

## Lying Down and Getting Up!!!

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*(Read the following story from Genesis 29:15-30. Stop as indicated to let your child(ren) participate and respond. Show them where this story is found in your Bible.*

### Jacob Marries Leah and Rachel

Jacob was always jealous of his brother, Esau, and that caused a lot of trouble. Jacob wanted things that belonged to Esau. But instead of asking nicely for what he wanted, Jacob would lie and trick his brother to get what he wanted. One time Jacob even lied to his father. Jacob said something that was not true. Lying hurts others. Jacob got into a really, really bad habit of lying. *(Discuss with your child the consequences of lying. Sometimes you have to tell another lie to cover up the one you've already told, and others don't believe you even when you tell the truth, etc.)* Another time, after Jacob had lied to and tricked Esau, Esau got so mad that Jacob decided that he had better leave for awhile. Jacob decided to go to his Uncle **Laban's house**.

Jacob walked for many days and finally Jacob got to Uncle **Laban's house**. **As soon as Jacob got there, Jacob saw a very beautiful woman. Her name was Rachel and she was a shepherdess. It was Rachel's important job to take care of her father's sheep, to give them food to eat and water to drink. Jacob said, "Uncle Laban, I will work for you for seven years if you will let me marry Rachel."** *(Discuss how long seven years is. It is longer than your child has lived!! That's a very long time!)*

Jacob did work really hard and finally, after seven years, it was time for Jacob to marry Rachel. Uncle Laban threw a big wedding party for all their family and friends. They ate a big feast and then everyone went to bed. But in the morning, when Jacob woke up, there was Leah not Rachel!! The bride had been wearing a veil that covered her whole face so Jacob could not see that Uncle Laban had switched Rachel for Leah!! **Jacob said to Uncle Laban, "You tricked me. You lied to me. I worked seven years to marry Rachel not Leah!!"** Jacob was beginning to learn that lying hurts others. *(Discuss with your child a time when someone lied to you and how it made you feel. Talk about how important it is to always tell the truth!)*

Uncle Laban told Jacob that if he worked for seven more years, then he could marry Rachel, too. And that is exactly what happened. Jacob married Rachel and then he worked for Uncle Laban for seven more years. In all those years, God kept showing Jacob that lying hurts others and Jacob learned how important it is to always tell the truth.

**These commandments that I give to you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.**

— Deuteronomy 6:6-8

1. What was Jacob in the bad habit of doing?
2. Who did Jacob go and visit?
3. Who was Jacob in love with?
4. Who tricked Jacob?
5. What hurts others?

ANSWERS:  
(1) Lying (2) Uncle Laban (3) Rachel  
(4) Uncle Laban (5) Lying

## At Home And On The Road

*At a meal or in the car, discuss the following with your child.*

How sad it was that Jacob felt he had to lie to get something he wanted. **Everyone has been tempted to tell "white lies" or even bold lies at times.** Sometimes we lie to appear more important or smarter or just to impress others. But it is never a good thing to lie!

Discussion: Discuss with your child times when you have been **tempted to lie, but didn't.** **How did you feel when you told the truth? Discuss with your child times when you didn't tell the truth.** How did you feel when you lied? Pray with your child that God would make you and him strong so that you would not lie when tempted to do so.

Read 1 Corinthians 8:1 to your child and show them where it is found in the Bible.

*Knowledge puffs up but love builds up*

Sing this month's verse to "This Is the Way We Wash Our Hands...so early in the morning."

## Hands and Forehead

*Enjoy the following scripture verse with your child.*

## Doorframes And Gates

*Enjoy this project that reinforces the lesson to your child.*

(Have fun with this project that reinforces the lesson to your child.)

Showing Love. Have your children pretend that their dolls/ action figures have done something wrong such as lying or saying something mean. Help your children act out ways that their toys could do what is right. Encourage your children to hug their dolls/action figures and show them love, both when they have done what is wrong, and when they have done what is right. **Explain to them that God loves them no matter what they've done- and so do you!**