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**Year 4 Bible Study Genesis Chapter 31, 32, 33**

**For the questions below Highlight or change the font colour to choose the correct answer.**

* Monday 14th August: Read **Genesis 31: 1-21** and answer the questions:

**God tells Jacob to return home**

*1 Now Jacob heard the words of Laban’s sons, saying, “Jacob has taken away all that was our father’s, and from what was our father’s he has acquired all this wealth.” 2And Jacob saw the countenance of Laban, and indeed it was not favorable toward him as before. 3Then the Lord said to Jacob, “Return to the land of your fathers and to your family, and I will be with you.”*

*4So Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field, to his flock, 5and said to them, “I see your father’s countenance, that it is not favorable toward me as before; but the God of my father has been with me. 6And you know that with all my might I have served your father. 7Yet your father has deceived me and changed my wages ten times, but God did not allow him to hurt me. 8If he said thus: ‘The speckled shall be your wages,’ then all the flocks bore speckled. And if he said thus: ‘The streaked shall be your wages,’ then all the flocks bore streaked. 9So God has taken away the livestock of your father and given them to me.*

**Do you know what countenance means?**

*How you feel about a person. It can be shown in your actions, in the way you speak or look at them. Laban’s countenance towards Jacob was not kind.*

**Question 1a**

How did Jacob feel about Laban and Laban’s sons? Why did he feel this way?

**Question 1b**

What did the Lord tell Jacob to do? (Hint: Verses 2-3)

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**God speaks to Jacob in a dream**

*10“And it happened, at the time when the flocks conceived, that I lifted my eyes and saw in a dream, and behold, the rams which leaped upon the flocks were streaked, speckled, and gray-spotted. 11Then the Angel of God spoke to me in a dream, saying, ‘Jacob.’ And I said, ‘Here I am.’ 12And He said, ‘Lift your eyes now and see, all the rams which leap on the flocks are streaked, speckled, and gray-spotted; for I have seen all that Laban is doing to you. 13I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed the pillar and where you made a vow to Me. Now arise, get out of this land, and return to the land of your family.’”*

*14Then Rachel and Leah answered and said to him, “Is there still any portion or inheritance for us in our father’s house? 15Are we not considered strangers by him? For he has sold us, and also completely consumed our money. 16For all these riches which God has taken from our father are really ours and our children’s; now then, whatever God has said to you, do it.”*

### Jacob Flees from Laban

*17Then Jacob rose and set his sons and his wives on camels. 18And he carried away all his livestock and all his possessions which he had gained, his acquired livestock which he had gained in Padan Aram, to go to his father Isaac in the land of Canaan. 19Now Laban had gone to shear his sheep, and Rachel had stolen the household idols that were her father’s. 20And Jacob stole away, unknown to Laban the Syrian, in that he did not tell him that he intended to flee. 21So he fled with all that he had. He arose and crossed the river, and headed toward the mountains of Gilead.*

**Question 2**

In the table below identify the person who took the items listed in the 2nd column when Jacob fled from Laban to go back to his father.

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| Name of the person | Item taken |
|  | Livestock (cows and sheep) |
|  | Laban’s household idols |

**Question 3**



**A**

**D**

**B**

**C**

What country was Laban from ?

1. A
2. B
3. C
4. D

* Tuesday 15th August: Read **Genesis 31: 22-55** and answer the questions:

### Laban Pursues Jacob

*22And Laban was told on the third day that Jacob had fled. 23Then he took his brethren with him and pursued him for seven days’ journey, and he overtook him in the mountains of Gilead. 24But God had come to Laban the Syrian in a dream by night, and said to him, “Be careful that you speak to Jacob neither good nor bad.”*

*25So Laban overtook Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the mountains, and Laban with his brethren pitched in the mountains of Gilead.*

*26And Laban said to Jacob: “What have you done, that you have stolen away unknown to me, and carried away my daughters like captives taken with the sword? 27Why did you flee away secretly, and steal away from me, and not tell me; for I might have sent you away with joy and songs, with timbrel and harp? 28And you did not allow me to kiss my sons and my daughters. Now you have done foolishly in so doing. 29It is in my power to do you harm, but the God of your father spoke to me last night, saying, ‘Be careful that you speak to Jacob neither good nor bad.’ 30And now you have surely gone because you greatly long for your father’s house, but why did you steal my gods?”*

**Question 4**

Laban found out that Jacob and Rachel had fled after:

1. 5 months
2. 7 days
3. 8 years
4. 3 days

**Question 5**

Match the following pictures with there correct name : Harp, Timbrel

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**Laban finds Jacob**

*31Then Jacob answered and said to Laban, “Because I was afraid, for I said, ‘Perhaps you would take your daughters from me by force.’ 32With whomever you find your gods, do not let him live. In the presence of our brethren, identify what I have of yours and take it with you.” For Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen them.*

*33And Laban went into Jacob’s tent, into Leah’s tent, and into the two maids’ tents, but he did not find them. Then he went out of Leah’s tent and entered Rachel’s tent. 34Now Rachel had taken the household idols, put them in the camel’s saddle, and sat on them. And Laban searched all about the tent but did not find them. 35And she said to her father, “Let it not displease my lord that I cannot rise before you, for the manner of women is with me.” And he searched but did not find the household idols.*

*36Then Jacob was angry and rebuked Laban, and Jacob answered and said to Laban: “What is my trespass? What is my sin, that you have so hotly pursued me? 37Although you have searched all my things, what part of your household things have you found? Set it here before my brethren and your brethren, that they may judge between us both!*

*38These twenty years I have been with you; your ewes and your female goats have not miscarried their young, and I have not eaten the rams of your flock. 39That which was torn by beasts I did not bring to you; I bore the loss of it. You required it from my hand, whether stolen by day or stolen by night. 40There I was! In the day the drought consumed me, and the frost by night, and my sleep departed from my eyes. 41Thus I have been in your house twenty years; I served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for your flock, and you have changed my wages ten times.*

*42Unless the God of my father, the God of Abraham and the Fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely now you would have sent me away empty-handed. God has seen my affliction and the labor of my hands, and rebuked you last night.”*

**Question 6**

Fill in the missing gaps with the correct number

1. Jacob served Laban for years
2. Jacob lived in Laban’s house for years
3. Laban changed Jacobs wages times.

### Laban’s Covenant with Jacob

*43And Laban answered and said to Jacob, “These daughters are my daughters, and these children are my children, and this flock is my flock; all that you see is mine. But what can I do this day to these my daughters or to their children whom they have borne? 44Now therefore, come, let us make a covenant, you and I, and let it be a witness between you and me.”*

*45So Jacob took a stone and set it up as a pillar. 46Then Jacob said to his brethren, “Gather stones.” And they took stones and made a heap, and they ate there on the heap. 47Laban called it Jegar Sahadutha,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+31&version=NKJV" \l "fen-NKJV-921a" \o "See footnote a)] but Jacob called it Galeed. 48And Laban said, “This heap is a witness between you and me this day.” Therefore its name was called Galeed, 49also Mizpah,[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+31&version=NKJV" \l "fen-NKJV-923c" \o "See footnote c)] because he said, “May the Lord watch between you and me when we are absent one from another. 50If you afflict my daughters, or if you take other wives besides my daughters, although no man is with us—see, God is witness between you and me!”*

*51Then Laban said to Jacob, “Here is this heap and here is this pillar, which I have placed between you and me. 52This heap is a witness, and this pillar is a witness, that I will not pass beyond this heap to you, and you will not pass beyond this heap and this pillar to me, for harm. 53The God of Abraham, the God of Nahor, and the God of their father judge between us.” And Jacob swore by the Fear of his father Isaac. 54Then Jacob offered a sacrifice on the mountain, and called his brethren to eat bread. And they ate bread and stayed all night on the mountain. 55And early in the morning Laban arose, and kissed his sons and daughters and blessed them. Then Laban departed and returned to his place.*

**Question 7**

What does the word “covenant” mean? (Hint: You can use a dictionary)

* Wednesday 16th August: Read **Genesis 32: 1-12** and answer the questions:

### Esau Comes to Meet Jacob

*1 So Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. 2When Jacob saw them, he said, “This is God’s camp.” And he called the name of that place Mahanaim.*

*3Then Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother in the land of Seir, the country of Edom. 4And he commanded them, saying, “Speak thus to my lord Esau, ‘Thus your servant Jacob says: “I have dwelt with Laban and stayed there until now. 5I have oxen, donkeys, flocks, and male and female servants; and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find favor in your sight.”’”*

**Question 8**

Jacob sends a messenger to warn Esau that he is coming. Highlight the correct word from his instruction:

“Speak thus to my **(lord/ servant)** Esau, ‘Thus your **(lord/ servant)** Jacob says: “I have dwelt with **(Laban/ Isaac)** and stayed there until now. I have oxen, donkeys, flocks, and male and female servants; and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find **(favour/ forgiveness)** in your sight.”’

**Esau comes to meet Jacob**

*6Then the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, “We came to your brother Esau, and he also is coming to meet you, and four hundred men are with him.” 7So Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed; and he divided the people that were with him, and the flocks and herds and camels, into two companies. 8And he said, “If Esau comes to the one company and attacks it, then the other company which is left will escape.”*

**Question 9**

What does Jacob do to prevent damages/ loss of his possessions, in case Esau does come starting a war?

1. Hides his riches in the mountains
2. Divides his people and possessions into two camps
3. Sends Rachel and Leah with his children back to Laban

**Jacob prays to God**

*9Then Jacob said, “O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, the Lord who said to me, ‘Return to your country and to your family, and I will deal well with you’: 10I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth which You have shown Your servant; for I crossed over this Jordan with my staff, and now I have become two companies. 11Deliver me, I pray, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I fear him, lest he come and attack me and the mother with the children. 12For You said, ‘I will surely treat you well, and make your descendants as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.’”*

**Question 10**

Who said in the passage the statements below?

1. *‘Return to your country and to your family, and I will deal well with you’:*
2. *Deliver me, I pray, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I fear him, lest he come and attack me and the mother with the children*
3. *‘I will surely treat you well, and make your descendants as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.’”*

* Thursday 17st August: Read **Genesis 32: 13-32** and answer the questions:

**Jacob organises gifts for Esau**

*13So he lodged there that same night, and took what came to his hand as a present for Esau his brother: 14two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, 15thirty milk camels with their colts, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten foals. 16Then he delivered them to the hand of his servants, every drove by itself, and said to his servants, “Pass over before me, and put some distance between successive droves.” 17And he commanded the first one, saying, “When Esau my brother meets you and asks you, saying, ‘To whom do you belong, and where are you going? Whose are these in front of you?’ 18then you shall say, ‘They are your servant Jacob’s. It is a present sent to my lord Esau; and behold, he also is behind us.’” 19So he commanded the second, the third, and all who followed the droves, saying, “In this manner you shall speak to Esau when you find him; 20and also say, ‘Behold, your servant Jacob is behind us.’” For he said, “I will appease him with the present that goes before me, and afterward I will see his face; perhaps he will accept me.” 21So the present went on over before him, but he himself lodged that night in the camp.*

**Question 11**

True or False. Which of the following presents did Jacob prepare for Esau?

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|  | **True/ False** |  | **True/ False** |
|  | **True/ False** |  | **True/ False** |
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|  | **True/ False** |

### Wrestling with God

*22And he arose that night and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven sons, and crossed over the ford of Jabbok. 23He took them, sent them over the brook, and sent over what he had. 24Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day. 25Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob’s hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him. 26And He said, “Let Me go, for the day breaks.”*

*But he said, “I will not let You go unless You bless me!”*

*27So He said to him, “What is your name?”*

*He said, “Jacob.”*

*28And He said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed.”*

*29Then Jacob asked, saying, “Tell me Your name, I pray.”*

*And He said, “Why is it that you ask about My name?” And He blessed him there.*

**Question 12a**

What does Jacob do when left alone all night?

1. Prepare food for Esau
2. Wrestle with a Man
3. Prepare his sword for battle with Esau

**Question 12b**

When the Man wanted to stop, Jacob refused until He gave what as a gift?

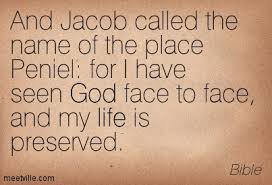
a) blessing

b) food

c) flocks

**Question 12c**

When Jacob finally receives the blessing, what does God change his name to?



**Question 13**

**Look up Genesis Chapter 32 verses 30-32**

Why do the children of Israel not eat from the muscle on the hip socket?

* Friday 18th August: Read **Genesis 33: 1-11** and answer the questions:

### Jacob and Esau Meet

*1 Now Jacob lifted his eyes and looked, and there, Esau was coming, and with him were four hundred men. So he divided the children among Leah, Rachel, and the two maidservants. 2And he put the maidservants and their children in front, Leah and her children behind, and Rachel and Joseph last. 3Then he crossed over before them and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.*

**Question 14**

Why do you think Jacob put Rachel at the back when approaching Esau?

**Esau welcomes Jacob with a hug**

*4But Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept. 5And he lifted his eyes and saw the women and children, and said, “Who are these with you?”*

*So he said, “The children whom God has graciously given your servant.” 6Then the maidservants came near, they and their children, and bowed down. 7And Leah also came near with her children, and they bowed down. Afterward Joseph and Rachel came near, and they bowed down.*

**Jacob wants to share God’s blessings with Esau**

*8Then Esau said, “What do you mean by all this company which I met?”*

*And he said, “These are to find favor in the sight of my lord.”*

*9But Esau said, “I have enough, my brother; keep what you have for yourself.”*

*10And Jacob said, “No, please, if I have now found favor in your sight, then receive my present from my hand, inasmuch as I have seen your face as though I had seen the face of God, and you were pleased with me. 11Please, take my blessing that is brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough.” So he urged him, and he took it.*

**Question 15**

What can we learn from verse 11 . *‘Please, take my blessing that is brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough.”*

* Saturday 19th August: Read **Genesis 33: 12-20** and answer the questions:

**Esau offers to lead Jacob on their journey back home**

*12Then Esau said, “Let us take our journey; let us go, and I will go before you.”*

*13But Jacob said to him, “My lord knows that the children are weak, and the flocks and herds which are nursing are with me. And if the men should drive them hard one day, all the flock will die. 14Please let my lord go on ahead before his servant. I will lead on slowly at a pace which the livestock that go before me, and the children, are able to endure, until I come to my lord in Seir.”*

**Jacob takes a rest from his journey**

*15And Esau said, “Now let me leave with you some of the people who are with me.”*

*But he said, “What need is there? Let me find favor in the sight of my lord.” 16So Esau returned that day on his way to Seir. 17And Jacob journeyed to Succoth, built himself a house, and made booths for his livestock. Therefore the name of the place is called Succoth.*

**Question 16**

Look up Genesis Chapter 33 Verses 18-20

1. Where did Jacob purchase a piece of Land?
2. Padan Aram
3. Hamor
4. In the Land Of Canaan
5. Why do you think Jacob built an altar once he had bought the land and settled there?
6. to make it look like a church
7. to sacrifice and give thanks to God for bringing him and his family there safely
8. to show that he could build an altar

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