

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## A Ladder to Heaven

After Jacob deceived Esau, Esau planned to kill Jacob. Rebekah, their mother, heard of Esau's plan and called to Jacob. "Your brother is planning to kill you," she informed him. "Run from here to visit my brother Laban. Stay with him a few days until your brother has had time to calm down. Then, I will send for you."

Rebekah spoke to Isaac later. "I am having a hard time in my life because of the daughters of Heth living here around us. If Jacob marries one of these girls, what good is my life?" Rebekah complained.

Isaac called to Jacob. "Go to the house of Laban, your mother's brother and marry one of his daughters," Isaac advised. "May God bless you and make you fruitful, and give you the blessing of Abraham." Jacob followed his parent's advice and went to visit his uncle.

Esau saw that Jacob was gone. He married one of Ishmael's descendants.

Meanwhile, Jacob was on the long journey to his uncle's. He grew tired and stopped for the night. Jacob put one of the stones behind his head and used it for a pillow. While he slept, he dreamed about a beautiful ladder that reached all of the way to heaven. Angels of God were walking up and down the ladder. The Lord was above the ladder. The Lord said, "I am the God of Abraham your father, and of Isaac. I will give you and your children this land. You will have as many in your family as the dust on the earth. In you and your children will everyone on the earth be blessed."

Jacob woke up. "Surely the Lord is in this place," Jacob declared. "I did not know it." Jacob was afraid. "This must be the gate of heaven," he thought. Jacob got up early the next morning and took the stone he had used for a pillow. He made it a pillar and poured oil on top of it. He called the place Bethel.

Jacob made a promise to the Lord. "If You will be with me and keep me, and will give me bread to eat and clothing, and allow me to return to my father's house in peace, You will be my God. This stone will be Your house. I will give You a tenth of all that I receive."

—Sis. Monica Murphey

## **A Ladder to Heaven: Bible Drill**

*Isaac loved the Lord and offered Him a tenth of everything that he received. Many still do this today. It is called tithing. It is good to give to the Lord's work, whether it is a tenth of what you have, or more! Find the following verses about money/possessions and write them down on the lines. Whoever finishes first is the winner!*

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Malachi 3:10

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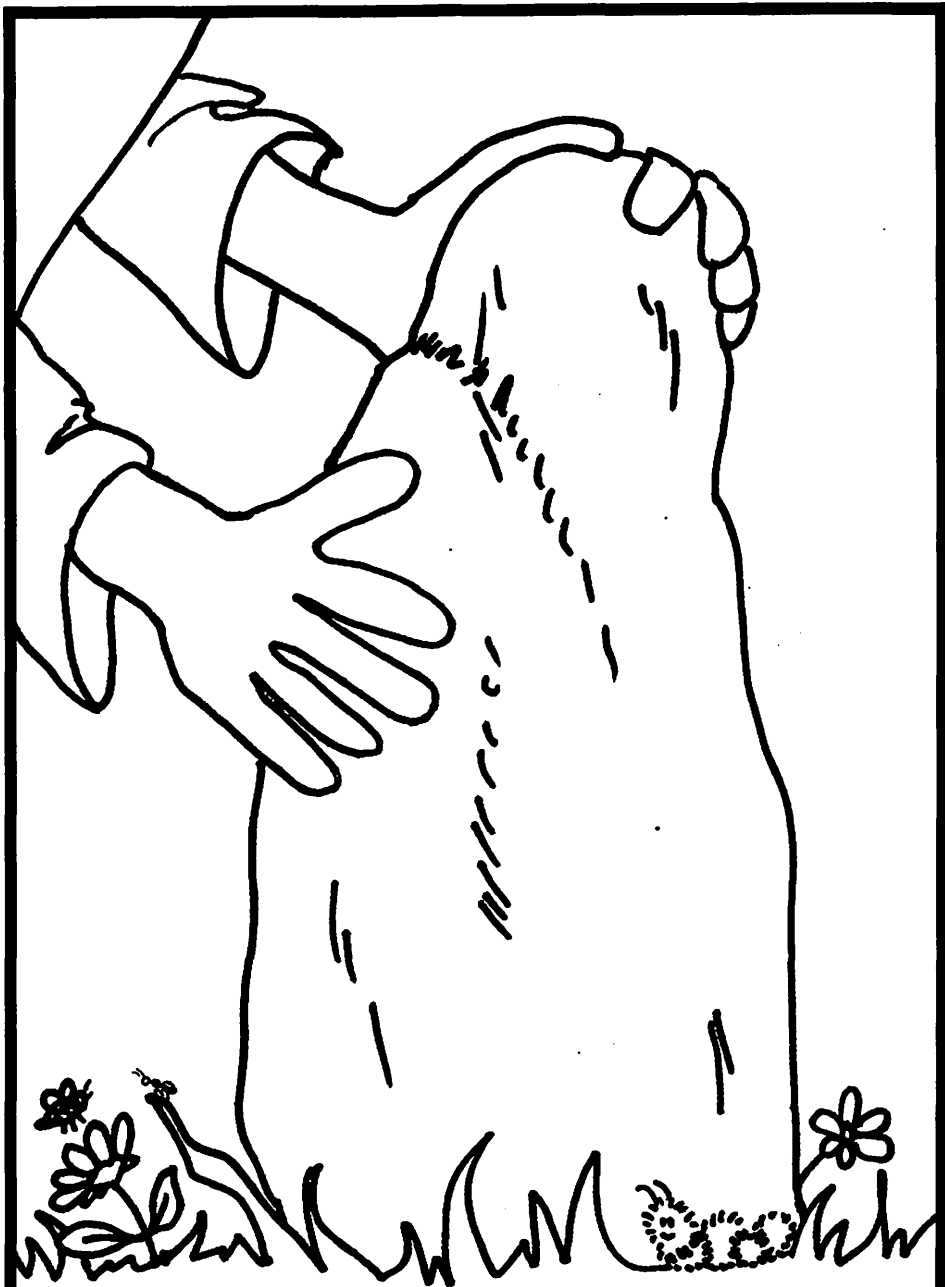
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Deuteronomy 14:22

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"... took the stone that he had put for his pillows,  
and set it up for a pillar ..." Genesis 28:18

## First Ranch Assignment

Jack and Suzi decided it was time to move from Knoxville. Someone told Jack about a ranch in Georgia. The owner needed a caregiver for his large variety of exotic animals on his ranch. Jack called the ranch owner and they made an agreement over the phone. Within a couple months, Jack, Suzi and the girls had their things packed and were heading to that thousand acre ranch.

One of Jack's first jobs was to pick up three baby elephants from the Kennedy International Airport in New York City. Jack was not a city boy and he had only been to NYC one time before. This made him nervous. Before he left, Jack and Suzi prayed all would go well.

Jack flew to Kennedy Airport and met the airliner bringing animals from Africa. In the middle of the night, they unloaded elephants, rhinos, zebras, and lions. Jack loaded up only three baby elephants into a rented U-Haul truck. He was tired by the time he shut the back door and fastened the lock, but he knew he had to get those elephants to their ranch before they got hot and cranky.

Heading south on the busy network of highways, Jack took a wrong road. Suddenly he realized that he was heading toward a road overpass that was not tall enough for his truck to go under!

**SCREEECH!** Jack heard the top of the truck scrape the concrete overpass. The truck stopped. Jack and the elephants were stuck! Car horns honked as a long line formed behind the truck.

Jack climbed out of the cab and was preparing to let air out the truck tires when he heard sirens coming his way. Two police cruisers pulled up beside Jack's truck.

"Can't you read?" barked one officer as he walked toward Jack. "There's a sign warning against a truck this size coming down this highway. We are going to impound this truck and take you to the station!"

"But the baby elephants will die

if they stay in here too long!" replied Jack.

"We are going to give you a sobriety test," said the second officer. "Driving drunk with a truck is going to cost you, Buddy!"

"I'm tired but I'm not drunk!" declared Jack. "If we can let some air out these tires, I'll back out of here and get these elephants on the way!"

The officers grabbed Jack and held him up against the U-haul. A third officer was directing traffic around the truck. Jack was in trouble!

"Look," said Jack, "I'm sorry I went down this highway—I don't know the roads here—but let me show you what's inside this truck so you can see for yourself that I need to keep moving."

"Alright, wise guy," one officer said as they released Jack.

Jack opened up the back door and three baby elephant trunks reached out to him.

"Wow! You weren't lying!" said one officer. "Do you have papers on them?"

Jack showed them the ownership papers. The officers were so amused by Jack's cute babies that they not only called for help to get his truck unstuck, but they escorted him out of NYC.

When Jack rolled the truck down the ranch drive he was thankful to let these cute babies out to play and eat.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

### Questions:

1. What did Esau plan to do to Jacob?
2. What did Rebekah advise to do?
3. What did Isaac tell Jacob to do?
4. What did Jacob use for a pillow?
5. What did Jacob dream of that reached to Heaven?
6. Who was above the ladder?
7. What did Jacob do with the rock?
8. What promise did Jacob make the Lord?

**Answers:** 1. Kill him. 2. Go to her brother's. 3. Marry one of his cousins. 4. A rock. 5. A ladder. 6. The Lord. 7. Made it into a pillar and poured oil on it. 8. That he would give the Lord a tenth of his profits.

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## Jacob Meets Rachel

Jacob came upon a well in a field. Flocks of sheep were lying around it. A great stone covered the top of the well. The herdsmen rolled the stone away from the well and watered their sheep. Jacob approached the men and asked, "Who are you?" "We are from Haran," they answered.

"Do you know Laban?" Jacob asked.

"We know him," they replied. "He is doing well. There is his daughter, Rachel, coming with his sheep."

While he was speaking with the men, Rachel approached the well with her father's sheep. When Jacob saw Rachel, he went to the well and rolled the stone from the well for her. He helped her water Laban's flocks. Jacob kissed Rachel and wept. Jacob told Rachel that he was her cousin. She ran to tell her father.

When Laban heard that his nephew was at the well, he ran to meet Jacob. Laban threw his arms around Jacob and brought him in to his home. Jacob stayed with Laban's family for a month.

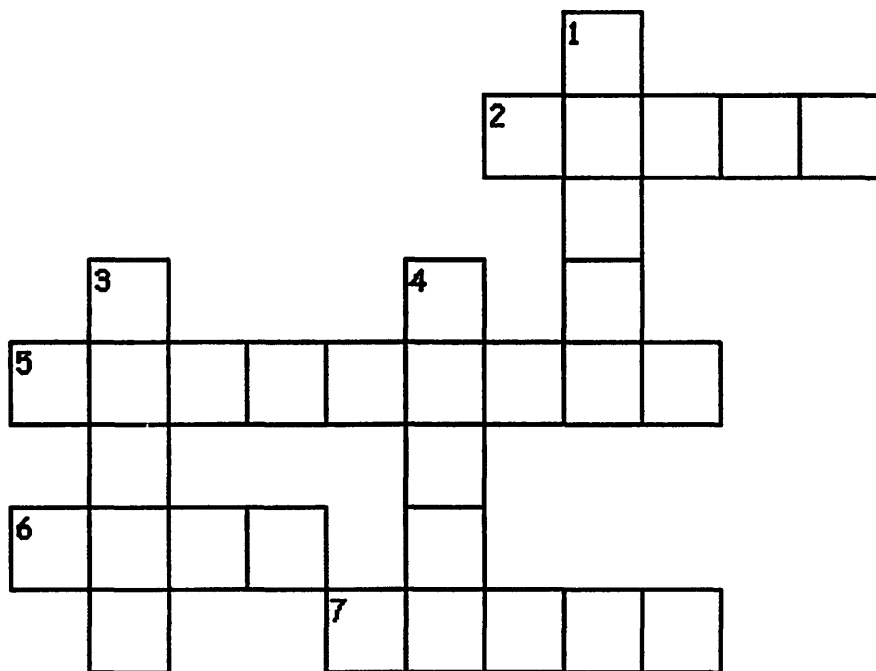
Jacob worked hard for Laban during his stay. One day, Laban came to talk with him about wages. "You are my family. You should not work for nothing," Laban protested.

Laban had two daughters. Leah, the eldest, had kind eyes, but Rachel, the youngest, was beautiful. Jacob answered, "I will serve you seven years if you will allow me to marry Rachel."

"I would rather have her marry you than any other man," Laban agreed. So Jacob worked seven years for Rachel. It did not seem like such a long time, because he loved her very much. Finally, when the seven years of hard work were completed, he went to Laban. "Let me marry Rachel," Jacob insisted. "My time of service is completed."

—Sis. Monica Murphey

## Jacob Meets Rachel



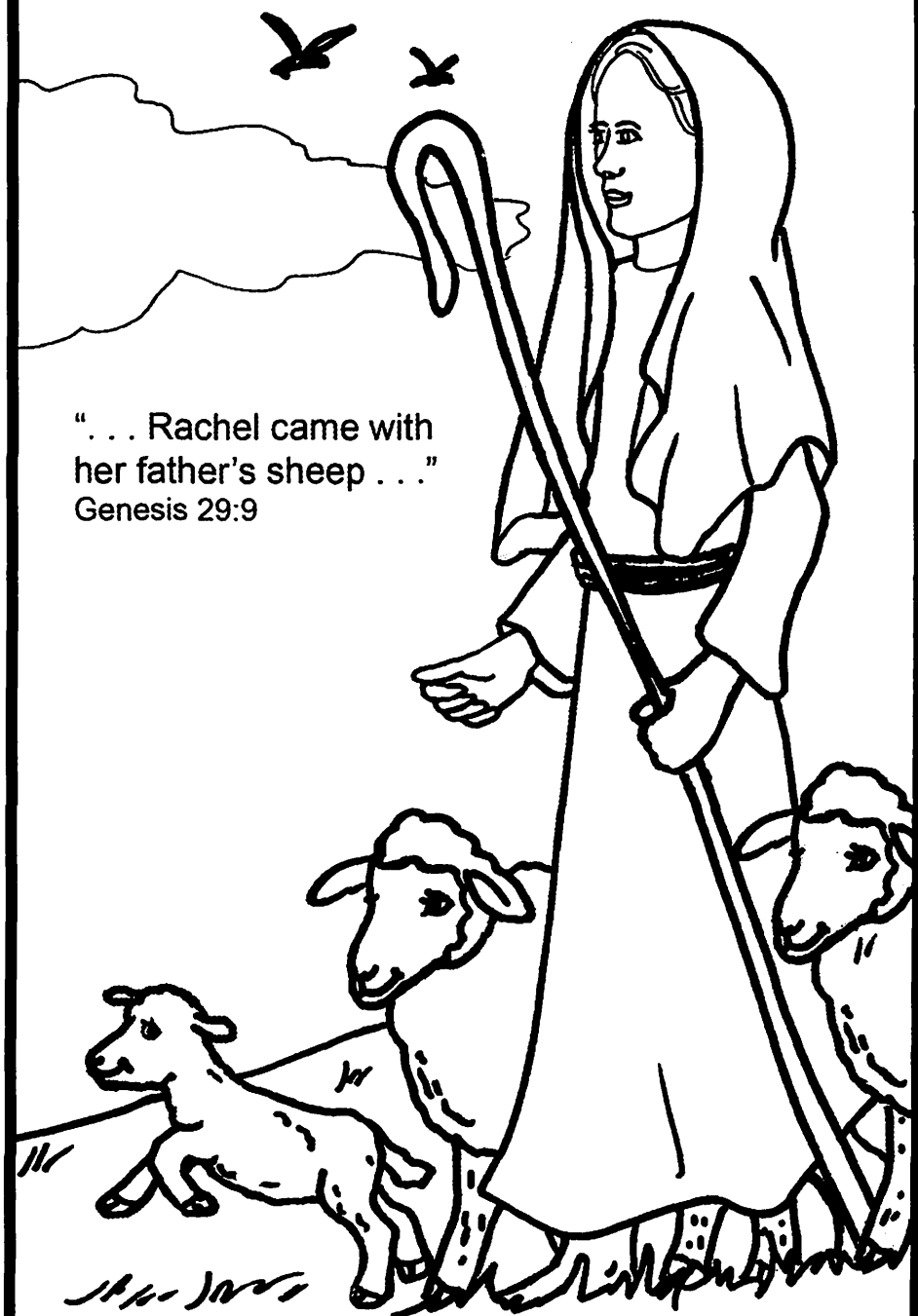
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2. Rachel's father.
5. Laban had two of these.
6. Laban's oldest daughter.
7. The number of years Jacob agreed to work for Rachel.

### Down

1. Jacob helped Rachel get this for her sheep.
3. Laban thought Jacob should be making this.
4. This was covering the well.

“... Rachel came with  
her father's sheep ...”  
Genesis 29:9



## Meet Sobik

On the ranch, Jack, Suzi and their two daughters shared their small mobile home with two chimps, four macaw parrots, Jocamo the spider monkey, Willy the cat, Joe the mynah bird and their sheepdog. It was a little crowded in the house so during the day the animals were let outside to play.

There were huge pecan trees and big oaks with Spanish moss draping over their branches. Peanuts and berry bushes supplied tasty treats that people and animals alike enjoy.

Working with Lew, the ranch owner, Jack learned more about giraffes, zebras, hyenas and elephants. Jack knew it was important to learn new things from different animal trainers. He listened and watched how the other person talked to the animals, how he treated them, and how the animals responded back. Jack and Lew talked about the best feed for each kind of animal. They checked the health of the animals and gave special care to any that were sick or injured.

All of his hard work paid off. Not only did the animals thrive under such good care, but Jack's reputation as a good caregiver thrived also. A man named Stan in Florida heard about Jack. He called Jack and offered him a zoo directing job in Stanford, Florida. Soon Jack and his family packed their things into a U-Haul truck and headed farther south.

The little zoo in Sanford was very crowded. Jack knew they needed more land for the animals so he decided to have fund raisers. Down the street from the zoo was a sandwich shop where Jack ate lunch. He talked to the owner about his desire to expand the zoo.

"If I had five hundred dollars, I would buy a baby Indian elephant and train it to do tricks," Jack told Sobik, the store owner.

"Okay," said Sobik. "I'll write the check for you."

Jack bought the baby Indian elephant and they named him Sobik.

He was a smart baby who loved to eat. When talking with Suzi about making money for the zoo, she said, "Let's have a birthday party for Sobik! That should bring a crowd and people will love to give him money gifts!"

"Great idea!" agreed Jack.

First he contacted the local school band director and arranged for the band to play. Then he talked to the PE teacher who agreed to teach the children gymnastic tricks to perform for the birthday party. Then Jack ordered a two hundred pound birthday cake. He made posters about the party and put announcements in the paper. Soon the whole town was excited about Sobik's birthday party.

A couple of days before Sobik's birthday, Jack and the elephant keeper trimmed Sobik's toe nails and cleaned his ears. They scrubbed him down with soap and warm water. He really shined by the time they were done.

Then next morning, the day before his birthday, Sobik got sick with diarrhea. His legs and feet were messy and his pen smelled badly.

Jack picked up the phone and called the vet. "Come quick!" he said. "Sobik is sick and tomorrow is his birthday party. We've got to do something for him quick!"

"I'll be right over," said the vet. "Hope for a miracle because I don't know what to do."

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

### Questions:

1. What were the men doing at the well?
2. Who came up to the well?
3. What did Jacob help Rachel do?
4. Who ran to meet Jacob?
5. How long did Jacob stay with Rachel's family?
6. What did Jacob agree to work for?
7. How many years did Jacob agree to work?
8. Why did the seven years not seem long?

Answers: 1. Watering their sheep. 2. Rachel. 3. Water her sheep. 4. Laban. 5. A month. 6. Rachel. 7. Seven. 8. He loved Rachel.



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## The Wrong Wife

Jacob and Rachel's father, Laban, had agreed that Jacob could work seven years and marry Rachel at the end of that time. Jacob worked hard, and when seven years were up, he went to Laban and told him it was time for him to marry Rachel. However, tradition in that country stated that the oldest girl should always be the first to marry. Laban thought that Leah should be the one to marry Jacob. Laban began to plan a terrible deception.

Laban had many men from all over the country to come for the wedding feast. When it was dark, and the shadows were blocking the eyes from seeing very well, Laban brought Leah out to Jacob. Leah and Jacob were married. The next day, Jacob saw what Laban had done.

"What have you done to me?" Jacob demanded. "Didn't I serve you for Rachel? Why have you deceived me?"

"In our country, the firstborn marries before the younger," Laban explained. "If you will work for me for another seven years, I will allow you to marry Rachel, also."

Jacob had many children. His sons were Rueben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph, and Benjamin. Jacob also had a daughter named Dinah.

One day, Jacob went to Laban. "Let me go to my own country," Jacob requested. "Let me take my family and my children. I have worked for you. You know that I have done well for you."

Laban urged Jacob to stay. "The Lord has blessed me because of you," Laban said. "Tell me what you wish to work for and I will give it to you."

"I will go through your flocks today and take all of the spotted cattle, all of the brown sheep, and the spotted goats," Jacob said. "That will be my wage."

The animals that Jacob collected for his work flourished. Jacob's wealth and possessions greatly increased. He had a lot of cattle, servants, camels, and donkeys. —Sis. Monica Murphey

## The Wrong Wife

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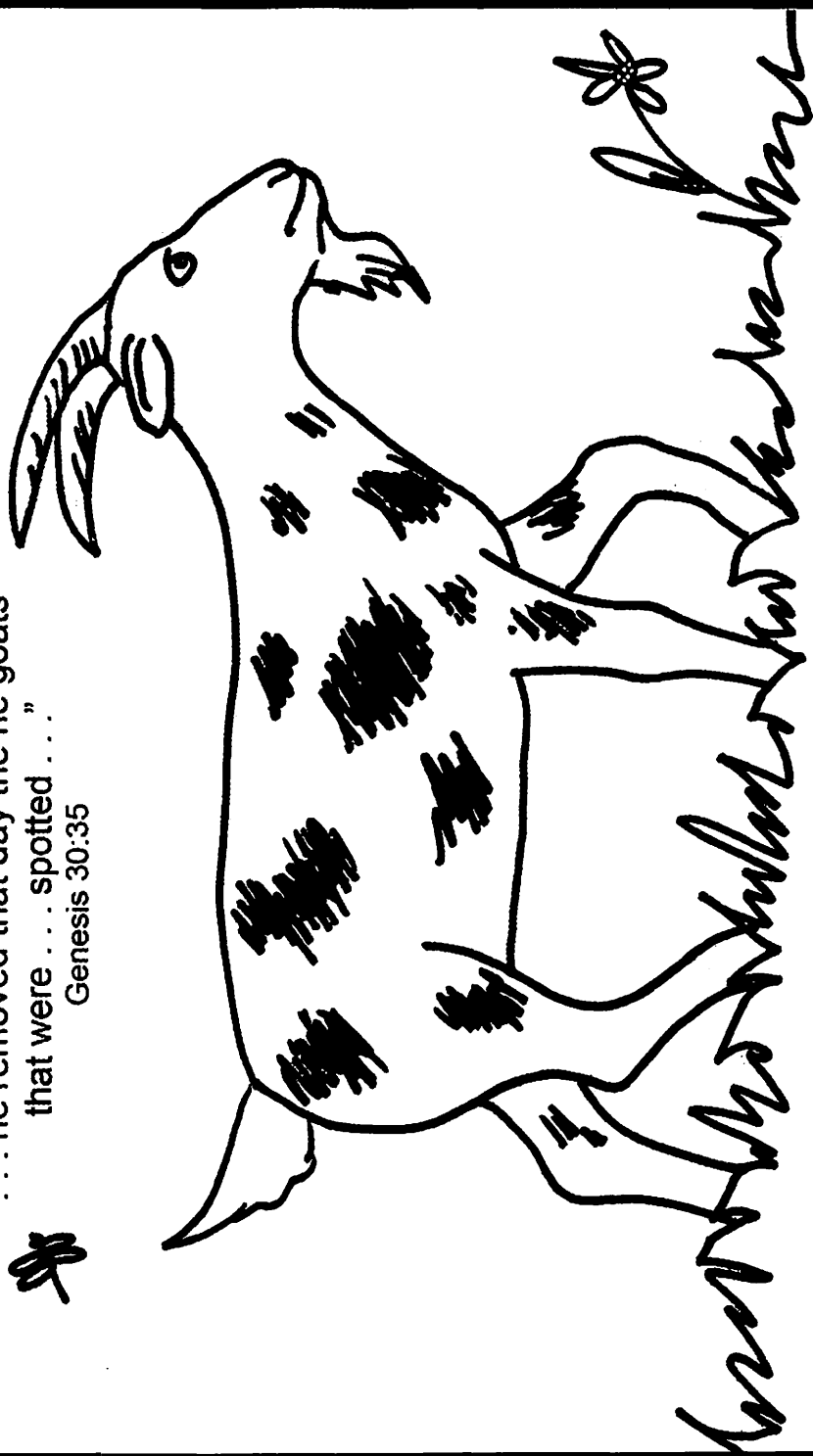
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“... he removed that day the he goats  
that were ... spotted ...”

Genesis 30:35



## Sobik's Birthday Party

Jack had a birthday party planned and announced for Sobik, the baby Indian elephant, when the day before the party, Sobik became sick with diarrhea. He needed another bath. Anyway, Jack called the vet who rushed over to give Sobik a checkup.

"I think he will be okay if we can get these two pills into his digestive tract," said the vet. "They will work fast. Maybe he is nervous about having sixteen thousand people watching him eat his birthday cake."

"Well, we got to settle his tummy somehow," replied Jack, "or we will see a mad rush for the exits if tomorrow he poops on his birthday cake."

Knowing Sobik as a friend, Jack put the two pills in his hand and held them under Sobik's trunk. The elephant turned his head and wouldn't look at the pills. So Jack got an orange and pushed the pills deep into the orange. Normally Sobik loved to eat an orange, but he wouldn't touch this one. Jack had the keeper bring twelve oranges and put them in a pile along with the orange that had the pills hidden inside it.

Sobik ate every orange but the one with the pills! This time Jack took the pills out of that orange and had the keeper bury the pills deep inside another orange. They put more oranges with these two. Sobik ate all the oranges but not the one with the pills!

Jack was amazed but frustrated. "Sobik! You are being stubborn," he said as he rubbed behind the baby's right ear. "There is certainly nothing wrong with your smeller! You must get well, Sobik, because you have a big cake to eat tomorrow and a lot of friends coming to the celebration."

Sobik's black shiny eyes looked into Jack's worried face. He didn't want to be sick, but he didn't want to eat those two pills.

"Would you like some molasses, Sobik?" asked Jack. He called to the keeper, "Bring Sobik some molasses

on his wooden spoon." He did not tell Sobik his plan of putting the pills in the molasses.

Sobik's trunk went up and his pink tongue stuck out to lick the brown sticky molasses. Before he realized it, his tongue had licked the two pills onto his tongue and he had swallowed the pills.

"Yes! They went down!" exclaimed Jack as he rubbed behind Sobik's ear.

The next day Sobik got another quick bath before leaving his pen to go to the Orlando Sports Stadium that was prepared with all sorts of streamers and banners. The band marched and played before Sobik as he walked into the stadium. Everyone cheered as he raised his trunk to sniff his huge birthday cake. Sobik was nervous but Jack stayed nearby him to keep assuring him. Jack knew if Sobik got scared, he might get sick again because the pills had not helped him like they had thought they would.

Have you ever been scared sick about something? Then you know what Sobik felt like. Because Jack stayed nearby him, Sobik felt comforted and he was not sick. That is the way we can depend on Jesus. He is a friend who will help us when we feel nervous and sick. He will give us strength and comfort if we depend on Him.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

### Questions:

1. Who did Jacob wish to marry?
2. Who did Laban want Jacob to marry?
3. Why did Laban want Leah to marry?
4. How many years did Jacob end up having to work for Rachel?
5. What were some of Jacob's son's names?
6. Why did Laban want Jacob to stay?
7. What wage did Jacob ask for?
8. Did Jacob's animals do well?

Answers: 1. Rachel. 2. Leah. 3. Tradition. 4. 14. 5. Answers will vary. 6. He was blessed b/c of Jacob. 7. Spotted cattle, brown sheep, spotted goats. 8. Yes.

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## Time to Leave

The Lord had blessed Jacob richly in this land. His father-in-law, Laban, had allowed him to choose a few sheep, cattle, and goats from his flocks for the labor that Jacob had done for him for fourteen years. These animals had flourished and multiplied. Now, Jacob had scores of cattle, servants, camels, and donkeys. Jacob knew that God had been with him and had blessed him. Unfortunately, seeing Jacob's wealth made his brother-in-laws unhappy. "Jacob has taken away all that was our father's," Laban's sons complained. "Jacob has taken the credit for raising these flocks that are rightfully ours."

Laban himself wore an unhappy look on his face these days. The Lord spoke to Jacob, "Return to the land of your fathers. I will be with you." Jacob called for Rachel and Leah.

"I can see the way your father looks at me," Jacob related. "He acts differently toward me than before, but God has been with me. You know that I have served your father the best that I could. Your father has mistreated me. He changed the payment that he promised I would get for my work ten times, but he has not hurt me. I had a dream. An angel of God came to me, saying, 'Jacob, I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed a pillar. You promised that if I kept you safe, you would give me a tenth of all of your possessions. Get up and get out of this land and return to the land of your fathers.'"

"Can we bring anything with us as an inheritance from our father's house?" Leah and Rachel asked. He has treated us dishonestly, also."

Jacob's family began the preparations for their long journey. They gathered up all of the goods Jacob had accumulated over the years. They gathered all of Jacob's flocks.

Unknown to Jacob, Rachel had stolen some false idols of her father's. Jacob and his family were afraid that Laban would cause unpleasantness if he knew they were going to leave, so Jacob took his family and all of his possessions and stealthily stole away from his father-in-law's presence.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

## Crack the Code!

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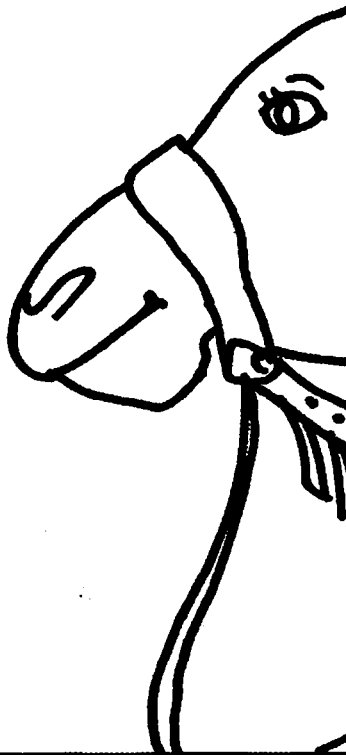
**Use your own code for your favorite Bible verse. See if your friend can figure it out.**

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“ . . . Jacob stole away unawares . . . ”

Genesis 31:20







## The Alligator Bite

In Florida there was occasional trouble with alligators going into people places. Highways crossed over the marsh land and more building construction was taking place in old alligator places, also. One night Jack's phone rang waking him up from a good sleep.

"We have an emergency that needs your help," said a police officer on the phone. "We have a twelve foot long alligator who has bitten into a tire of a police cruiser. We don't want to kill the alligator but we need you to release it from the tire and restrain it."

"Okay," said Jack as he climbed out of bed. "I'll be at the Longwood Hotel in a short time."

He called Herbie, the herpetologist, who brought ropes and a tranquilizer gun if needed.

"Now first let's lasso the gator's head," said Herbie. "Our last resort is to use the dart gun. If we can get his mouth tied shut, we will only need to drag him into the station wagon."

"Yeah, only drag him!" teased Jack.

They got the alligator's teeth out of the tire, but when they pulled him free, he flipped over on his back and thrashed around. He knocked Herbie off his feet. In his hurry to get away from the gator's mouth, Herbie tangled up in his own ropes. With the cops help Herbie was set free and the gator was tied up. Together they pulled and pushed that gator into the back of Jack's station wagon.

Jack was thankful the gator settled down for his short ride to Lake Monroe. He knew alligators were dangerous and could not be trusted, but he felt they needed to respect the alligator's right to live a good life in his own home.

It was still dark when they drove the station wagon down the shore of the lake. Jack and Herbie opened up

the back door and pulled the gator out by his tail. They unwrapped his legs and his mouth. By this time the gator was relieved to be set free. He waddled toward the lake and slid into his watery home.

Jack and Herbie watched him swim away. "Bye Bye, boy. Stay home and stay safe!" Home should be a safe place even for an alligator.

It was Jack's desire to make the little zoo into a bigger one with better habitats for all his animal friends. He took it seriously about caring for God's creation. It was the first job God gave to Adam, to rule over all the birds of the air, fish of the sea and all living things on the earth.

If an animal is under a person's care, that person is responsible to make sure the animal is fed the right food and has fresh water all the time. An animal should not be left to starve to death nor tortured cruelly. God cares about the animals he created and so should people.

Jack and his family certainly encouraged animal care. In time, Jack was offered another position at the Cleveland, Ohio zoo. After living in Florida for two years, they were ready to move on to more adventures.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

### Questions:

1. Why did Laban's sons not like Jacob?
2. Was Laban happy?
3. What did God tell Jacob to do?
4. Where was Jacob supposed to go?
5. What did the Lord promise Jacob?
6. How had Laban treated Jacob & his wives?
7. What did Jacob's family prepare for?
8. What had Rachel stolen?

Answers: 1. They were jealous of his prosperity. 2. No. 3. Leave. 4. The land of his fathers. 5. That He would be with Jacob. 6. Dishonestly. 7. To leave. 8. Some false idols.

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## Preparing for a Meeting

Jacob and his family were nearing the land of his father. On his way, angels of God met Jacob. When Jacob saw them, he said, "This is a Heavenly Host!" Jacob called the place Mahanaim.

Jacob was a little nervous about his coming meeting with his twin brother, Esau. After all, Esau had desired to kill Jacob. Jacob had tricked Esau out of his birthright and his blessing from their father. Esau had been furious with Jacob, and Jacob left their land to find a wife and to give Esau time to have a change of heart about things.

Jacob sent servants before him to Esau. "Your servant Jacob says this," the servants told Esau. "I have been living with Laban until now. I have oxen, donkeys, flocks, and many servants. I have sent them ahead to tell you these things so that I may have grace in your sight."

"Esau is coming to meet you," the servants warned Jacob. "He has four hundred men along with him." Jacob was frightened, but he knew what he needed to do in times like these. Jacob knelt down to pray. "God of Abraham and Isaac, You said for me to return to my country. I am not worthy of the mercy You have shown to me. Save me from the hand of my brother, Esau. I am afraid that he has come to kill me and my family. You have promised to do me good, and that I would have many offspring."

Jacob's family spent the night in restless apprehension. The next day, Jacob prepared a present for Esau. Jacob had his servants gather two hundred and twenty goats, two hundred and twenty sheep, forty cows, ten bulls, twenty female donkeys, and ten foals. Jacob's servants took all of these gifts and delivered them to Esau. When the servants met Esau with the flocks, each one of them said, "These are your servant, Jacob's. They are a present for my master, Esau. Jacob is coming behind us."

So the presents went on before them, and Jacob's family settled in for another long night.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

## Missing Vowels

*During Isaac's prayer, he mentioned God's mercy. Mercy is defined (in the dictionary) as compassion or forgiveness shown toward someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm. See if you can fill in all of the missing vowels to finish the following verse about God's mercy.*

"Bl\_\_ss\_\_d b\_\_ th\_\_ G\_\_d \_\_nd  
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I Peter 1:3



## A New Gorilla Habitat

Jack and his family moved to Columbus, Ohio where he was hired to direct a zoo located there. He wanted to make living conditions for the animals better and decided to start with the gorillas. Colo, a twenty one year old female, had never been outside on grass in all her life. Jack wanted her and her children and grandchildren to have a real life habitat to enjoy.

First, Jack had to get money for this project. He heard about a man who was a multimillionaire living nearby, so Jack decided to visit him. He had to convince the rich man's secretary that this need was important. After talking four times in person to the secretary, he was finally given permission to talk to the millionaire.

"I've been hearing some stuff about the zoo," said the rich man to Jack. "I hear you are trying to do something better for the gorillas?"

"Yes, sir!" exclaimed Jack. He jumped right into his plans about building a natural habitat for his strong, hairy friends.

After feeling Jack's excitement and hearing his talk for a few minutes, the rich man said, "Alright, young man, I will help you with this project. I just want you to guarantee that these gorillas won't escape from this place."

"I give you my word, sir!" said Jack. He said a prayer under his breath because he couldn't watch nor control grown gorillas nor their keepers. He had to trust God to prevent any escape!

Once the money was available, the plans were carried out and all the zoo employees worked together to make it happen. After 120 days of hard work, the news was out that the gorillas were going into their bigger home. Reporters came to take pictures, write reports and film it all.

At first the gorillas were afraid. Oscar, the big male gorilla, waited for Colo to check things out before he went to the open door leading to the

grassland, rocks and stream outside. Colo touched the grass gently and then pulled her hand back in surprise at the tickle on her hand. Then she reached out, plucked a few blades of grass and put them in her mouth.

After an hour, Oscar decided Colo had investigated long enough. He marched outside with a serious, conquering look on his face. He saw the sun for the first time, and poked at the big boulders. In a little while, Oscar climbed on top of a huge boulder and stretched out in the sun. Everyone laughed. Yes, it was rewarding to see these animals enjoying their new extended home.

The gorillas never did escape from the outside enclosure, but later a zoo keeper forgot to shut an inside door. Oscar found it open and went into the wash room. With his strong hands he tore water facets from the wall, ripped up rubber hoses, and pulled apart pipes.

Jack had to call a vet with a blow-gun tranquilizer. He climbed up into a loft above the gorilla pen and shot the dart into Oscar. Soon a sleeping Oscar was put back into his home. Oscar's escape from his home was not safe for him nor for others. It is safest to stay where one is cared for.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

### Questions:

1. What met Jacob on his way?
2. What did Jacob call this place?
3. Why was Jacob nervous?
4. What had Jacob done to Esau?
5. What did Jacob send to Esau?
6. Who did the servants say were coming?
7. What was Jacob afraid would happen?
8. What did Jacob do when he was afraid?

Answers: 1. A Heavenly Host. 2. Mahanaim. 3. He was meeting his brother. 4. Tricked him. 5. Presents. 6. Esau and 400 men. 7. They would kill Jacob's family. 8. Prayed.

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## Wrestling Match

Jacob sent his family to bed across the brook and found himself alone. Suddenly, there was a man standing before him. The man wrestled Jacob far into the night. The first rays of morning sun broke through the clouds, and Jacob was still wrestling the man. Jacob saw that the man was not tired and would not give up.

The man touched Jacob's thigh, and Jacob felt it come out of joint as he continued to wrestle the man. "Let me go," the man said. "It is morning." "I will not let you go, unless you bless me," Jacob countered. "What is your name?" the man asked. "Jacob," he replied.

"You will be called Jacob no longer. Now your name is Israel. You have the power of a prince with God and man," the man said. "What is your name?" Jacob asked the man.

"Why is it that you ask my name?" the man wondered. The man blessed Jacob there. Jacob knew that this was a heavenly being he had been wrestling. He called the place "Peniel." "I have seen God face to face," Jacob said. "My life has been saved."

Jacob looked up and saw his brother, Esau, approaching with 400 men. Jacob was still frightened about the meeting. He put Rachel and Joseph in the back. Next came Leah and her children. Leading the group were his servants and their children.

Jacob came in front of them all. He bowed low to the ground seven times until he reached his brother. Esau ran to meet him. Jacob felt Esau hugging him and falling on his neck. Together, they lifted their faces and wept. Jacob introduced his family to Esau. Each of them bowed before him. Esau did not want to accept the many things Jacob offered him. "If I have found grace in your sight, take them," Jacob urged. "God has been gracious to me and I have enough." Esau took the gifts. Jacob and his family journeyed on and settled in Succoth, where they built a house and barns for their flocks.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

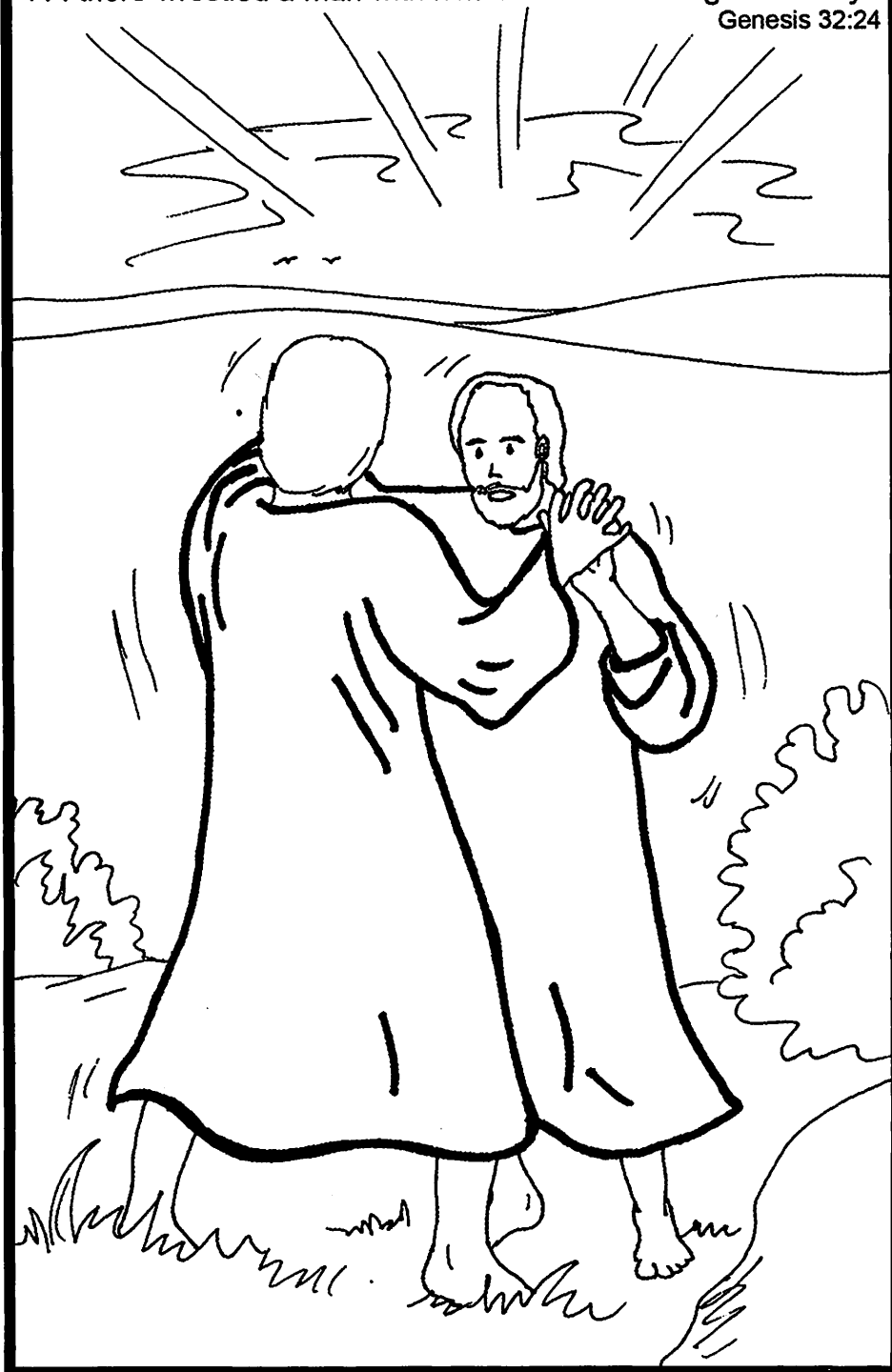
## True Vs. False

1. Jacob was fishing in the brook when he saw the man standing there.	True	False
2. Jacob shook hands with the man and introduced himself.	True	False
3. Jacob and the man wrestled until sunup.	True	False
4. Jacob wouldn't let the man go until the man blessed him.	True	False
5. The man changed Jacob's name to Israel.	True	False
6. Jacob called the name of the place "Ararat."	True	False
7. Jacob looked up to see Esau coming to meet him alone.	True	False
8. Jacob bowed seven times in greeting to his brother.	True	False
9. Esau was angry when he saw his brother.	True	False
10. Jacob had many gifts he offered Esau.	True	False
11. Jacob and his family settled in Succoth.	True	False

True/False Answers: 1. F 2. F 3. T 4. T 5. T 6. F 7. F 8. T 9. F 10. T 11. T

"... there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day."

Genesis 32:24





## The Kitten Rescue

Because Jack cared about animals of all kinds, he often was called upon to rescue an animal in some dangerous situation. One evening, Jack was ready to climb into bed when his doorbell rang. He went to the door and opened it. A very nervous, excited woman said, "Oh, Jack, you must help this poor kitten! Someone threw it over the O'Shaughnessy Dam!"

Jack sighed. "I'm sorry, ma'am," he said. "There's no way that kitten could be alive."

The O'Shaughnessy Dam was over one hundred feet down, and the river below about thirty feet deep. Nothing could survive such a fall.

"No, the kitten is stuck on a concrete ledge ninety feet down from the bridge, right above the turmoil. Please, sir, get your car and follow me. I will show you."

Jack rubbed his tired neck. "Okay, let me get ready."

Driving behind her, Jack went to the middle of the bridge, where they pulled over. Jack shone his high powered flashlight over the edge of the bridge where the woman pointed. Slowly searching the area, Jack saw a little black form on a two foot ledge of the concrete dam.

"How could that kitten land there?" exclaimed Jack. "Some uncaring person must have thrown the poor baby over the bridge. Then that cat's guardian angel must have put it right on that ledge just above the deep whirlpool! Ma'am, I don't know how we can get that cat from there."

"Oh, Jack, we can't just leave it there to die!" cried the woman.

"Okay, ma'am," said Jack kindly. "I can't do much in the dark but in the early morning, I will get a boat and net and see what I can do to rescue that poor kitten."

"Oh, thank you, Jack!" exclaimed the woman.

True to his word, the next morning Jack and a friend were in a boat heading toward the middle of that huge

waterfall. The highway on the bridge was crowded with drivers on their way to work. Someone must have called the media, because reporters gathered to watch and a media helicopter kept flying overhead.

The boat motor propelled the light boat only so close to the falls, then the rush of the water and the swirl below pushed the boat away from the cliff where the little kitty clutched to a small ledge. The water over that section of the dam had been closed off so the kitty could be clearly seen. They had a long handled net to hold under the ledge, but the frightened kitten did not know to jump into it.

Jack's friend on the bridge decided to throw water balloons down at the cat to make it jump into the net. If the cat missed the net when it jumped, it would drown in the water. The cat's guardian angel surely needed to help it now, Jack thought.

He tried to keep the boat steady, while his friend in the boat held the net. Suddenly a balloon hit the cat who jumped right into the net! The crowd cheered! People watching over the media cheered! Jack put the kitty from the net into a carrier then a big boat pulled their little boat from the whirlpool.

That feisty kitty lived a good life at a newscaster's house.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

### Questions:

1. What was Jacob doing with the stranger?
2. When did the man ask Jacob to let him go?
3. Why wouldn't Jacob let him go?
4. What was Jacob's new name?
5. What did Jacob call the place?
6. Who came to meet Jacob?
7. Was it a good meeting?
8. Where did Jacob's family settle?

Answers: 1. Wrestling. 2. In the morning. 3. He wanted a blessing. 4. Israel. 5. Peniel. 6. Esau. 7. Yes. 8. Succoth.

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## Favorite Son

Isaac died when he was one hundred and eighty years old. After Isaac's death, Jacob stayed in the land of Canaan with his family. Now, Jacob had many sons—twelve in all. Their names were Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulon, Joseph, Benjamin, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher. Reuben was the oldest of Jacob's sons, and Benjamin was the youngest.

Out of all of these sons, Jacob loved Joseph the best, because Joseph had been born in Jacob's old age. Joseph also was the son of Jacob's beloved wife, Rachel. Jacob made Joseph a lovely coat of many colors. In Jacob's time, people had to dye their fabric to make colors. When Joseph's brothers saw his coat, they hated him even more than they had before.

One time, Joseph saw his brothers misbehaving when they were supposed to be working. Joseph told their father what he had seen. His brothers felt very angry at Joseph.

"Please listen to this dream that I had," Joseph entreated one day. "We were tying bundles in the field when my bundle rose and stood upright. Then, all of the other bundles stood upright and bowed down to my bundle."

"Will you rule over us?" his brothers scoffed. "Will you indeed be greater than we are?"

Joseph had another dream. He told this dream to his brothers, also. "I dreamed another dream," Joseph related. "I dreamed that the sun, the moon, and eleven stars bowed down to me."

This time, Joseph's father was in the group that was listening to Joseph's story. "What is this that you have dreamed?" his father asked. "Will your mother, brothers, and I bow down to you?"

His brothers were very jealous of Joseph. His brothers hated Joseph even more for his dreams and for his words. However, Jacob paid attention and wondered about Joseph's dreams.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

## **I Spy Jacob's Twelve Sons**

*Color the names of Jacob's sons. Write them down  
on the lines below*

<b>Dan</b>	<b>Isaac</b>	<b>Laban</b>	<b>Simeon</b>	<b>Jonah</b>
<b>Haman</b>	<b>Rueben</b>	<b>Adam</b>	<b>Micah</b>	<b>Gad</b>
<b>Cain</b>	<b>Zebulon</b>	<b>Lot</b>	<b>Issachar</b>	<b>Caleb</b>
<b>Judah</b>	<b>Philip</b>	<b>Joash</b>	<b>John</b>	<b>Joshua</b>
<b>Matthew</b>	<b>Abraham</b>	<b>Levi</b>	<b>David</b>	<b>Joseph</b>
<b>Elijah</b>	<b>Benjamin</b>	<b>Samuel</b>	<b>Asher</b>	<b>Elisha</b>
<b>Isaiah</b>	<b>Ezra</b>	<b>Naphtali</b>	<b>Jonathan</b>	<b>Mark</b>

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
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9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_
11. \_\_\_\_\_
12. \_\_\_\_\_

“ . . . he made him a coat of many colours.” Genesis 37:3



## Help! There's a Snake!

One summer evening Jack was at home with his wife when they got a call from a lady who was in a panic. "Jack, please come help us!" she cried over the phone. "There's a snake in our toilet! We can't use the toilet until you get it out! Please hurry!"

"Okay," agreed Jack. "Where do you live?"

He wrote down directions. Then he took his wife and three daughters on a long ride down six miles of dusty roads to an old, weathered farm house. As Jack pulled his station wagon into the driveway, he saw four older ladies sitting on the porch, waiting for him.

"We are so glad to see you!" said one lady as Jack and his family climbed out of the car.

"None of us have used the bathroom for eight hours," said one lady. "You have to get that horrible snake out of the toilet!"

They pointed toward the bathroom. Jack and Suzi took their snake rake and a sturdy pillowcase and went to the bathroom. A big flower pot was setting on the closed toilet lid.

"I'll lift off the flower pot," Jack said to Suzi, "and you can lift the toilet lid."

Fearlessly, Suzi lifted the lid and they saw a four foot corn snake coiled around like an Italian sausage in the cool water. Corn snakes are not poisonous and move slowly unless catching a mouse or lizard for supper.

Suzi took the rake and pulled the snake out of the toilet and into the bathtub. Their three daughters stood in the bathroom doorway, giggling at their parents as Jack held the pillowcase open for the snake to crawl into.

Of course, he thought the ladies needed to hear some of the action, so he was giving orders very loudly. "Okay, Suzi, rake the snake this way. Don't let it fall! That's my hand holding the pillow case, you know! Stay back, girls! We don't want the snake coming your way!"

Through all Jack's hollering, the snake (who is deaf) went right into the pillowcase without any problem. Jack tied a knot in the top and the toilet was cleaned up.

When Jack and his family came back into the living room, the four ladies stood up from the couch to thank him. "Oh, we so appreciate you coming to get that horrid thing out of there!" said one lady.

Another lady handed Jack fifty dollars. "Here, take this for all your trouble."

"No, I don't want any pay," said Jack, handing back the money.

"Oh, we must give you something!" insisted the lady.

"Okay, a few vegetables from your lovely garden will do," replied Jack.

Gladly the ladies gave them a bag of fresh potatoes. Then they took turns going to the bathroom while Jack and his family loaded the snake into the back of their station wagon.

"We just can't thank you enough for getting that snake!" said one lady. "You are so kind to come in the evening when you were relaxing. I hope this wasn't too much excitement for the girls."

"No, ma'am, it wasn't," grinned Jack. "We were glad to come and be a help."

He felt good inside about helping people or animals in distress.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

### Questions:

1. How old was Isaac when he died?
2. Where did Jacob's family live?
3. How many sons did Jacob have?
4. Who was Jacob's favorite son?
5. What did Jacob make for Joseph?
6. What did Joseph dream happened to the bundles?
7. What else bowed down to Joseph in a dream?
8. How did Joseph's brothers feel about him?

Answers: 1. 180 years old. 2. Canaan. 3. 12. 4. Joseph. 5. A coat. 6. They bowed to him. 7. Sun, moon, and eleven stars. 8. They hated him.

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## Plots of Murder

Joseph had eleven brothers, but Joseph was his father's favorite son. Jacob, Joseph's father, had even singled Joseph out to give him a very attractive and colorful coat. This made Joseph's brothers have very angry thoughts about Joseph. Joseph's brothers were also jealous of Joseph because he had several dreams that his family bowed down to him.

One day, Joseph's brothers left to feed their father's flocks nearby. Jacob called for Joseph. "Go and see how your brothers are doing with my flocks," Jacob commanded. "Tell me how things are going." So Joseph went to check on his brothers.

The brothers noticed Joseph coming when he was still far away. "The Dreamer is coming," one of them informed the others. "Let's kill him and throw him into a hole. We will say, 'Some wild animal has killed Joseph.' Then we will see what will come of his dreams."

Reuben heard his brother's conversation. "Let's not kill him, Reuben said. "Shed no blood. Throw him into this hole that is in the wilderness. Do not lay a hand on him." Reuben planned to rescue Joseph from the hole and bring him back to their father unharmed.

Unaware of their wicked plots, Joseph finally reached his brothers. His brothers grabbed Joseph. They took his coat and threw him into a hole. The hole was empty. There was no water in it.

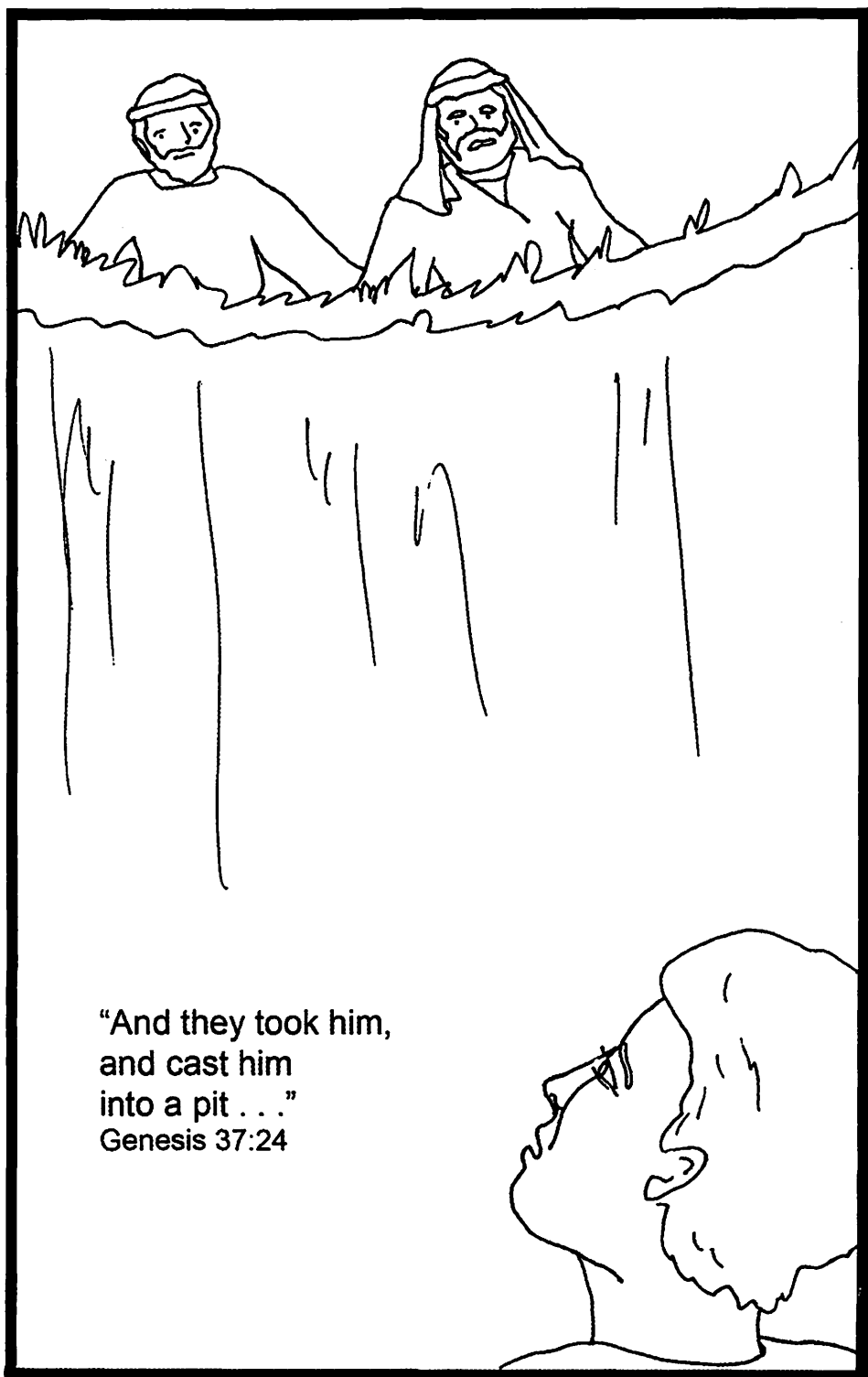
The brothers sat down to eat their bread and saw a caravan of Ishmaelite's approaching from Gilead. They took in the spices and ointments for sale and had a terrible idea. "Let's sell our brother to the Ishmaelite's," Judah suggested. "Then we will not be blamed for shedding his blood."

Joseph was sold as a slave by his own brothers. They received twenty pieces of silver. Reuben was not present during the exchange. He returned to the hole and was very upset to find out what his brothers had done. Their father thought a wild animal killed Jacob. He tore his clothes and wept for his son. —Sis. Monica Murphey

## Word Unscramble

SOLD   TWELVE   DREAMER   SLAVE   BROTHERS  
COAT   JOSEPH   FAVORITE   COLORS   JEALOUS

1.   EVTELW   \_\_\_\_\_
2.   HOEPSJ   \_\_\_\_\_
3.   REERMAD   \_\_\_\_\_
4.   OCTA   \_\_\_\_\_
5.   BSOHRRET   \_\_\_\_\_
6.   LEVSA   \_\_\_\_\_
7.   SROCLO   \_\_\_\_\_
8.   VAFEROIT   \_\_\_\_\_
9.   SDLO   \_\_\_\_\_
10.   LOSEUAJ   \_\_\_\_\_



"And they took him,  
and cast him  
into a pit . . ."  
Genesis 37:24



## Coco, the Accurate Pitcher

Coco was an Asian bull elephant who was mischievous. Weighing in at five tons, his size alone gained him respect from the zoo keepers and handlers. He knew commands and was trained to do some tasks, but he learned a bad habit himself. He knew how to throw rocks at moving objects, often at people.

His long strong trunk, with over thirty thousand muscles, was able to pick up heavy objects. He could move a thousand pound log like it was a match stick. One time he picked up a big manhole cover and threw it like a Frisbee over an iron railing, breaking a strong window glass. Yes, he knew that was naughty, but how do you punish a huge male elephant?

Jack had everything in Coco's habitat cemented deep into the ground. They had to check every morning and evening that Coco had not loosened anything to throw.

Then Coco decided to throw small objects, like rocks. He was very accurate with his hitting. He threw a rock and broke Jack's windshield of his motor cart. Coco would hide a rock in his trunk and hit his keepers in the back with a well aimed throw.

"We've got to do something about Coco!" exclaimed one keeper. "He is going to hurt someone with his rock throwing!"

"We'll put him inside and take out every little rock in his habitat," replied Jack. "That's all I know we can do."

Yes, the keepers hunted Coco's habitat and carefully collected every loose rock they could find because they were tired of getting hit by his rock missiles.

One morning a family of four came to Coco's yard where he was eating breakfast. He was not in his safe habitat yet, and for some reason he did not like them watching him eat breakfast. With his long trunk, Coco reached up twelve feet to a ledge where a flower pot had some rocks. He selected a rock and sent it sailing

through the air, hitting the dad right in the middle of the forehead.

The father fell to the ground and the mother screamed. The two children cried. They didn't know what had happened, but Coco was swaying back and forth watching all the action he had caused. Jack was called as well as an ambulance. When Jack saw the rock laying beside the man, he knew Coco had thrown it. Jack prayed the man would be alright for his family's sake, and he did not want Coco going through a trial for killing someone. The man revived without any serious side effects, of which Jack was thankful. From then on Coco ate his breakfast without any guests.

Another time grandparents were taking their grandson, Stevie, on a private tour of the zoo. Again Coco was in his feeding yard, which was suppose to be rock free, but somehow he had found a rock. Without warning, Coco threw a fast one at Stevie's tummy. Stevie bowed over the hit, which left a big red mark, but he thought it was funny.

Jack didn't think so. No matter how much he scolded Coco for his naughty throwing, Coco never stopped. That meant Coco stayed behind thick glass during visiting hours at the zoo. Naughty habits even cause grown elephants to lose privileges.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

### Questions:

1. Why did his brothers hate Joseph?
2. What did Jacob ask Joseph to do?
3. What did the brothers want to do to Joseph?
4. What did Reuben tell them?
5. What was Reuben's plan?
6. What did they do with Joseph?
7. How much money did they get?
8. What did they tell their father?

Answers: 1. He was the favorite son. 2. Check on his brothers. 3. Kill him. 4. Shed no blood. 5. To rescue him later. 6. Sold him. 7. 20 pieces of silver. 8. A wild animal killed him

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## Blessed in Egypt

The Ishmaelite caravan arrived in Egypt with Joseph. Joseph was bought by Potiphar who was an officer and the captain of Pharaoh's guard. The Lord was with Joseph and blessed everything he did. Joseph was a slave in the home of Potiphar. Potiphar saw that the Lord blessed Joseph. He liked Joseph and made him overseer of all of his possessions. The Lord blessed Potiphar while Joseph was overseer at his home. Potiphar relied on Joseph to take care of everything, except for the bread that he ate. Joseph was well liked by everyone.

One day, Potiphar's wife noticed Joseph. She liked Joseph too. She tried to convince Joseph to do something he knew was wrong. He refused to give in to her whims. "I cannot do this great wickedness and sin against God," Joseph told her.

Potiphar's wife was very angry. She tried to get Joseph to do wrong several other times. One time, when she asked him, they were alone in the house. Joseph knew he needed to leave. He left his coat and ran out of the room, in a hurry to get away from that wicked woman.

The woman's screams caught the attention of the men working outside. "Joseph tried to hurt me," she cried. "When I screamed, he ran out of the house. I have proof that he was here. Joseph ran so quickly that he left his coat behind."

When Potiphar heard his wife's accusations, he was furious. Potiphar believed his wife. He took Joseph and left him in prison.

Poor Joseph betrayed by his brothers and falsely accused by Potiphar's wife. The Lord was still with Joseph, even in the midst of these new trials. The prison keeper noticed Joseph and gave him special privileges. The prison keeper placed all of the prisoners in Joseph's care. Everything that Joseph did prospered.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

## Hidden Bible Verse

*Joseph served God and feared Him through all of his trials. Make a slash through the Bs, Js, and Ys to find out what happens to those who are faithful to love God. Write all other letters on the lines below.*

BJYYABNYJBDWJEBJBKYJBYNJJOWYJBYTYHJABTBBA  
YYJLLYJBjYTYHJJBIYJBnBGJSYWYJBOYRJJJKBjYT  
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Hidden Bible Verse Clue: Romans 8:28

"... Joseph's master took him,  
and put him into the prison ..."  
Genesis 39:20



## Roscoe's Struggle

Each time a new baby animal was born at the zoo, Jack wanted to know about it. He took time out of his busy schedule to go see the newcomer and make sure the baby and mama were doing fine. It seemed that Joansie, a female gorilla, was not prepared to be a mama when her baby son was born. Roscoe was born early and needed oxygen right away. He had to be in the nursery for a while and Joansie decided she did not want to see him.

Because the baby was too weak to climb on his own, a nurse stayed in the nursery to care for Roscoe who wore a diaper and drank slowly from a bottle. At first the baby formula seemed to agree with Roscoe and he began to gain strength. He was getting 24 hour care, so that he was drinking formula every two to three hours.

Then one morning Jack got a call. "Roscoe is not doing good," said his nurse. "He is not taking his bottle and he has diarrhea."

"I'll be right over," said Jack. He hurried to the gorilla nursery and held Roscoe in his arms. "I think we will take him to a hospital. He needs an IV with saline to keep his body from dehydrating."

Roscoe was rushed to a research wing of the Children's Hospital. There he was treated with kind respect and tender care. Through tests doctors found unhealthy bacteria growing in his stomach. They began to treat it as best they could.

The baby gorilla was a quiet patient. He adjusted to the hospital routine. His eyes would smile with thanks when he was given a fruit treat, and he loved to cuddle in a nurse's lap while rocked in a rocker. It was the same motion his natural mother would have given him if he was with her.

Roscoe gained strength and was able to go back to the gorilla nursery. He could see his mama and daddy on the other side of the glass, but he was not well enough to be with them. The nurses really cared for Roscoe and they did all sorts of games with him. He would do well for a while, then diarrhea would strike him, and he would have to return to the hospital for a week of treatment.

Not only was it hard on the zoo family to watch Roscoe grow so sick, but it was also draining all the money from the medical fund for all the animals. Jack went to the media and told people about Roscoe's fight for life. Soon people were sending money for Roscoe's hospital expenses. Children at school were saving pennies/change for Roscoe's expenses. Roscoe's picture was seen in most businesses in the town.

The united feeling to help Roscoe showed the good in caring people. Roscoe struggled to live for a year. After his first birthday celebration, he became very ill and passed away in the arms of his special nurse who had cared for him many hours. Hundreds of people had adopted Roscoe, and they all grieved his passing.

Two days later, Joansie, his mother, gave birth to another male baby. This baby was strong enough to be with his mother who decided to care for him herself.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

### Questions:

1. Where was Joseph sold?
2. Who bought Joseph?
3. Who tried to get Joseph to sin?
4. Did Joseph sin?
5. How did Potiphar's wife feel?
6. What did she accuse Joseph of?
7. What did Joseph leave behind?
8. Who was still with Joseph?

Answers: 1. Egypt. 2. Potiphar. 3. Potiphar's wife. 4. No. 5. Angry. 6. Hurting her. 7. His coat. 8. The Lord.

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## Interpreter of Dreams

After Joseph's master threw him into prison for a crime he did not commit, Joseph was placed in charge of many of the prison's affairs. While he was in prison, the king's butler and baker had offended their master, and the king had thrown them into prison. The captain of the guard put Joseph in charge of them.

One morning, when Joseph came to check on them, he noticed that the two men were very sad. "Why are you so unhappy today?" Joseph asked.

"We have both had a dream, but we have no one here to explain it," they said.

"God can interpret these dreams," Joseph declared. "Tell them to me, please."

"I dreamed that a vine of grapes was before me," the chief butler said. "There were three branches on the vine and clusters of grapes grew on it. I took the grapes and made a drink for Pharaoh. I put it in his cup and took it to him to drink."

"The three branches are three days," Joseph explained. "In three days, Pharaoh will take you out of this place. You will have your old job back. Think about me when this happens and mention me to Pharaoh. I was stolen from my home. I have done nothing wrong."

The chief baker saw that the interpretation of the butler's dream was good. This gave him the courage to tell his own dream. "I had three white baskets on my head in my dream," the chief baker told Joseph. "In the top basket, there were all kinds of meats for Pharaoh, but the birds came and ate them out of the basket."

"The three baskets are three days," Joseph said. "In three days, Pharaoh will take you out of this place and kill you." In three days everything that Joseph said came to pass. The chief butler was restored to his position once again, but the chief baker was killed.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

## **Dreams and Visions**

*God often sends dreams or visions to warn us about the future or to give us discernment. Look up the verse references below and fill in the name of the person who had these dreams or visions in the blank.*

Genesis 28:12 \_\_\_\_\_ had a dream about a stairway that reached up to heaven. Angels were walking up and down the stairs.

Genesis 37:9 \_\_\_\_\_ had a dream that the sun, moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to him.

Daniel 2:1 \_\_\_\_\_ had a dream of a statue that was struck with a rock not made with hands. The parts of the statue that were made of clay, iron, silver, and gold were broken to pieces at the same time and became like chaff on a threshing floor in the summer. The wind swept them away without leaving a trace. But the rock that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth.

Matthew 2:13 \_\_\_\_\_ was told to leave and flee to Egypt by an angel in a dream.

I Kings 3:5 The Lord spoke to \_\_\_\_\_ in a dream and asked him if there was anything he wanted. He asked for wisdom.

Matthew 27:19 \_\_\_\_\_ had a dream about Jesus and tried to convince her husband that he was innocent.

Acts 10:3 God came to \_\_\_\_\_ in a vision and told him to call for Simon Peter.

Can you think of any other people in the Bible who had a dream or a vision? See which student can think of the most.

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"... I also was in my dream ... I had three white baskets on my head." Genesis 40:16





## Samia

Jack's care and love for animals and people rippled out beyond the Columbus Zoo and local community. In the state of Ohio, into all of the states of America, Jack became known as the guy who cared about God's creatures. Through the media, Jack showed people how to care for different animals. He talked about their habits, food, interests and any other information he knew from being with the animals or from reading about them.

The opportunity to travel into Africa became available and Jack jumped at the chance. He wanted to visit elephants, gorillas, lions, and other such animals in their natural homes. So it was Jack became known in other countries of the world as a man of compassion for animals and people.

One of his first trips to East Africa was to the Lewa Downs, a sixty thousand acre ranch for rhinos. Anna had created this ranch to preserve and study rhinos. She paid guards to watch and protect her rhinos against poachers who killed rhinos.

"If hunters keep killing rhinos at the rate they were, we would not have any more rhinos in Africa before long," she told Jack. "I don't want these lovely creatures to disappear from the wild."

True, not too many people think a rhinoceros is lovely or important, but Anna donated her life's savings and her time to care for them. Jack wanted to help. He gave her some money and helped publish her book, "Rhino: At the Brink of Extinction."

While he was at her house, she let him bottle feed a baby rhino, Samia, whose mother had died. The big baby rhino followed Anna around like a puppy, even wanting to get into bed with her!

The president of Kenya heard about Anna and her pet rhino. He wanted Anna and Samia to come to his house and meet special guests from other countries. Anna was shy like a rhino and she told Jack, "I don't

want to go. Besides, all that travel by plane could make Samia sick. I don't want my baby to suffer from such a trip."

"Anna, it would be good for you to show so many important people how obedient and affectionate your baby rhino is," replied Jack. "Then they will support your ranch and help the rhinos to survive."

Anna thought about this for a while. "You have a good point, Jack," she said. "Samia and I will go."

Samia didn't mind going as long as she could see Anna, which meant they stayed very close together because a rhino has poor eye sight. People were amazed at Samia's closeness to Anna.

Back home, Samia grew into a huge three thousand pound adult. Anna knew it was time to let her join the other rhinos for good, and Samia was ready to go. Samia soon became a mother of a baby rhino of her own.

Ten years passed and Jack went back to visit Anna on Lewa Downs. When they went to see a herd of rhinos in a lake, one huge rhino came walking to them. It was Samia coming to greet Anna!

Deeds of kindness can be long remembered even by a rhino. How much more good it is to do deeds of kindness for a person.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

### Questions:

1. Who was placed in Joseph's charge?
2. Why were the men sad?
3. What did the butler do with the grapes?
4. What did the three branches mean?
5. What would happen to the butler?
6. What did the three baskets mean?
7. What would happen to the baker?
8. What did Joseph ask the butler to do?

**Answers:** 1. The king's chief butler & chief baker. 2. They had no one to interpret dreams. 3. Picked them & made drink. 4. Three days. 5. He would be free & have his job. 6. Three days. 7. He would be killed. 8. Mention him to Pharaoh.

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Preparations for Famine

Joseph was able to interpret two dreams for Pharaoh with God's help. None of the magicians of Egypt had been able to help Pharaoh interpret his dreams. "There will be seven years of plenty, followed by seven years of famine," Joseph warned. "Pharaoh should choose a wise and discerning man and put him in charge over all of Egypt. This man should save one fifth of the food during the seven years of plenty. The food should be stored in the cities during the seven plentiful years so the people will not starve during the famine."

Pharaoh was very pleased with Joseph's ideas. "Where can we find a man, who is wise and filled with the Spirit of God?" Pharaoh wondered. "Since God has shown you these things, there is no other that is as wise and discreet as you are. You shall be in charge of my house and your word will rule my people. Only I will be greater than you. I have set you as a ruler over all of Egypt."

Pharaoh took off the ring that he wore and placed it on Joseph's finger. He clothed Joseph in fine linen and put a gold chain around Joseph's neck. Joseph rode in the second chariot owned by Pharaoh. Servants walked before the chariot, crying, "Bow before this man."

Pharaoh gave Joseph a wife. Her name was Asenath. Joseph was thirty years old when all of this took place.

The seven plentiful years brought forth food by the handfuls. Joseph gathered up a lot of the food and put them in store houses in the cities. Joseph gathered more corn than anyone could count.

During these years, Joseph and Asenath had two sons. Joseph's firstborn son was named Manasseh. "God has made me forget all of my hard years," Joseph declared. Joseph called his second son Ephraim. "God has caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction," Joseph praised.

When the seven years of famine struck the land of Egypt and the surrounding lands, people came to Pharaoh, begging for bread. "Go to Joseph," the Pharaoh suggested. Joseph opened the store houses and sold the food he had gathered to the people of Egypt and surrounding countries who came asking for food.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

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1. Joseph had two of these.

**6. The country Joseph was in.**

7. A time when food is scarce.

2. Where can we find a man, who is wise and filled with the \_\_\_\_\_ of God?

3. Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's \_\_\_\_\_.

#### 4. Joseph's wife

"And Pharaoh . . .  
arrayed him in  
. . . fine linen . . ."  
Genesis 41:42



## Helping Humans in Need

In his travels to Africa to watch wild life, Jack learned to love the country of Rwanda, the Land of a Thousand Hills. Because of its jungle mountains, it is home to the rare mountain gorilla or the big silverbacks. Jack and Suzi wanted to watch these strong animals in their natural environment, but they had to get permission from the government.

The people of Rwanda have had terrible wars between the Hutu tribe and the Tutsi tribe. The Hutus, who are shorter and darker skinned, killed many Tutsi, who are tall, slim and lighter in skin. The president of Rwanda, President Paul Kagame, welcomes peaceful help from outside his country. He wants missionaries who believe in Jesus Christ to come, because he has seen that through the saving grace of forgiveness his people are healing from the terrible pain they have suffered. He also wants to help them out of the starving poverty that destroys the people.

Jack became friends with President Kagame and offered to help. Jack and Suzi gave money to help rebuild homes in Rwanda. They brought clothes, shoes, blankets and other useful items when they came to visit. But money and things were just material needs of the people. They needed friends from other places to walk beside them and encourage, train and give them a hope for a better future.

Jack and Suzi became friends with an American woman who had moved to Africa in the late 1940's. She worked among the Rwandans and gained their respect. In 1994, when the Hutus began killing the Tutsis, she hid many Tutsi and saved them from a cruel death. Later when the Hutus learned what she had done, they threatened her life. She fled to America for a while. However, she prayed continually for the Rwandans. In time she flew back over to another part of Rwanda and started an orphanage and school. She rescued abandoned children out of the jungle. Jack helped her with her orphanage.

Jack and his family spent many weeks in Rwanda building houses and restoring people's hopes. He didn't call himself a missionary, but he knew that they needed Jesus Christ, and he told them to seek God for help humans could not give.

Frederick was one young man Jack admired. Frederick, a Hutu, was on a bus with all Tutsi people when a mob of angry Hutu men stopped the bus. They made everyone get off the bus. When they saw that Frederick was a Hutu, the leader said to him, "If you will kill all these Tutsi, we will spare your life."

Without hesitation, Frederick replied, "My God won't let me do that."

This made the men mad. They tied Frederick to a tree and made him watch as they killed with machetes everyone on the bus. Then they cut off Frederick's arms just below his elbows and left him to die. A Red Cross worker found Frederick on the tree and rushed him to a hospital where he received help.

Jack met Frederick working at the orphanage. He made arrangements for Frederick to go to the USA where he received artificial arms and hands. Now Frederick is so happy to be able to feed himself and to turn the Bible pages himself. He encourages everyone to love as Jesus does.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

### Questions:

1. Who interpreted Pharaoh's dreams?
2. How did Pharaoh feel about the interpretation?
3. Who did Pharaoh put in charge of Egypt?
4. What did Pharaoh give Joseph?
5. Who did Joseph marry?
6. How much corn did Joseph gather?
7. What were Joseph's son's names?
8. What did Joseph do with the food?

Answers: 1. Joseph. 2. Pleased. 3. Joseph. 4. His ring & fine clothes. 5. Asenath. 6. Too much to count. 7. Manasseh & Ephraim. 8. Sold it.

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## A Dream Fulfilled

"I had a dream," Joseph had informed his family, "That the sun, moon, and eleven stars bowed down to me." Joseph's brothers were already jealous of Joseph. The dreams that Joseph had of the entire family bowing to him made them very angry.

Now, Joseph was a ruler in Egypt. The Lord had been with him and blessed him since his brothers had sold him into slavery. Joseph's father still thought that Joseph had been killed by a wild animal.

Joseph's family in Canaan was having problems. The famine that Joseph had predicted reached their part of the country. Jacob, Joseph's father, had heard that there was corn in Egypt. "Why are you standing around looking at one another?" Jacob asked his sons. "I have heard that there is corn in Egypt. Go down and buy some for us so that we will not starve."

Joseph's brothers began their journey to Egypt. Jacob kept Benjamin, the youngest brother, behind. "I don't want anything to happen to him," Jacob declared.

Joseph was the governor over Egypt. He was in charge of selling food to all of the people in the land. One day, Joseph's brothers came in and bowed low before Joseph. They did not recognize the young ruler dressed in fine clothing, but Joseph instantly knew who they were. "Where are you from?" Joseph asked.

"We have come from Canaan to buy food," the brothers said.

"You are spies," Joseph accused.

"No, master," protested his brothers. "We have only come to buy food. We are all brothers and honest men, not spies."

"You have only come to see how poorly Egypt was," Joseph said.

"We are twelve brothers," they answered. "The youngest is with our father and the oldest is dead."

"You are spies," Joseph repeated. "Your lives shall be spared if you come back and bring your youngest brother. One of you will go back and get him. The rest of you will be kept in prison until it is proven you have told the truth."

Joseph had his brothers thrown into prison for three days.

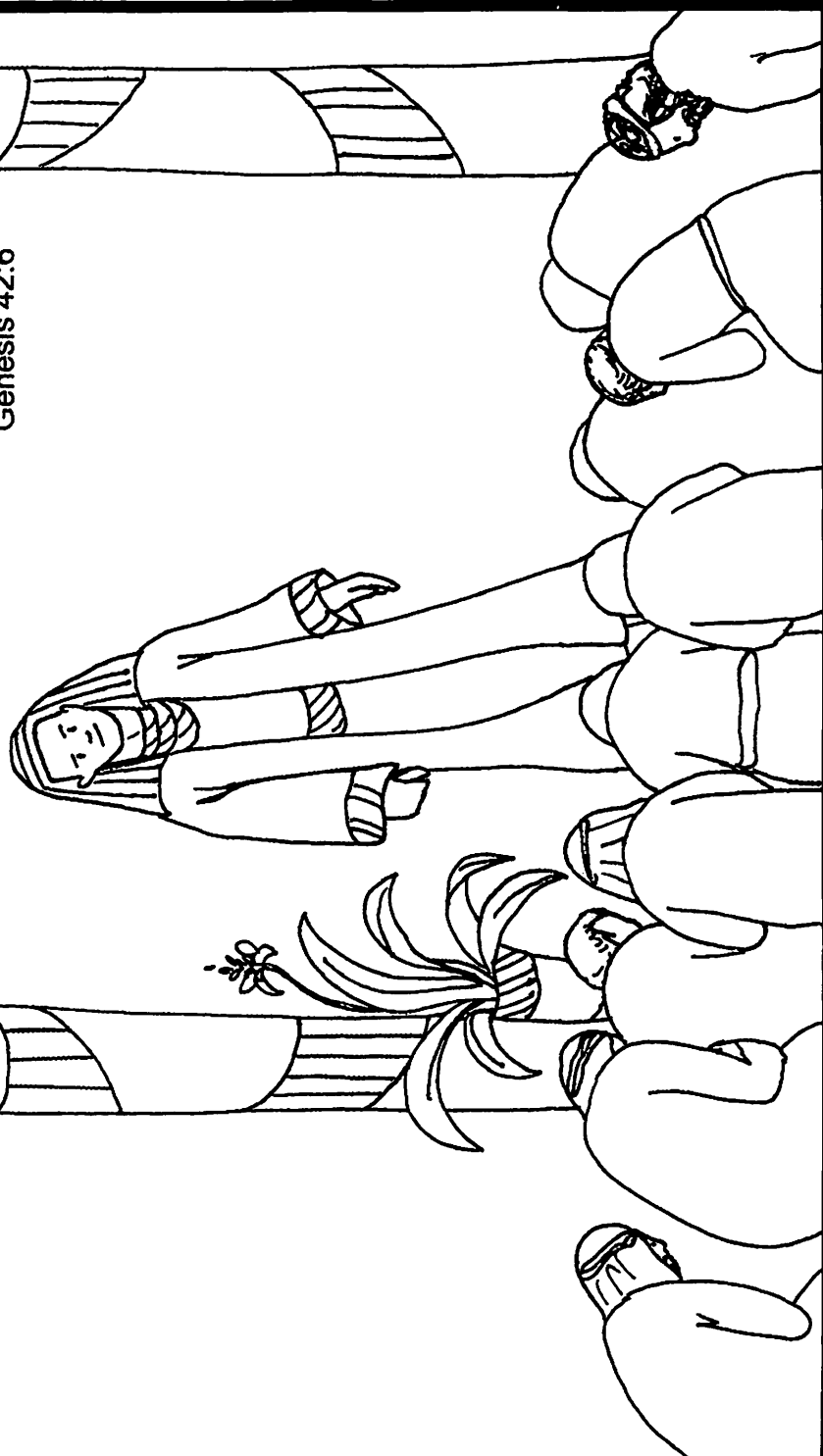
—Sis. Monica Murphey

**A Dream Fulfilled: Word Search**

BENJAMIN	RULER	FAMINE	CORN
BLESSED	EGYPT	JOSEPH	SPIES
BROTHERS	DREAM	PRISON	

J	B	J	Y	A	R	S	T	J	R	T	N	S	S	Q
A	O	Y	O	O	G	F	M	R	K	I	P	E	M	U
C	J	S	D	J	W	A	Q	T	M	N	I	Y	T	H
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K	K	R	W	M	A	S	Q	E	A	S	C	U	O	I

"... Joseph's brethren came, and bowed down ..."  
Genesis 42:6





## Watching Silverback Gorillas

Spending time in Rwanda near the mountain jungles where the silverback gorillas lived, Jack and Suzi liked to visit these amazing animals. Their group of six persons put on long sleeved jackets, sturdy pants and gloves even though the weather was hot. It was to protect their skin against stinging thorns called nettles which grew closely together up the mountainside. Everyone took bottles of water because it was an all day hike into the deep heart of the jungle where these gorillas lived.

Silently the little group followed the native guide for five long hours. Finally, they heard the calling of the gorillas to each other. Suddenly, they stopped. Right in front of them was a huge daddy silverback gorilla lying on a bed of leaves in his open "bedroom." He was sleeping and they did not want to wake him up. His family was playing in nearby trees.

The female gorillas casually watched these intruders on the outskirts of their "home." By the look on their faces it was clear that they wondered if these people were peaceful or not. Should they sound an alarm, call in their youngsters and wake up Big Daddy?

The entire group quietly looked away and slowly moved back into bushes. They did not look at the gorillas' eyes and they certainly did not smile. That was gorilla fighting challenges—to stare and to show bare teeth. This made the females relax, and the youngsters continued to play in the trees while their big daddy rested.

Tall trees made a green canopy over this private room away from the noise of the human life. Other animals did not dare intrude into the home of the strong, fast silverback gorillas. Mama gorillas took the youngsters berry picking, or green leaf eating, but when hunting for supper meat, only the grown gorillas hunted monkeys, squirrels, rats or whatever else got in the way of their powerful hands.

Jack and his friends were glad the gorillas had already eaten lunch

and were having a good time together. In fact, the gorilla family seemed to show off for their quiet guests. The visiting hour passed too quickly! The group had to start back down the mountain.

The next day they hiked into another area of the jungle to see another family of silverback gorillas. This time the daddy gorilla heard them coming. He sent out a challenge call, and they did not move nor make any noise. When he looked their way, everyone looked down. None of the men had beards, which sometimes bothered male gorillas. After a while the daddy gorilla decided these intruders were under control, so he played with his youngsters. What a sight to see such a strong animal gently swing a son or daughter on a branch!

Ever so often he would glance sternly at the guests, who would look down. This made him feel in control, so he did not chase them away. The youngsters felt safe and happy because they knew their protecting daddy was nearby.

It made Jack want to always be a caring, protecting father like that over his children. He was fascinated with these amazing creatures God had made, and through the years he walked narrow trails through the jungle many times just to see them play. —Sis. Connie Sorrell

### Questions:

1. What bowed to Joseph in his dream?
2. Who was governor of Egypt?
3. Where did Jacob want his sons to go?
4. Which brother did not go?
5. What did his brothers do before Joseph?
6. What did Joseph accuse his brothers of?
7. Who were they supposed to bring back?
8. Where did Joseph put his brothers?

Answers: 1. Sun, moon & 11 stars. 2. Joseph. 3. Egypt. 4. Benjamin. 5. Bowed. 6. Being spies. 7. Benjamin. 8. In prison.

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Released from Prison

After staying in prison for three days, Joseph's brothers were called to speak to Joseph. "To prove that you are honest men," Joseph said. "One of you will stay in prison, while the rest of you go back to your home and get your youngest brother. If you can do this, you will not die."

"We are being punished for what we did to Joseph," the brothers whispered to each other. "We saw how frightened he was, but we would not listen to him."

They did not know that Joseph heard every word and could understand what they were saying. Joseph had been using an interpreter during his conversations with his brothers. When Joseph heard his brothers regrets, he turned away from them and wept. Soon, he came back to them. Simeon, one of the brothers, was tied up and taken back to prison.

"Fill their sacks with corn," Joseph ordered. "Put their money into their sacks."

When the brother's donkeys were loaded down with plenty of corn, they left. On their way home, one of them opened their sack and made a surprising discovery. "My money is in my sack!" he exclaimed. The others opened their sacks and found their money also. They were afraid that they would be accused of stealing.

When the brothers told Jacob that the governor wished them to bring back Benjamin, Jacob flatly refused. "Joseph is dead," Jacob grieved. "Now Simeon is gone. Will you take Benjamin away from me also?"

"Kill my two sons," Reuben said. "If I do not bring him back to you."

"My son Benjamin will not go to Egypt with you," Jacob said. "His brother is dead. If anything happened to him, then I will take my sorrow to the grave."

—Sis. Monica Murphey

## Released from Prison

*Joseph's brothers regretted what they had done to Joseph many years ago. Some other words for regret are shame and guilt. Fill in the missing vowels in the verse below to find out something we should not be ashamed of.*

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J \_ w \_ f \_ r s t, \_ n d

\_ l s \_ t \_ t h \_

G r \_ \_ k." Romans 1:16

“ . . . every man's bundle of money was  
in his sack . . . ” Genesis 42:35



## Jack's Closing Remarks

Recording and showing animals around the world, Jack cared about the little and the huge creatures God created. He also cared about people of all nations. It was his care for the people of Rwanda that caused Jack and Suzi to build a house in Rwanda. Jack saw their human struggles for daily food, shelter, clothing and peace with one another. He knew they needed hope, and many were looking to Jesus Christ for help.

Jack was good friends with President Kagame and he liked his plans to help the economy.

"We need to give my people industry to make money and improve their lives," said President Kagame as Jack sat with him for a meal. "We need other countries to trust us with making products for them."

"Yes," agreed Jack. "When I have guests from USA or from other countries, I encourage business trading with Rwanda. Above all, I want to see people thriving in their relationships. I think encouraging forgiveness is the right direction to go."

"Yes, we welcome Christians to come here," agreed President Kagame.

Jack counted his work for the orphans of Rwanda second only to his care for his own three daughters. Jack and Suzi made their work with animals and people a family affair. He enjoyed seeing his daughters comfortable holding baby white tigers, and he was grateful when he saw them take off their own jackets to give to shivering children in Rwanda. He wanted them to learn compassion.

Many times he knew God spared them from harm. One time in Botswana his youngest daughter was bending over some bushes, watching a large green chameleon turn gray. She moved closer and saw that it had a puncture mark.

"Daddy," she called looking up—then she screamed. She looked right into the black eyes of a poisonous green mamba snake who did not want his waiting supper disturbed.

Jack thanked God that day that

his daughter moved back in the nick of time and was saved from a deathly bite.

Riding elephants or camels, paddling canoes in crocodile waters, filming bats or huge python snakes, Jack did not take it for granted that his family was never seriously harmed. He was thankful and expressed it often. In time, Jack was blessed to include son-in-laws and his grandchildren into his work and training.

At the end of his story, Jack wrote: "Yes, I have goals, and I still feel like I have a lot to accomplish. I want to spend more time with my grandkids. I'd like to be a better Christian. I'd like to see Rwanda—it's people and it's animals—thrive. But when I look back and see my life played back before me, I wonder, Who would have thought that some regular guy from Tennessee would've had the opportunity to do all that? ...I've been blessed."

"If you had told me when I was a teenager that I would one day be a director over a phenomenal, prospering zoo, I would have been thrilled. If you had told me that I would be traveling the country...the world, seeing animals in their natural habitats...meeting people around the world, well, I just wouldn't have believed you. It's been a wild life so far, and in it I've already lived the dream of a thousand lifetimes."

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

### Questions:

1. What were Joseph's brothers to do?
2. Where were Joseph's brothers?
3. What did they think they were punished for?
4. What did Joseph do when he heard?
5. What did they find in their sacks?
6. Would Jacob let them take Benjamin?
7. Who promised to bring Benjamin back?
8. What does Jacob think about Joseph?

Answers: 1. Bring Benjamin to Egypt. 2. In prison in Egypt. 3. What they did to Joseph. 4. Wept. 5. Corn and their money. 6. No. 7. Reuben. 8. That he is dead.