy to meet Jacob. He asked Jacob to live with his family. After a month, Jacob told Laban, "I will work for you for seven years, if you will let me marry your daughter Rachel." Laban agreed.

But, seven years later, Laban gave his daughter Leah, instead of Rachel, to Jacob. Even though Jacob was very angry, he agreed to work seven more years for Rachel. Jacob loved Rachel more than he loved Leah. For a long time, Rachel didn't have a child. She was jealous of Leah because Leah had many children. At last, God blessed Rachel, and she had a baby boy named Joseph.

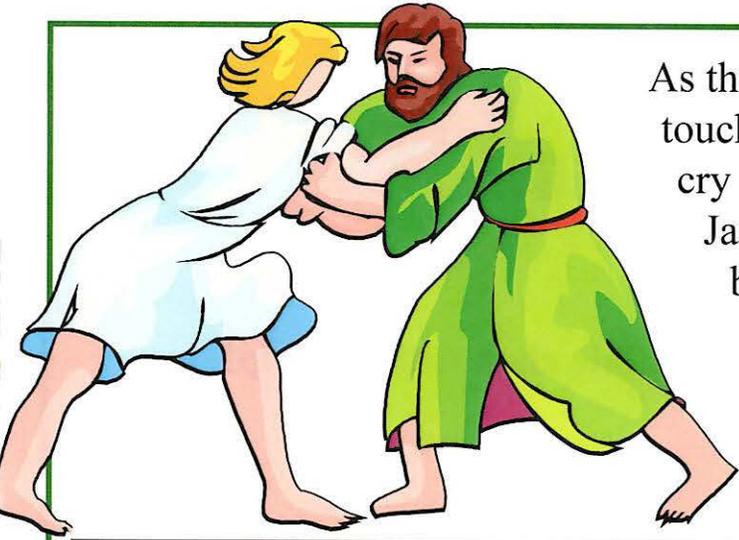


**Which wife did Jacob love the most?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Rachel and Jacob had a baby son named \_\_\_\_\_.**

Jacob worked for Laban for six more years. Then he took his family and animals and left Haran to return to Canaan. One night, on the way back, someone came out of the darkness and pushed Jacob. Jacob pushed him back. Soon they were wrestling with each other. They wrestled with each other all night long!



As the sun was coming up, the stranger touched Jacob's hip. It made Jacob cry out in pain. Then a voice spoke to Jacob and told him his name was to be changed to Israel. Jacob's family would be called Israelites. Jacob knew then that he had been wrestling with God!

**Can you tell the story of Jacob's wrestling with God?**

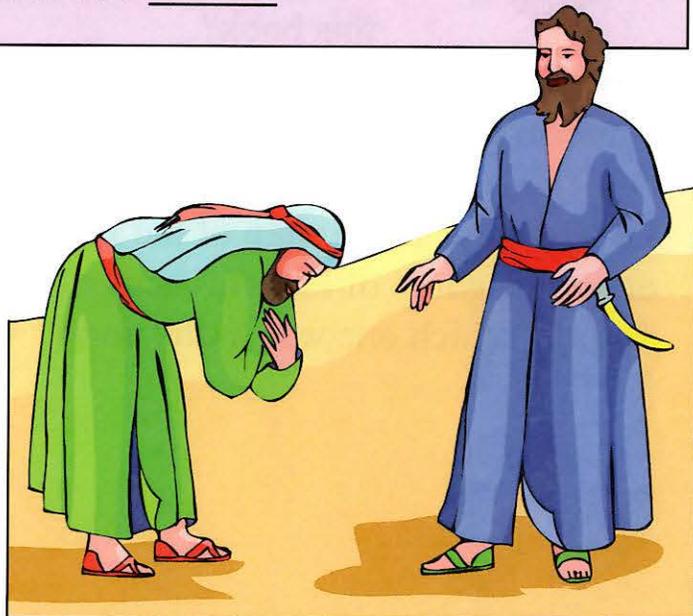
**God changed Jacob's name to \_\_\_\_\_.**

Jacob was almost home. Then he met Esau again. Jacob was afraid Esau would still be angry with him for taking Esau's birthright. But Esau ran to Jacob and kissed him. Esau forgave his brother. God wants us to forgive others even when they have been unkind or unfair to us.

**Did Esau forgive his brother Jacob? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Does God want us to forgive others, even when they have been unkind to us? \_\_\_\_\_**

It is important to God that we forgive others. He sent His Son Jesus to die for the forgiveness of our sins. If God can forgive us, then we must be willing to forgive others!



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### Memory Verses:

It's time to say your memory verses in Bible class without help! Are you ready to do that?

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## Brush Up on Bible Facts

What is the book of **Judges** about?  
(God raising up judges to deliver Israel)

Can you say **John 3:16** without looking at your Bible or this book?

(“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”) NASB

Look at your **Bible map** of the **Divided Kingdom**, and put **one hand** on the kingdom of **Israel**. Then put your **other hand** on the kingdom of **Judah**. Which one was in the north? Which one was in the south?