

Child's Name: _____

Lesson Passage—Genesis 32:22-32

²² That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maidservants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. ²⁴ So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. ²⁶ Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is day-break."

But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

²⁷ The man asked him, "What is your name?"

"Jacob," he answered.

²⁸ Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome."

²⁹ Jacob said, "Please tell me your name."

But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there.

³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared."

³¹ The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip. ³² Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the tendon attached to the socket of the hip, because the socket of Jacob's hip was touched near the tendon.



LESSON 41



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION

What enables us to live and flourish?

MEMORY VERSE

Isaiah 46:3-4

Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all you who remain of the house of Israel, you whom I have upheld since you were conceived, and have carried since your birth. (4Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.)

Thinking It Through

Level 3—Parent Notes:

- **Daily Reading:** Depending on the age and ability of the child, or parent preference, the child may do the work in this journal independently or read with and dictate an answer to the parent. After reading the day’s rhyme and the Bible verse, the child should draw a picture that relates to that day’s reading and answer the question at the bottom of the page. Have the child answer questions about the day’s reading from the **Daily Reading Questions** at the back of the booklet. Personal ideas and additional questions from the parent can also be included.
- **Lesson Verse:** The lesson verse which answers the week’s big question should be practiced daily. One way to do this is to black out words in the verse each day and say the verse inserting the correct word. By the end of the week the whole verse would be blacked out and recited by memory. Depending on the age and/or ability of the child, either the whole verse or the part of the verse between brackets on the cover can be memorized.
- **Concluding Lesson:** The parent should discuss with the child the **Thinking it Through** questions: What important truth did you learn this week? How can you apply that truth in your life? After discussing the questions the child should write down (or dictate to the parent) the answers and a prayer at the end of the booklet. The child can then complete the other activities.
- **Completion:** If the student brings this booklet back to the teacher on Sunday, with each day’s work completed and the lesson verse memorized, the student will receive acknowledgement of a job well done.
- **Way to go, parents!** Your faithfulness in teaching your children the deed and statutes of the Lord isn’t always easy, but it honors God and will have an eternal impact. Keep up the good work! Remember Galatians 6:9, *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

The important truth I learned this week is:

I can apply that truth by:

My prayer to God is:

Daily Reading Questions

Day 1: Why did Jacob have to leave his home? Where did he go to stay?

Day 2: Who did Jacob want to marry? What did he have to do to marry her?

Day 3: How did Jacob's uncle trick him? What did Jacob have to do to get Rachel for his second wife? What is strife? Why would having more than one wife cause strife in a family?

Day 4: How many wives did Jacob end up having? How many sons did Jacob have? What would come from Jacob's sons?

Day 5: What had happened to Jacob when the time came for him to go back home? What did Jacob wonder about? Why would Esau be mad at Jacob?

Day 6: What did Jacob pray? How did God answer his prayer? What can we learn from Jacob's life?

Concluding Lesson

Review: Why did Jacob have to leave his home? Where did he go to stay? Who did Jacob want to marry? What did he have to do to marry her? How many wives did Jacob end up having? How many sons did Jacob have? Who are the people of Israel?

Prayer: Thank God that he is good and faithful and watches over and takes care of us even though we sin and do what is wrong. Thank him for forgiving you when you do something wrong.

Application: What does it mean to be dishonest? How do you pretend to be something that you really aren't? What does God know about every person? Why is it important to be honest with God? What does it mean to be honest?

Thinking It Through: Have the child write or dictate what important truth was learned from the lesson, how he/she can apply that truth, and a prayer to God.

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What enables us to live and flourish?



God sustains and takes care of his people.

Day 1 Draw a picture of Jacob saying good-bye.

Jacob had to leave his home
because he had done wrong.
The birthright he had stolen,
which to Esau did belong.
Still God was always with him
as he traveled far away.
And it was to his uncle's house
that he did go to stay.

What does the verse mean?

Genesis 28:5: ⁵ Then Isaac sent Jacob on his way, and he went to Paddan Aram, to Laban son of Bethuel the Aramean, the brother of Rebekah, who was the mother of Jacob and Esau.

Day 6 Draw a picture of Jacob greeting Esau.

He prayed God'd give him favor
when his brother he did meet.
And Esau with forgiveness
his brother soon did greet.
From Jacob's life we can learn
God is faithful to his promise.
Though Jacob was a sinner
who was tricky and dishonest.

What does the verse mean?

Genesis 32:11-13: ¹¹ Save me, I pray, from the hand of my brother Esau, for I am afraid he will come and attack me, and also the mothers with their children. ¹² But you have said, 'I will surely make you prosper and will make your descendants like the sand of the sea, which cannot be counted.'" ¹³ He spent the night there, and from what he had with him he selected a gift for his brother Esau.

Day 5

Draw a picture of Jacob and animals.

The time then came for Jacob
to take his family home.
With four wives and many children
he was not alone.
God had blessed his labor,
lots of animals he now had.
Still he wondered in returning home
if Esau would be mad.

What does the verse mean?

Genesis 30:25-26:²⁵ After Rachel gave birth to Joseph, Jacob said to Laban, "Send me on my way so I can go back to my own homeland."²⁶ Give me my wives and children, for whom I have served you, and I will be on my way. You know how much work I've done for you."

Day 2

Draw a picture of Jacob and Rachel.

His uncle had two daughters,
Leah ugly, Rachel fair.
Jacob asked to marry Rachel,
his love he did declare.
He had to labor seven years
to get Rachel for his wife.
He worked real hard so with her
he could spend his life.

What does the verse mean?

Genesis 29:16-18:¹⁶ Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel.¹⁷ Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel was lovely in form, and beautiful.¹⁸ Jacob was in love with Rachel and said, "I'll work for you seven years in return for your younger daughter Rachel."

Day 3 Draw a picture of Jacob and two wives.

His uncle was a trickster
and gave him Leah first.
Jacob was quite angry;
he thought his heart would burst.
Another seven years he worked
to get Rachel for his wife.
He'd find that having two wives
would cause his family strife

What does the verse mean?

Genesis 29:25-27: ²⁵ When morning came, there was Leah! So Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? I served you for Rachel, didn't I? Why have you deceived me?" ²⁶ Laban replied, "It is not our custom here to give the younger daughter in marriage before the older one. ²⁷ Finish this daughter's bridal week; then we will give you the younger one also, in return for another seven years of work."

Day 4 Draw a picture of Jacob and twelve sons.

Then his wives made Jacob's life
more complicated still.
They gave their servants to him,
the role of wife to fill.
From Jacob's wives and twelve sons,
Israel would come to be.
They were children of the promise
God to Abraham did decree.

What does the verse mean?

Genesis 30:1-3: ¹ When Rachel saw that she was not bearing Jacob any children, she became jealous of her sister. So she said to Jacob, "Give me children, or I'll die!" ² Jacob became angry with her and said, "Am I in the place of God, who has kept you from having children?" ³ Then she said, "Here is Bilhah, my maidservant. Sleep with her so that she can bear children for me and that through her I too can build a family."