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## Lesson Passage—Genesis 32:22-32

<sup>22</sup> And he arose that night and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven sons, and crossed over the ford of Jabbok. <sup>23</sup> He took them, sent them over the brook, and sent over what he had. <sup>24</sup> Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day. <sup>25</sup> Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup> And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks."

But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!"

<sup>27</sup> So He said to him, "What *is* your name?"

He said, "Jacob."

<sup>28</sup> And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed."

<sup>29</sup> Then Jacob asked, saying, "Tell *me* Your name, I pray."

And He said, "Why *is* it *that* you ask about My name?" And He blessed him there.

<sup>30</sup> So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: "For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved." <sup>31</sup> Just as he crossed over Penuel the sun rose on him, and he limped on his hip. <sup>32</sup> Therefore to this day the children of Israel do not eat the muscle that shrank, which *is* on the hip socket, because He touched the socket of Jacob's hip in the muscle that shrank.



## 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, And all the remnant of the house of Israel, Who have been upheld *by Me* from birth, Who have been carried from the womb: <sup>4</sup>Even to *your* old age, I *am* He, And *even* to gray hairs I will carry *you!* I have made, and I will bear; Even I will carry, and will deliver *you.*)



## 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?

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Genesis 28:5: <sup>5</sup> So Isaac sent Jacob away, and he went to Padan Aram, to Laban the son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, 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?

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Genesis 32:11-13: <sup>11</sup> Deliver me, I pray, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I fear him, lest he come and attack me *and* the mother with the children. <sup>12</sup> For You said, 'I will surely treat you well, and make your descendants as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.' " <sup>13</sup> So he lodged there that same night, and took what came to his hand as a present for Esau his brother:

## 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?

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Genesis 30:25-26: <sup>25</sup> And it came to pass, when Rachel had borne Joseph, that Jacob said to Laban, "Send me away, that I may go to my own place and to my country. <sup>26</sup> Give *me* my wives and my children for whom I have served you, and let me go; for you know my service which I have 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?

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Genesis 29:16-18: <sup>16</sup> Now Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder *was* Leah, and the name of the younger *was* Rachel. <sup>17</sup> Leah's eyes *were* delicate, but Rachel was beautiful of form and appearance. <sup>18</sup> Now Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for Rachel your younger daughter."

## 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?

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Genesis 29:25-27: <sup>25</sup> So it came to pass in the morning, that behold, it was Leah. And he said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Was it not for Rachel that I served you? Why then have you deceived me?" <sup>26</sup> And Laban said, "It must not be done so in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn. <sup>27</sup> Fulfill her week, and we will give you this one also for the service which you will serve with me still another seven years."

## 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?

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Genesis 30:1-3: <sup>1</sup> Now when Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister, and said to Jacob, "Give me children, or else I die!" <sup>2</sup> And Jacob's anger was aroused against Rachel, and he said, "Am I in the place of God, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?" <sup>3</sup> So she said, "Here is my maid Bilhah; go in to her, and she will bear a child on my knees, that I also may have children by her."