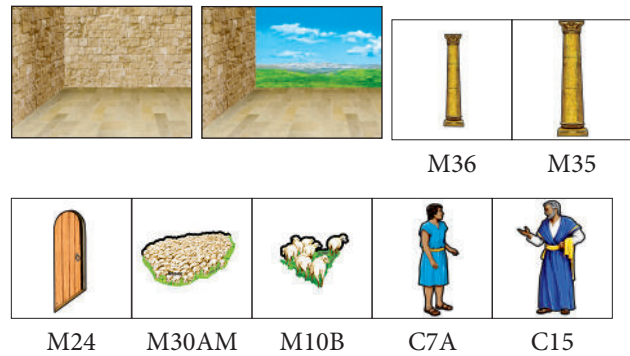


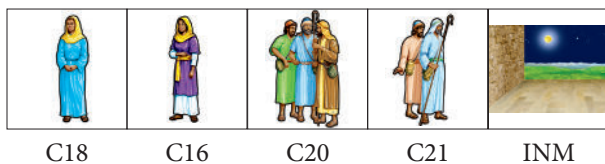
Story 8. Laban Deceives Jacob  
Genesis 29:15-30





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Just like his grandfather Abraham; Jacob has received the covenant blessings of God but that does not mean he is exempt from the consequences of his sin. Jacob has been a deceiver in both name and actions and now Jacob begins to reap what he has sowed. The person God uses is Laban and the similarities to Jacob's schemes are many. The deception involves Rachel, her sister Leah, Laban and Jacob and in the end an inheritance as well. Yet even during this time of struggle and turmoil the promises God made to Jacob at Bethel remain unchanged.

After this Laban said to Jacob, "Just because we are close relatives should you work for me for nothing? Tell me, what would you like as payment for your work? Now Laban had two daughters.  The name of the older daughter was Leah,  and the name of the younger daughter was Rachel. Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel was graceful and beautiful in appearance.


Now Jacob was in love with Rachel. So he said to Laban, "I will work for you for seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." And Laban replied, "I would rather give her to you than to some other man; stay with me."

**(Remove)**  So Jacob served Laban seven years for Rachel—but to Jacob it seemed like just a few days

because of his love for Rachel. **(Remove)**   **(Add)** 

Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that we may be together, for I have completed the time we agreed upon."  So Laban invited all the people of the area  and gave a great feast.


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her to Jacob instead, **(Remove)**  and Jacob spent the night with her. (Laban gave Zilpah, one of his female servants to Leah—to be her handmaid.)

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In the morning, behold, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban,  “What is this—what have you done to me?

Didn’t I serve you for Rachel? Why did you deceive me like this?” But Laban said, “It is not the custom in our country to give the younger daughter in marriage before the firstborn. But, if you complete the week with this one, we will give you the other one—in return for serving me another seven years.”

So that is what Jacob did; he completed his week with Leah.  Then Laban gave Jacob his other daughter

Rachel to be his wife. (And Laban gave Bilhah, one of his female servants to Rachel—to be her handmaid.) So Jacob married Rachel also, but he loved Rachel more than Leah. And Jacob served Laban for another seven years.