

# 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 his 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?"

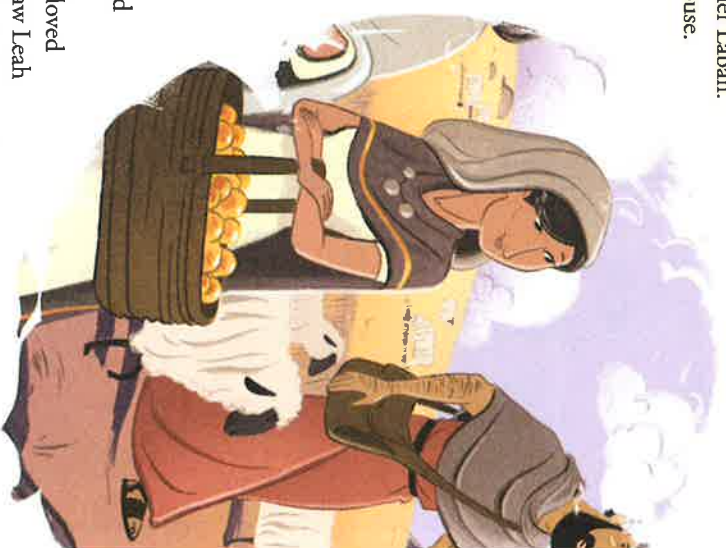
Jacob said, "I will work for you seven years if you will let me marry Rachel." Laban agreed. Jacob worked for seven years.

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.*



# Many Sons

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Count Jacob's sons. Find and circle Judah, the son with his hands on his hips.



*Preschool Activity Pages*

## Unit 3 • Session 2 Jacob and Rachel

**BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:**

- Laban tricked Jacob into marrying Leah.
- Jacob had two wives, but he loved Rachel more than Leah.
- God gave Jacob twelve sons.

**KEY PASSAGE:** Genesis 28:15a

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

- Does God keep His promises? God always keeps His promises.

**FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

- In today's Bible story, Jacob got tricked. Name a time Jacob tricked someone. Hint: Read last week's Bible story in Genesis 27.
- Discuss how you would feel if you were each person in the Bible story: Jacob? Leah? Rachel?
- How did God use Leah in His plan?

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

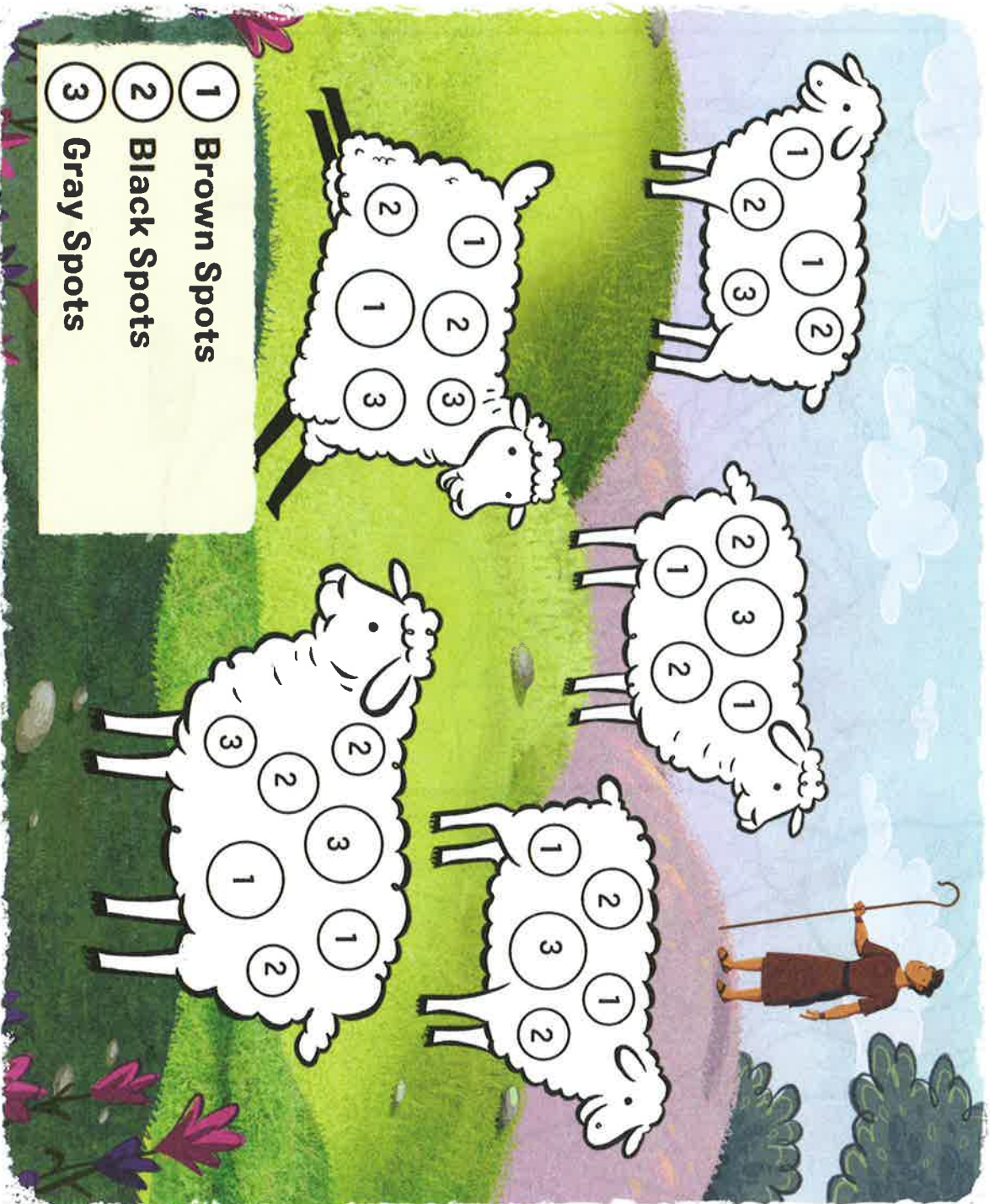
- Find some friends and join your family in a big rendition of "Father Abraham." Choose a leader to guide everyone through the motions. Talk about how Jacob's twelve sons were part of Abraham's family and how we become part of that same family through Jesus.



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# Speckled Sheep

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Follow the color-by-number key to give the sheep spots and speckles.



Younger Kids Activity Pages

## Unit 3 • Session 2 Jacob and Rachel

### **BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:**

- Jacob fled to his uncle Laban's land.
- He met Rachel and agreed to work for seven years to marry her.
- Laban tricked Jacob into marrying Leah and Rachel.
- Jacob favored Rachel, but God chose to use Leah in His plans.

**KEY PASSAGE:** Genesis 28:15

### **BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

- Does God keep His promises? God always keeps His promises because He is faithful.

### **FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

- How did God show His love for Leah?
- What are some ways God used Jacob's hard situation for good?
- How did God show His love for the whole world?

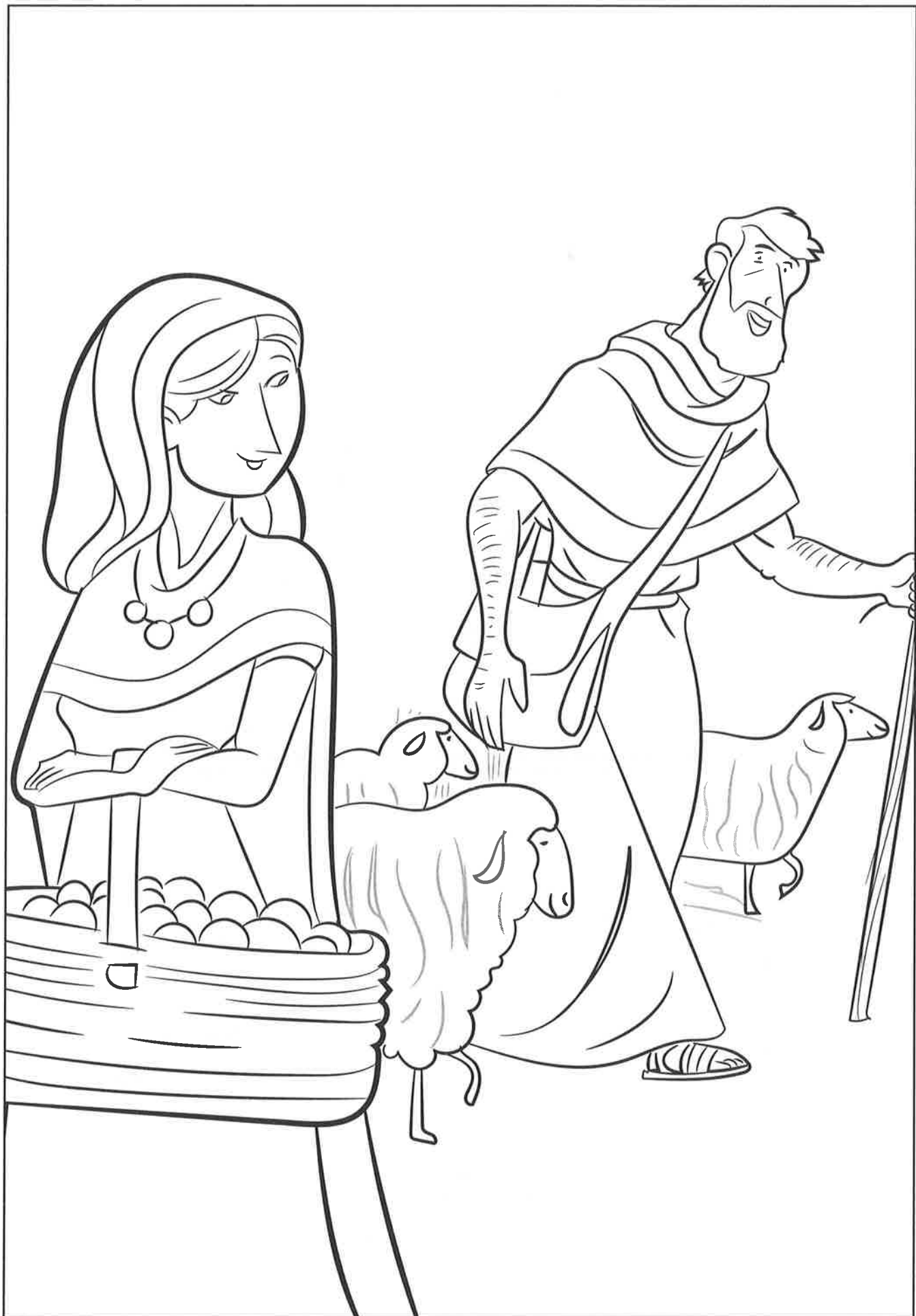
### **FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

- Play a game with your kids. They must complete seven simple tasks to earn a prize. Discuss how it would feel to get tricked with a different prize. Remind them the Jesus is the best prize, and we don't have to earn His love!



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STORY POINT: **LABAN TRICKED JACOB.**



# DOWNTOWN ZOO QUESTIONS

*After watching our video and reading the provided Bible passage go through these questions as a family. These are great questions to discuss as a family. Don't just have your child answer, answer them together and discuss the lesson.*

1. Whom did Jacob stay with and work for?
2. Whom did Jacob love and want to marry? Whom did Laban trick Jacob into marrying?
3. How many sons did Jacob have?
4. What did Jacob do when God told him to go home?

## UPTOWN KIDS QUESTIONS (LIGHTHOUSE & THRIVE)

1. Which woman did Jacob want to marry?
2. Why did Laban trick Jacob?
3. How many sons did Jacob have? What were their names?
4. God had compassion on Leah when Jacob did not love her. What does this show us about God?
5. How do we know that God loves us?
6. What are ways we can show love to people when they feel lonely, misunderstood, or unloved?