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Story 4 - Jacob finds a wife.

You can read this story in your Bible:

**Genesis
29: 1-30**

Key Verse

Genesis 29: 28

Ask someone to help you find this verse.

Jacob went to visit Uncle Laban and his family in Haran. He had never seen them and they didn't know he was coming. After a long journey Jacob met some shepherds beside a well with their sheep.



"Where are you from?" he asked them.

"Haran", they replied.

"Do you know Laban?" asked Jacob.

"Yes", they said, "here is his daughter, Rachel, with her father's flock of sheep".

How thrilled Jacob must have been to meet someone from his own family! God had promised to protect Jacob and God had guided him to the correct place.

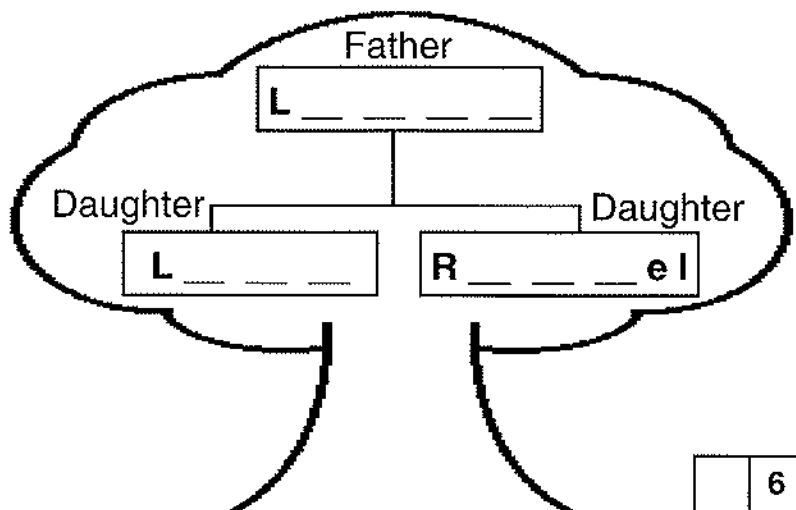
Complete the names of the people in the story.

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Jacob helped Rachel to give water to the sheep, then he told her that he was related to her. Rachel ran home and told her father.

Laban asked Jacob to stay with them, so Jacob stayed and worked for his uncle. Laban had another daughter called Leah.



Fill in the names on this 'family tree'.

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After a month had gone by, Laban said, "You must not work for me without any wages. How much do you want?"

Jacob did not ask for money. He loved Rachel and said he would work for seven years, if he could marry Rachel at the end of that time.

Laban agreed but when the seven years had passed he tricked Jacob by giving him Leah instead! Jacob did not want to marry Leah!

Fill in the missing words.

"Why have you tricked me?" asked Jacob.

"I worked for s _ _ _ _ years to marry R _ _ _ _ I".

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Laban said Leah ought to be married first because she was older than Rachel. Poor Jacob! He had been cheated, just as he had cheated his brother and his father.

How often the wrong we do to others comes back to us! The Bible says, "Be sure your sin will find you out". (Numbers 32: 23)

Circle the answers to these questions.

How many daughters did Laban have?

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How many years did Jacob work before he married Leah?

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Many men in those days had more than one wife, although this was not God's way. A week after he married Leah, Jacob married Rachel also.

He then had to work for his uncle for another seven years.



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