

**WEEK 4: GOD AT WORK IN OUR LIVES WITH OTHERS**

**DAY 1: GOD'S PLAN FOR GOOD LIVING BETWEEN HUSBAND AND WIFE**

**Genesis 31:1-21**

1. Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray that you and your family are well. Last week we learned how God was at work in Jacob's life. Even Laban saw that God prospered Jacob. That was a great testimony!

Write two reasons why God caused Jacob to prosper when he worked for Laban.

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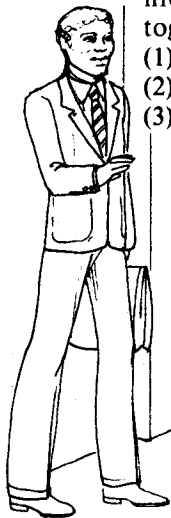
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2. Jacob worked hard. He was faithful. This week we will learn about God at work in our lives with others. Some husbands and wives live well together. They love each other. They trust each other and care for each other. They enjoy each other and do things together.

Other husbands and wives quarrel and fight. They do not love each other. They are bitter and hard to each other.

Today we will learn three things from Jacob's life that help a husband and wife live well together.

- (1) The husband takes care of his own family.
- (2) The husband talks with his wife.
- (3) The wife is subject to her husband.



Between what two people is good living especially important?

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3. This is important for husband and wife. The Bible teaches that the husband is the head of the family. He takes care of them. He works so they have food and clothes. This is what Jacob did. For 14 years Jacob worked for Laban's family. After that Jacob told Laban that it was time for him to care for his own family. Jacob asked Laban a question.

Genesis 30:30:

Now when shall I provide for (or take care of) my own household also?

In this verse, what did Jacob want to do for his own family? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Jacob wanted to care for his family. Just this week, I received a letter from a young mother in a TEE class. Here is part of her letter: "Pray for my husband that God may save him. Also pray that he may remember his children. They need clothes. They need school fees. He only wastes his time and drinks."

Whom does this husband not take care of? \_\_\_\_\_

5. He does not take care of his family. This often happens.

Stephen and Martha had a large family. They were happy until Stephen went to the city to work. There he spent his money on himself and his friends. Stephen no longer took care of his own family. He came home only twice a year. Martha and her parents took care of the children. Stephen and Martha were no longer happy.

Write the first thing that helps a husband and wife live well together.

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) The husband talks with the wife.

(3) The wife is subject to her husband.

6. The husband takes care of his own family. After Jacob talked with Laban, Jacob agreed to continue working for him. He worked for six more years. Then God spoke with Jacob. God told him to go home to the land of Canaan.

Open your Bible and read Genesis 31:4-16. Did you read these verses? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Jacob had a big decision to make. He should take his family and leave Laban. He should go back to Canaan.

Genesis 31:4-5:

So Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah into the field where his flock was, and said to them ...

Genesis 31:14, 16:

Then Rachel and Leah answered him, "... whatever God has said to you, do."

Who talked with Rachel and Leah about what they should do? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Jacob, the husband, talked with his wives. This is the second good thing Jacob did. This helps husband and wife live well together. Jacob had a problem. Laban no longer liked him. And God had told him to go home to Canaan. So Jacob talked with his wives. He wanted to know what they thought about this. Jacob had a big decision to make about his family.

When decisions have to be made, what does a good husband do with wife? \_\_\_\_\_

9. The husband talks with his wife. This is what Jacob did. It is also good if the wife talks with her husband. She should talk with him about things in the family and the house. When the husband and wife talk in this way, it brings good living. It helps to build love, trust, and understanding.

With whom should the husband talk? \_\_\_\_\_

10. A husband should talk with his wife. Some men talk to their friends more than to their wives. This is not good. We must follow God's plans for marriage and our families.

1 Timothy 5:8:

If any one does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his own family, he has disowned the family and is worse than an unbeliever.

What is the second thing we learn from Jacob's life that helps a husband and wife live well together?

(1) The husband takes care of his own family.

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) The wife is subject to her husband.

11. The husband talks with his wife. Earlier in our learning we talked about God's plan for husbands. They should love their wives as Christ loves the Church. But God also has a plan for wives.

Ephesians 5:22-24:

Wives, be subject to your husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. As the church is subject to Christ, so let wives also be subject in everything to their husbands.

What does God want a wife to do? \_\_\_\_\_

12. God wants a wife to be subject to her husband. God wants this because God has made the husband head of the family. The husband answers to the Lord for his family. Jacob had a big decision to make. He should leave Laban and go back to Canaan. Read the answer which Rachel and Leah gave when Jacob talked with them.

Genesis 31:16:

Whatever God has said to you, do.

This is an example of wives being subject to their husband. God is pleased when a wife listens to her husband.

Who were subject to Jacob? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Jacob's wives were subject to him. But see what they said. They said that Jacob should do what God was telling him. They were not obeying Jacob's selfish thoughts. God had told Jacob what to do. Jacob wanted to follow the Lord's will for his family. He talked with his wives. This is what Christian people should do. Together they can seek God's will in a matter. Jacob had to make the decision as head of the family. His wives then put themselves under his decision.

Write the first two things we learn from Jacob that help a husband and wife live well together.

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) The wife is subject to her husband.

14. The husband takes care of his own family. The husband talks with his wife. Sometimes a wife agrees with others. But she does not agree with her husband. Sometimes she likes to be under her own parents and other relatives. Jacob's wives did not do this. They were subject to Jacob, and not their father.

In God's plan for marriage, a wife is subject to whom? \_\_\_\_\_

15. She is subject to her husband. Some men think that because wives are subject to them, they can be unkind. They think wives must do anything the husbands want. But these men have forgotten that this is not what love asks. And God wants husbands to love their wives.

What is the third thing we learn from Jacob's life that helps husband and wife live well together.

(1) The husband takes care of his own family.

(2) The husband talks with his wife.

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

16. The husband takes care of his own family. The husband talks with his wife. And the wife is subject to her husband. These things helped Jacob and his wives. They also help a husband and wife live well together today.

Do you think the husband and wife in your home need more of one of these things?

\_\_\_\_\_ Give your reasons for saying Yes or No. \_\_\_\_\_

Say to yourself the three things from Jacob's life that help a husband and wife live well together in your home.

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17. Be ready to talk about these three things in class. Remember that pride and selfishness sometimes stop us from following God's plan for marriage. Pride and selfishness are sin.

Stop now and pray about the way you and your wife or husband live together. If you are not married, pray for your parents. Ask God to speak to you about ways in which you need to change.

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18. Write three things we learn from Jacob's life that help a husband and wife live well together.

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**WEEK 4: GOD AT WORK IN OUR LIVES WITH OTHERS**  
**DAY 2: JACOB WAS A GOOD SERVANT; LABAN WAS A BAD MASTER**  
**Genesis 31:21-55**

1. All this week we are thinking about God and our lives with others. Yesterday we looked at husbands and wives.

Write three things we learn from Jacob's life that help a husband wife live well together.

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- (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_

2. The husband takes care of his own family. The husband talks with his wife. The wife is under her husband.

Today we will think about the lives of a master and servant. Maybe some of you are masters. You have people working for you. Some of you are servants. You work for other people, or for Government. Today we will learn:

- (1) Because he was faithful and worked hard, Jacob was a good servant.
- (2) Because he was hard and cheated his servant of his wages, Laban was a bad master.

Do you find that there is always good living between a servant and his master? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Sometimes there is good living. But sometimes there is fear, sorrow, and bitterness. This is the kind of life Jacob had with his master. It was full of trouble. Jacob worked for Laban for 14 years to get his wives. Jacob was Laban's main shepherd. He looked after Laban's sheep and cattle.

Who was Jacob's master? \_\_\_\_\_

4. After 14 years Jacob wanted to leave Laban. But his master did not want him to go. Laban made this promise to Jacob.

Genesis 30:28:

Name your wages, and I will give it.

Laban agreed to give Jacob all the spotted goats and every black lamb. These were his wages. But that same day Laban took all the spotted goats and black lambs. He gave these to his sons to care for. By doing this Laban cheated his servant of his wages.

Who was Laban's servant? \_\_\_\_\_

5. For many years Jacob was Laban's faithful servant. In Genesis 30 we saw Jacob doing a strange thing. He took branches of three kinds of trees. He cut off some of the skin of the branches, making them spotted. Jacob put these at the places where the animals drank. Then the animals bore spotted young animals.

We know that the spotted branches did not bring spotted animals. It was God who did a miracle for Jacob. Jacob himself said these words:

Genesis 31:9:

Thus God has taken away the cattle of your father, and given them to me.

Even though Jacob had a bad master, who helped Jacob? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Through the six more years, God helped Jacob. Then He told him to go back to Canaan. God promised to be with him as He had promised at Bethel. Jacob talked with Leah and Rachel.

Genesis 31:7-8:

Your father has cheated me and changed my wages ten times, but God did not permit him to harm me. If he said, 'The spotted shall be your wages,' then all the flock bore spotted; and if he said, 'The striped shall be your wages,' then all the flock bore striped.

Who tried to cheat Jacob of his wages, and changed them many times?

7. Jacob's master, Laban, cheated him of his wages. In the Bible there is much good teaching about masters and servants. In the law of Moses God said:

Deuteronomy 24:14-15:

You shall not oppress a hired servant who is poor and needy, whether he is one of your brethren or one of the sojourners (or strangers) ... you shall give him his hire on the day he earns it, before the sun goes down ... lest he cry against you to the Lord, and it be sin in you.

God says we must not trouble a servant who is one of our own tribe, or from another tribe. One way in which masters trouble their servants is by not paying the right wages. Masters who do this are bad masters.

What kind of master was Laban? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Laban was a bad master. His life did not please God. In the New Testament James warns those who are masters.

James 5:1, 4:

Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you ... Behold, the wages of the labourers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud (or deceit), cry out; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.

If you are a master, does God want you to be like Laban? \_\_\_\_\_

9. We see that God hears the cry of those cheated of their wages. God does not want His people to be like Laban. God wants a master to pay the right wages. Where we live I am often very sad. I know about men of God who are rich and have big farms. But they do not pay the wages which the Government has set. They cheat their servants of their wages. See what the Lord said to Jacob.

Genesis 31:12:

I have seen all that Laban is doing to you.

Who sees all that bad masters do? \_\_\_\_\_

10. The Lord is interested in every part of our lives. He sees the lives of servants and masters. God wants us to bring honour to Him.

The Lord told Jacob to go home to Canaan. So Jacob took what was his and went. He did not tell Laban that he was going. Laban was out cutting the wool from his sheep. After three days he heard that Jacob was gone.

Take your Bible now and read Genesis 31:22 to 24 and Genesis 31:36 to 42. Keep your Bible open.

11. What a great God we have! He did not allow Laban to harm Jacob. Jacob was angry and talked with Laban. Jacob talked of the way God had prospered Laban. God also prospered Jacob.

Write two reasons why God caused Jacob to prosper when he worked for Laban.

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

12. Jacob worked hard. He was faithful. Jacob was a good servant. In today's verses we learn more about Jacob as a servant. We see how faithful and careful he was. He was honest. He did not take any of Laban's animals.

Genesis 31:38:

These twenty years I have been with you; your ewes and your she-goats have not miscarried, and I have not eaten the rams of your flocks.

Read Genesis 31:40 in your Bible. Who worked hard, day and night? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Jacob was not lazy. He worked very hard, day and night. He told Laban that he often worked and did not sleep.

Who was Laban's faithful and hard-working servant? \_\_\_\_\_

14. Laban's servant, Jacob, was faithful and worked hard. Read of the good servant whose life pleases God.

Colossians 3:22-23:

Slaves (or servants), obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not with eyeservice (or only when your master is looking), as men-pleasers, but in singleness of heart, fearing the Lord. Whatever your task, work heartily (or hard), as serving the Lord and not men.

What kind of servant was Jacob -- good or bad? \_\_\_\_\_

15. Jacob was a good servant. In the verses for today we learned more about Laban as a master. What a hard master Laban was! He made his servant work day and night. This is something that bad masters do. He was also unjust. He made Jacob bear the losses in the flock.

Genesis 31:39:

That which was torn by wild beasts I did not bring to you; I bore the loss of it myself; of my hand you required it, whether stolen by day or stolen by night.

Because he was hard and cheated his servant of his wages, who was a bad master?

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16. Laban's life did not please the Lord. God loves what is right and just. Paul tells us what God wants masters to do.

Colossians 4:1:

Masters, treat your slaves (or servants) justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

Laban was a hard, unjust master. But because he was faithful and hard-working, who was a good servant?

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17. It was Jacob. Maybe your life is like Jacob's. You have a hard master who does not give you your full wages. Remember the two things God did for Jacob.

God prospered him even under a hard master (Genesis 30:43; 31:7-9)

God protected him from his master (Genesis 30:24, 42)

Are you a servant, or a master? \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of servant or master does God want you to be? \_\_\_\_\_

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18. Be ready to share these things in class.

Because he was faithful and worked hard, who was a good servant? \_\_\_\_\_

Because he was hard and cheated his servant of his wages, who was a bad master?

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**WEEK 4: GOD AT WORK IN OUR LIVES WITH OTHERS**  
**DAY 3: GOD PLANS FOR GOOD LIVING IN THE FAMILY**

**Genesis 32:1-22**

1. All this week we are thinking about living with others. Yesterday we learned about the lives of masters and servants.

Because he was faithful and worked hard, who was a good servant? \_\_\_\_\_

Because he was hard and cheated his servant of his wages, who was a bad master?  
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2. Jacob was a good servant when he worked for Laban. Laban was a bad master. But God blessed Jacob and cared for him. Laban and Jacob made an agreement. Laban went home and Jacob went on towards Canaan.

Today we will think about the lives of brothers together. The time had come when Jacob must meet his brother Esau. Esau had planned to kill him. Our lesson today will help us when we have trouble with relatives. Let us learn three things Jacob did before meeting his brother, Esau.

- (1) He sought peace.
- (2) He helped himself.
- (3) He prayed.

Who was facing trouble? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Jacob expected trouble. He had not seen Esau for 20 years. The last time he saw him he deceived him and took the blessing. The last words he heard Esau say were, "I will kill my brother, Jacob." Jacob also remembered his mother's words.

Genesis 27:42:

Your brother Esau comforts himself by planning to kill you.

Of whom was Jacob afraid? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Jacob was afraid of his brother Esau. He sent messengers to him. He hoped that Esau would be friendly to him. This is part of Jacob's message to Esau when he sought peace.

Genesis 32:5:

I have oxen, asses, flocks, menservants, and maidservants; and I have sent to tell my lord, in order that I may find favour in your sight.

Stop now and read Genesis 32:3 to 12. Keep your Bible open. Write Yes when you have finished reading from the Bible.  
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5. Jacob was afraid of his own brother. He sent messengers to tell Esau that he was returning. He wanted Esau to know that he would no longer bring trouble. Read again what Jacob said.

Genesis 32:5:

I have sent to tell my lord, in order that I may find favour in your sight.

Did Jacob seek peace, or did he expect his brother to seek it? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Jacob sought peace. It was important for him to do this.

Genesis 32:4:

Thus you shall say to my Lord Esau: Thus says your servant Jacob ...

In calling Esau "lord," Jacob wanted to make peace with his brother. Jacob also called himself Esau's servant. The messengers brought back word that Esau was coming to meet Jacob. Esau had 400 men with him.

Did it seem that there would be peace, or trouble? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. It seemed that there would be trouble. Jacob decided to seek peace in every possible way. This is what the Bible says every Christian should do.

Psalm 34:14:

Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue (or follow) it.

Romans 14:19:

Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding (or helping each other).

What did Jacob seek when he called Esau "lord," and himself, "Esau's servant"?

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8. Jacob sought peace. Jacob also tried to help himself. Some people expect God to do everything for them. When they face trouble in the family they just sit and wait. But Jacob did all that he knew to do.

What is the first thing Jacob did before meeting Esau?

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) He helped himself.

(3) He prayed.

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9. Jacob sought peace. He also helped himself. Remember what he did.

Genesis 32:3:

Jacob sent messengers ... to Esau.

Genesis 32:7:

Jacob ... divided the people ... and the flocks and herds and camels, into two companies.

These were ways in which Jacob prepared for the danger of meeting Esau. He sent messengers to let Esau know he was coming. Jacob feared that Esau might attack. So he divided the people and animals into groups. In this way, if Esau attacked some, not all could be killed.

Some people run away when facing danger. Did Jacob run away, or help himself?

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10. He helped himself. When we do what we can, God often does what we cannot do. He expects us to help ourselves whenever we can. But we must do the right thing in the right way. Jacob also prayed to God as he faced this trouble.

Genesis 32:11:

Deliver me ... from the hand of my brother.

Write the second thing that Jacob did before meeting Esau.

(1) He sought peace.

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) He prayed.

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11. First he sought peace. Then he helped himself. He did what he could to prepare for the meeting with Esau. Jacob did one other thing also.

Genesis 32:9:

And Jacob said, "O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O Lord who didst say to me, "Return to your country and to your kindred, and I will do you good ...

What else did Jacob do? \_\_\_\_\_

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12. He prayed. It is wonderful that Jacob could now talk with God in this way. Jacob was walking in obedience to God. He knew that he was not good enough to make God love him. He knew that he could not force God to be faithful to him. But Jacob prayed about the promises that had been made to him.

Who had promised to make the descendants of Jacob many like the sand? \_\_\_\_\_

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13. God had promised this. So Jacob came to him now. This is what we can do. God can help us when there is no other way to change things in the family. All of these things are good for Christians to do when there is trouble in the family.

Write the third thing that Jacob did before meeting Esau.

- (1) He sought peace.
- (2) He helped himself.
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_

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14. He prayed.

Read Jacob's prayer again in Genesis 32:9 to 12. Which verse of this prayer do you like best? Write the number of the verse. \_\_\_\_\_

Give your reasons for choosing this verse.

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15. Be ready to share your answers in class.

After 20 years Jacob faced his brother Esau. Write three things Jacob did before meeting Esau.

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- (2) \_\_\_\_\_
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16. He sought peace. He helped himself. And he prayed. Jacob did all these things when he faced his brother Esau. There had been great trouble in Jacob's life with his brother. There had been hate and bitterness. These things spoil a family.

Sometimes we have trouble living with other members of our families too. Sometimes there are bad feelings between brother, sisters, aunts, and cousins. We can do what Jacob did.

Proverbs 16:7:

When a man's way please the Lord, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

What three things can you do when you face trouble in your family? Say them to yourself.

17. You can seek peace. You can help yourself. You can pray. God helped Jacob when he did these things. Tomorrow we will see what happened when he met Esau.

Like Jacob, have you ever been afraid when you faced trouble within your family?

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18. We will talk about this in class. Be ready to share what you did about the trouble. Be ready to tell what God did as you looked to Him.

After 20 years Jacob faced his brother, Esau. Write three things Jacob did before meeting him.

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- (2) \_\_\_\_\_
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**WEEK 4: GOD AT WORK IN OUR LIVES WITH OTHERS**  
**DAY 4: JACOB'S LIFE WITH GOD WAS MADE STRONG AT JABBOK**  
**Genesis 32:1-32**

1. Yesterday we saw that Jacob did three important things when facing trouble in the family. He prepared to return home to meet his angry brother.

After 20 years Jacob faced his brother Esau. Write three things Jacob did before meeting Esau.

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(2) \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Jacob sought peace. He helped himself. He prayed. God worked in Jacob's life at this time. But Jacob needed more from God. He needed power to go back to Canaan and live in peace. Today we will think about Jacob's spiritual life. We will learn two things which made Jacob's life with God stronger. These things happened at Jabbok.

- (1) Jacob wrestled (or fought) with an angel.  
(2) Jacob was changed.

Read about this in Genesis 32:22 to 32. Keep your Bible open. Read verse 24 again. Was Jacob alone, or did some of his family stay with him during this night?

3. Jacob was alone. No one else could help him in this meeting with God. Jacob sent his family and possessions across the little river, Jabbok. Jacob stayed behind. He wanted to be alone. Then something wonderful happened. A man wrestled with him. To wrestle means to fight without hurting each other.

Genesis 32:34:

And Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day.

Did the angel wrestle with Jacob for a short time, or a long time? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Sometimes it takes a long time for us to understand our problems. In meeting Esau, Jacob was facing the biggest problem in his life. This problem was too big for Jacob. The power of evil and the power of good were at work within him. These two powers now met face to face. Jacob was still afraid to meet Esau. The prophet Hosea tells us who wrestled with Jacob.

Hosea 12:3-4:

In the womb he (Jacob) took his brother by the heel, and in his manhood he strove (or wrestled) with God. He strove with the angel and prevailed, he wept and sought his favour.

Who was the man who struggled with Jacob? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Jacob wrestled with an angel. He was from God. All Jacob's life he had been fighting with God. But the angel did not overcome Jacob quickly. They wrestled for many hours. The fight went on all night until the morning.

What did Jacob do with the angel all night? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Jacob wrestled. Slowly Jacob saw that the man was an angel from the Lord. The angel asked Jacob to let him go. But Jacob would not let him go. This shows how much Jacob wanted his spiritual life to be made strong. Jacob wanted God's blessing more than anything else.

Genesis 32:26:

Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me."

Because Jacob wanted God's blessing, what did he do all night at Jabbok?

7. Jacob wrestled with an angel. Just before the light came, the angel of the Lord left him. The place was called Peniel. Peniel means "the face of God." The verses tell us why Jacob used this name. This is what he said.

Genesis 32:30:

For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved (or saved).

Who sent this angel to wrestle with Jacob? \_\_\_\_\_

8. The angel came from God. Some people think it was God Himself who wrestled with Jacob. Jacob thought he would be destroyed. But God in love and mercy saved his life. Now Jacob understood how much his walk with God needed to be made strong. Now he wanted God to change him.

Write the first thing at Jabbok that made Jacob's life with God stronger.

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Jacob was changed.

9. Jacob wrestled with an angel. Perhaps you feel that God once came and visited you.

If so, write something about it here. You may want to share this with the class.

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10. We do not forget things like this, do we? Something else happened during this visit from God. We have seen that Jacob and the angel wrestled with their bodies. But there was also another fight within Jacob. He had deceived his brother two times. He had also deceived his aged father. When God met with Jacob at Jabbok, Jacob saw something. He saw that he would have to live in peace with those whom he had deceived. He would have to be changed. This is what always happens when right and wrong meet. A great fight takes place.

Was Jacob the same after he wrestled with the angel? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Jacob was not the same after this. He was changed. The fighting went on all night. Jacob knew that God must touch his life. Jacob said he would not let the angel go, unless he blessed him.

Jacob knew that only God could change him. He could not really make peace with others by himself. Deceit was part of his old way of living. Jacob had been defeated for a long time. All his life, he had been fighting against God. But at Jabbok, God changed him.

Galatians 5:17:

The desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, ... for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you would.

What needed to happen to Jacob? \_\_\_\_\_

12. Jacob needed to be changed. This happened at Jabbok when God met with him. Jacob did not run away after a short time. He stayed until he was ready to let God change his life.

Psalms 101:7:

No man who practises deceit shall dwell in my house.

What happened to Jacob's life after he wrestled with the angel? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Yes, Jacob was changed. At Jabbok, his name was changed also. His name was no longer Jacob, the deceiver. God gave him a new name.

Genesis 32:38:

Then he said, "Your name shall no more be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed."

Where did Jacob wrestle with an angel and become changed? \_\_\_\_\_

14. All this happened to Jacob at Jabbok. There was a great fighting within Jacob. This was to see whether he would be the man God wanted him to be. God touched Jacob's body. His thigh was put out of joint. Always after this Jacob walked with a limp. But God touched his life in a wonderful way.

What two things which happened at Jabbok made Jacob's life with God stronger?

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

15. Jacob wrestled with an angel. He was changed. God wants to change us. Sometimes we wrestle with Him for a long time. In the Old Testament Jonah wrestled with God over the matter of going to Nineveh. Paul, the great apostle wrestled with God for a long time. Then God changed him on the road to Damascus.

Write the name of someone else in the Bible who wrestled with God. \_\_\_\_\_

16. Be ready to tell about him in class. God uses many ways to strengthen our life with Him. Sometimes He uses a time of fighting, like Jacob had. Sometimes God uses a time of sickness or trouble in the family. Sometimes it is a time of trouble with money matters. Sometimes it is a time of great blessing.

It would be good to share today's lesson with your people. On another paper write the things you have learned in this lesson. Teach this as a lesson or sermon to your people if you can. Bring your paper to class.

17. What two things which happened at Jabbok made Jacob's life with God stronger?

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

**WEEK 4: GOD AT WORK IN OUR LIVES WITH OTHERS**  
**DAY 5: REVISION OF GENESIS 24 to 32**

Today we come to our last lesson in Week 4. This lesson will be very different. Today we will revise all the work we have done so far.

Try to answer every question. Do not look back in your book until you have written every answer. When you have finished, go back to the lesson for each question. See if your answers are right. If you wrote a wrong answer, change it to the right one.

Questions from Week 1.

1. Why has God given us the book of Genesis? \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Write the names of the four men we learn about in Genesis 24 to 50.  
(1) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Write two important things that Abraham's servant did in choosing a bride for Isaac.  
(1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_
  4. Write three important matters thought of in the engagement of Isaac and Rebekah.  
(1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_
  5. How did Isaac feel towards his wife, Rebekah? \_\_\_\_\_
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Questions from Week 2

6. What does the Bible teach that twins are? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Who should be careful to treat all children the same, even twins?  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Write the difference between Jacob and Esau in the things they sought after.  
(1) Esau wanted \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) Jacob wanted \_\_\_\_\_
9. What did fear of men lead Isaac to do? \_\_\_\_\_
10. What was the wrong way Jacob used to get the blessing God had promised him?  
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11. Write two promises Jacob made to God at Bethel.

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

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Questions from Week 3.

12. Jacob reaped what he sowed. Write two things that happened to Jacob after he deceived Isaac.

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

13. From the life Jacob, which is better -- having one wife or having more than one wife?

\_\_\_\_\_

14. What did God do for Rachel's barrenness? Answer by writing Genesis 30:22.

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\_\_\_\_\_

15. What three things should a husband and wife do if God does not give them children?

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

16. Write two reasons why God prospered Jacob when he worked for Laban.

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

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17. Write three things we learn from Jacob's life that help a husband and wife live well together.

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

18. Because he was faithful and worked hard, who was a good servant?  
Because he was hard and cheated his servant of his wages, who was a bad master?

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19. After 20 years Jacob faced his brother Esau. Write three things Jacob did before meeting him.

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

20. What two things which happened at Jabbok made Jacob's life with God stronger?

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_