



Unit 3, Lesson 11

## TODAY'S EPIC STORY: JACOB IS TRICKED

GENESIS 29:14-30;  
30:25—31:13

### THE STORY @ HOME

In today's Epic story, Jacob is tricked in much the same way as he tricked his father. Jacob loved Laban's younger daughter Rachel, so he worked for seven years in exchange for having Rachel as his wife. However, when the time came, Laban gave his older daughter, Leah, to Jacob. Jacob agreed to work another seven years so Laban would give him Rachel to be his wife. Jacob took care of Laban's flocks and acquired more and more animals of his own. Then, after 20 years, he took his family and all he owned and left to return to the land of his father.

#### PARENTS & KIDS QUESTIONS:

- Why did Laban trick Jacob? How do you think Jacob felt? Do you think being tricked makes Jacob remember his brother Esau, why or why not?
- Jacob ended up working for 14 years just so he could marry Rachel. What do you think that means? Would you be willing to do the same thing if you loved someone that much?
- Jacob is good at caring for Laban's animals. God blesses his work and the flocks and herds grow. What has God made you good at?
- What do you think will happen when Jacob returns home?

### TOGETHER @ HOME

It would have taken a long time to travel from one place to another with all of those people and animals. Using lots of toy animals, plastic figurines, or whatever you have, set up a camp that represents Laban's home and one that represents Jacob's home, help all of the people and animals move from one camp to another. Or, use a game of Candy Land, Chutes and Ladders or Sorry to represent the journey from one place to another. It's slow and there are setbacks. In your game, who gets there first?

### BIBLE MEMORY @ HOME

"I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.'" (Jeremiah 29:11)

Hide several cotton balls around the living room to represent a flock or herd. Using a marker, make one speckled like the animals that Jacob got from Laban. Hide the speckled cotton ball too. Have the other members of the house search for the cotton balls. Have whoever finds the prized speckled cotton ball say the Bible verse. Repeat as desired.

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