# **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.

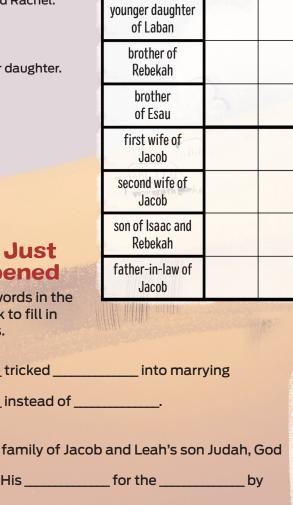
Christ Connection: Nothing could stop God's plan for the family of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Even though Jacob did not love Leah, God loved her and used her in His plan. Through the family of Jacob and Leah's son Judah, God would show His love for the world by sending His Son to be the Savior He promised.



## **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.



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**That Just** Happened

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

instead of \_\_\_\_\_.

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would show His \_\_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ by

sending His Son to be the Savior He \_\_\_\_\_.

**Word Bank** 

son of Isaac

and Rebekah

Rachel

father-in-law

of Jacob

first wife

of Jacob

second wife

of Jacob

Jacob Laban love world promised Rachel Leah

