

LABAN TRICKS JACOB

Genesis 29:13-30

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¹³As soon as Laban heard the news about Jacob, his sister's son, he hurried to meet him. He embraced him and kissed him and brought him to his home, and there Jacob told him all these things. ¹⁴Then Laban said to him, "You are my own flesh and blood."

After Jacob had stayed with him for a whole month, ¹⁵Laban said to him, "Just because you are a relative of mine, should you work for me for nothing? Tell me what your wages should be."

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

¹⁹Laban said, "It's better that I give her to you than to some other man. Stay here with me." ²⁰So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her.

²¹Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife. My time is completed, and I want to lie with her."

²²So Laban brought together all the people of the place and gave a feast. ²³But when evening came, he took his daughter Leah and gave her to Jacob, and Jacob lay with her. ²⁴And Laban gave his servant girl Zilpah to his daughter as her maidservant.

²⁵When 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?"

²⁶Laban replied, "It is not our custom here to give the younger daughter in marriage before the older one. ²⁷Finish this daughter's bridal week; then we will give you the younger one also, in return for another seven years of work."

²⁸And Jacob did so. He finished the week with Leah, and then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife. ²⁹Laban gave his servant girl Bilhah to his daughter Rachel as her maidservant. ³⁰Jacob lay with Rachel also, and he loved Rachel more than Leah. And he worked for Laban another seven years.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) How long was Jacob supposed to work for Laban?
5		2.) How long did Jacob actually work for Laban? (Verse 27)
5		3.) Why did the first seven years of work seem to go by so quickly? (Verse 20)
5		4.) Why do you think Laban tricked Jacob?

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Colossians 3:9</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: PUZZLES

Students will make a puzzle to remind them how Jacob worked for fourteen years to marry Rachel.

MATERIALS

1. White 67 lb. Cardstock
2. Puzzle pattern
3. Scissors
4. Crayons or markers

DIRECTIONS

1. Copy a puzzle pattern onto 67 lb. Cardstock for each student.
2. Have students color the puzzle with crayons or markers.
3. Cut out the pieces of the puzzle on the solid lines.
4. Students may put the puzzle together on their own or have a race against another student.



FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their puzzles, remind them of how much Jacob loved Rachel. He was willing to work seven more years than expected to marry Rachel. Though Laban was deceitful on his end, Jacob endured and won Rachel's hand in marriage. Discuss the memory verse below. Help students realize that as Christians we are new creatures in Christ Jesus. The old self is no longer. We need to be honest with one another so that others will see Christ in us.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

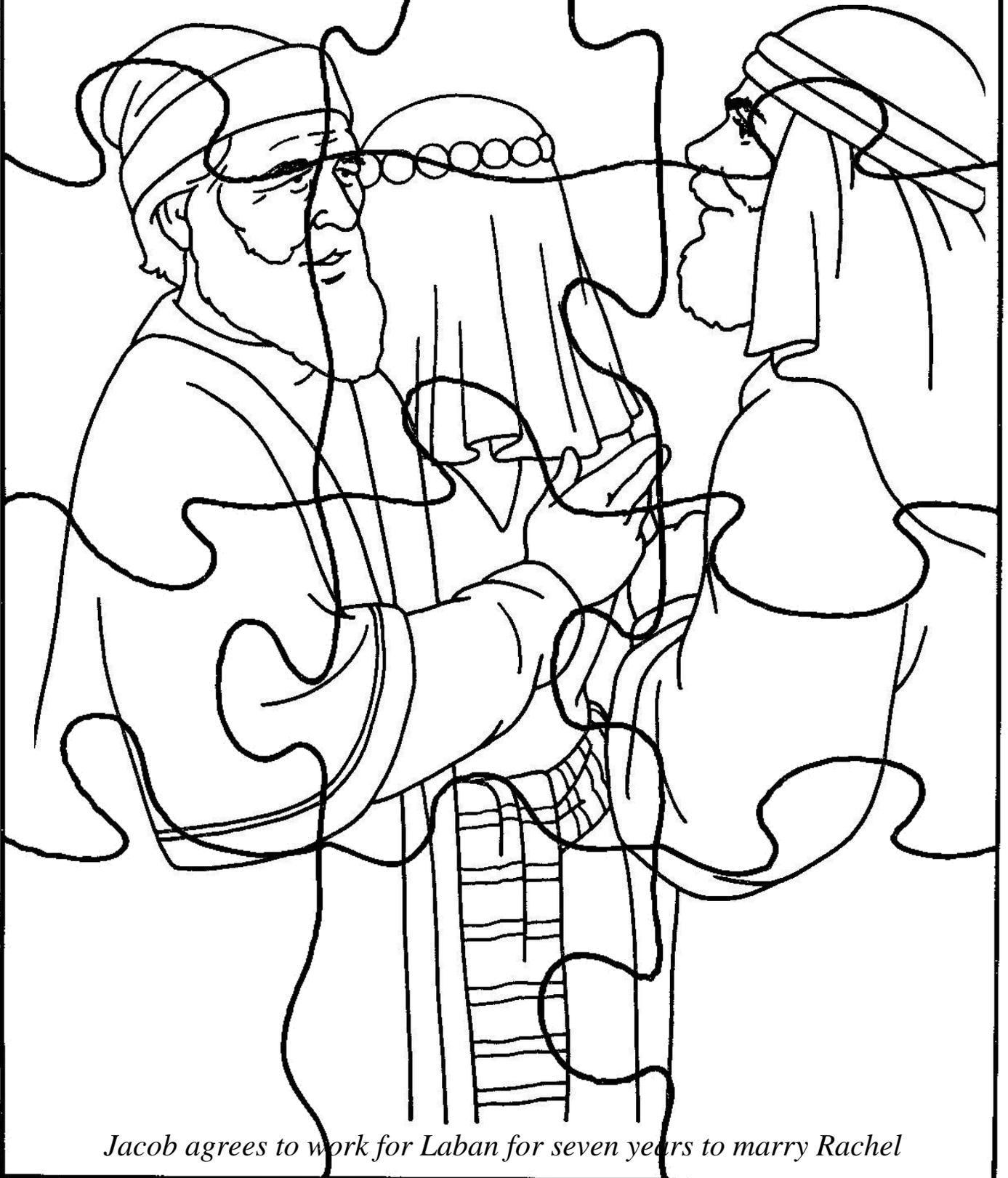
Approximately 20 minutes

MEMORY VERSE

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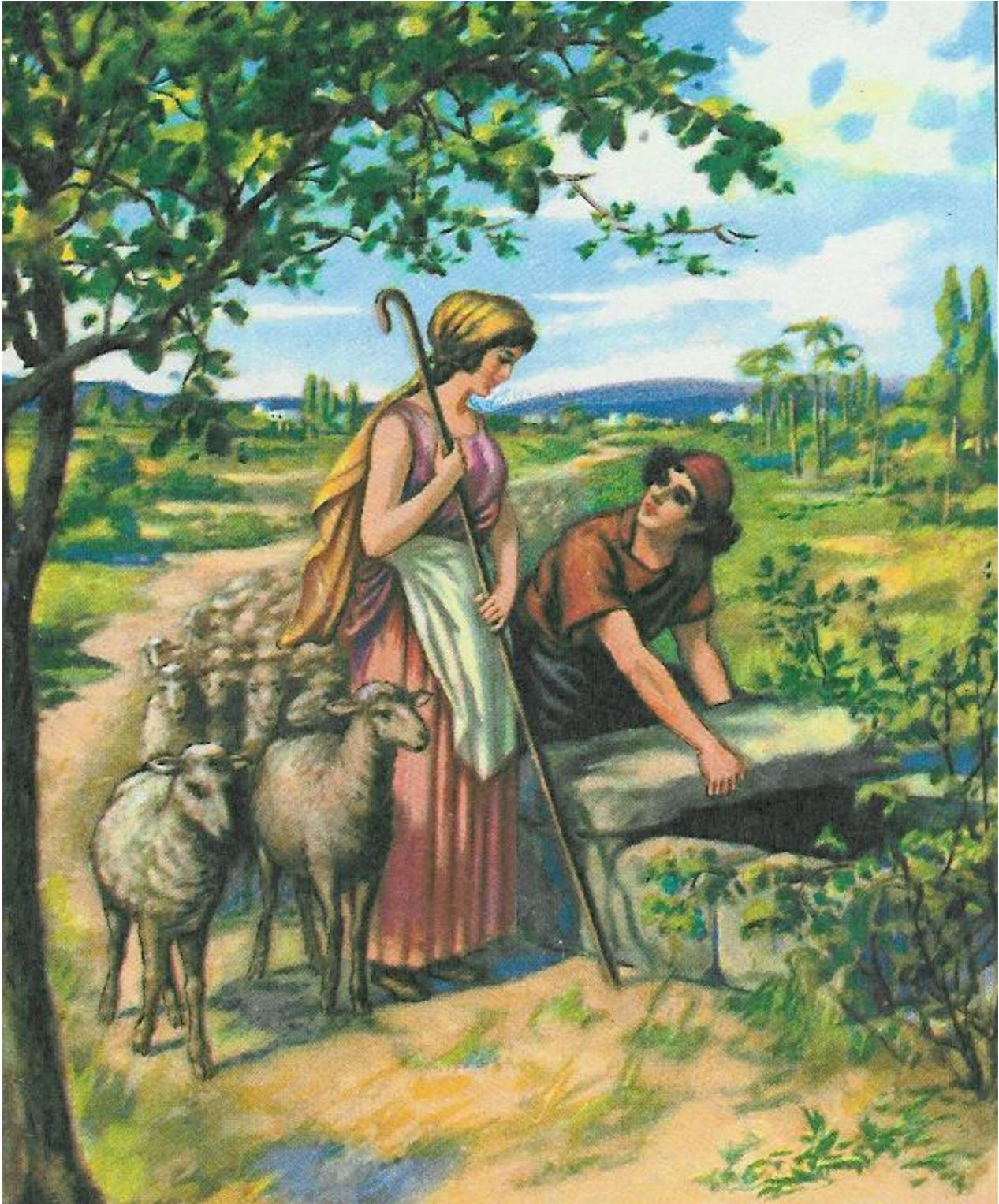
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Jacob met his cousin Rachel while she was watering sheep for her father Laban.

Laban invited Jacob to his home. After about a month, Laban wanted to have Jacob work for

him. Jacob agreed to work for his uncle for seven years if he could marry Rachel, Laban's daughter.

Jacob loved Rachel so much that the seven years of work seemed like only a few days!

Laban had a feast and gave Jacob his daughter Leah instead of Rachel.

"Why did you trick me, Laban? I worked seven years for Rachel, not for Leah!"

Laban said, "It is not our custom here to give the younger daughter in marriage first. I will let you marry Rachel if you work another seven years for me."

Jacob agreed to work another seven years so that he could marry Rachel. After seven more years of work, Jacob and Rachel were married.

For more details, please read Genesis 29:13-30 in the Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. How did Jacob and Rachel meet?
2. What did Laban want Jacob to do?
3. What would Jacob get if he worked for seven years?
4. Why do you think Laban tricked Jacob?

MEMORY VERSE

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HELP JACOB FIND RACHEL

