# CHILDREN'S BIBLE LESSONS





## The Story of Jacob

After Jacob fooled his brother and father, Rebekah sent him away to his uncle Laban's house. Laban was a successful herdsman. Jacob was hoping to find work with him.

On his journey, Jacob spent a night sleeping on the ground. He used a large rock as his pillow. Jacob dreamed that he saw a ladder going from heaven to earth. Angels were walking up and down on it. God was up above. God told Jacob that he would be blessed more than he could imagine. His descendants would be more in number than the sand of the sea. When Jacob woke up, he set up his pillow as a pillar and memorial. Jacob called the place Beth-el, which means "House of God."

Near the end of his journey, Jacob came to a well near Haran. He met a beautiful young woman who was drawing water for her sheep. Her name was Rachel. She was Laban's daughter. Rachel took Jacob to her father's house. They all rejoiced to have a member of the family visit. After a while, Jacob wanted to marry Rachel. Jacob promised to work for his Uncle Laban for seven years so he could marry Rachel. Laban quickly agreed. Jacob was a good man and a hard worker. Seven years passed, and Jacob was excited to marry his wife. But Laban tricked Jacob into marrying his other daughter, Leah. Laban said that Jacob could marry Rachel too. But he had to work another seven years. Jacob agreed to his uncle's scheme. He married Rachel as well.

Leah was a good wife. She gave Jacob four sons: Reuben, Simeon, Levi and Judah. Jacob loved Rachel more than Leah. But Rachel could not have children. She was very sad about this. She had her maid Bilhah have children for her. Bilhah gave Jacob two sons, Dan and Naphtali. Leah saw this and was perhaps a little jealous. She had her maid have children for Jacob as well. Leah's maid Zilpah had two sons named Gad and Asher. Later, Leah had two more sons, Issachar and Zebulun. She also had a daughter named Dinah.

After this, God took pity on Rachel. He gave her two sons for Jacob—Joseph and Benjamin. We will learn about Joseph in the next Lesson.

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## God gives Jacob a dream.



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#### Jacob meets Rachel at the well.



## Laban tricks Jacob into marrying Leah so Jacob would stay longer.



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# Jacob serves Laban another seven years to marry Rachel.



## Jacob wrestles with God.



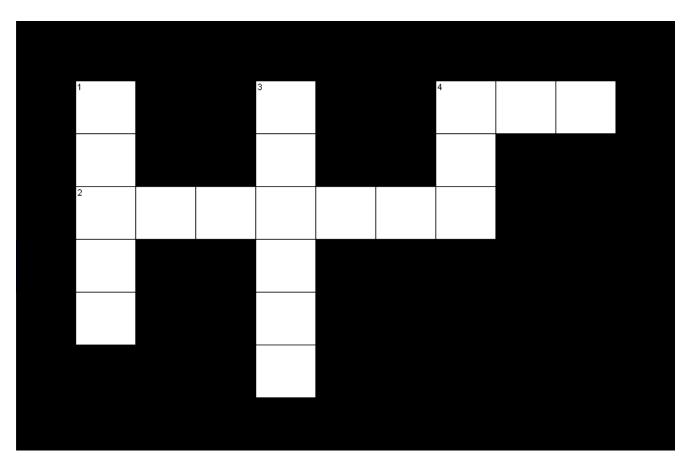
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## Jacob and Esau re-unite with tears.



**LEVEL K / LESSON 8** 

#### **CROSSWORD**



#### **ACROSS:**

2. Jacob wrestled with God and would not let go until God \_\_\_\_\_ him.

4. One of Zilpah's two sons was named \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **DOWN:**

Jacob worked for his Uncle
 seven years so he
 could marry Rachel.
 Rachel, after being healed

by God, was able to bear Jacob a son named \_\_\_\_\_.

4. In Jacob's dream, \_\_\_\_\_.

stood above a ladder.

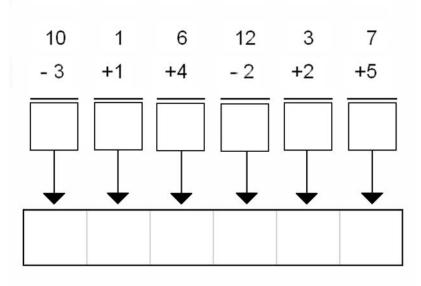
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#### **MATH GAME**

First: Solve the math problems below.

Next: Each answer you write in the small boxes will match a letter in the list on the right.

Then: The word you spell and write in the big box will be the object in Jacob's dream that the angels walked up and down.



Use the list of numbers below and their matching letters to solve the puzzle:

1 <b>–</b> C	8 <b>–</b> T
2 <b>–</b> A	9 <b>–</b> Y
3 <b>–</b> G	10 <b>–</b> D
4 <b>—</b> J	11 — M
5 <b>–</b> E	12 <b>–</b> R
6 <b>–</b> P	13 — V
7 — L	

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