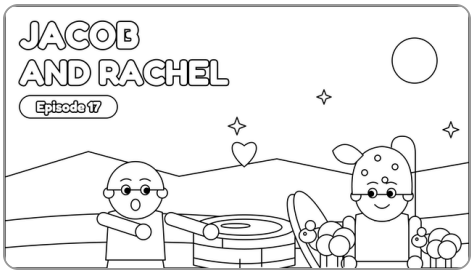
The Bible Under the Baobab · Discussion sheet for episode 17

Jacob and Rachel

Genesis 29 · For ages 3 to 10 · Video: 6 min 59



The story in brief

Jacob and Rachel. After the night of the ladder, Jacob comes to a well covered by a big stone. Rachel, the daughter of his uncle Laban, arrives to water her sheep. Jacob rolls the stone away all by himself and cries for joy: he has found his family. He loves Rachel and works seven years to marry her. “Those years seemed like only a few days to him, because he loved her so much.” But on the wedding night, Laban tricks him: under the veil, it is Leah, the older sister. Jacob, who tricked his own father, finds out what it feels like to be tricked. He will work seven more years, and God will stay with him. Grandma Adjoua tells this story to Nia, who thinks her mango tree is growing too slowly.

> **Note for parents.** In the Bible, Jacob marries both sisters, Leah and then Rachel. The episode says so simply, without dwelling on it, and recalls that God took care of Leah.

Let’s talk about it

1. What does Jacob do when he sees Rachel coming to the well?
2. How many years does he work so that he can marry her?
3. How does Laban trick him, and what does Jacob understand that day?
4. What have you been waiting for, for a long time?

> **Notes for the grown-up.** Jacob rolls the big stone off the well all by himself and gives water to Rachel’s sheep. He works seven years to marry her, and those years seem like only a few days to him. On the wedding night, Laban gives him Leah, the older sister, hidden under a veil. Jacob, who tricked his own father, understands what it feels like to be tricked. He works seven more years, and God stays with him.

To remember

I know how to wait, I will hold on. God is with me, all season long.

The song: I know how to wait

I know how to wait, I will hold on.
God is with me, all season long!

To do

Plant a seed in a little pot (a bean or a lentil). Water it every day and draw what you see, day after day. Good things take time.

Watch the episode and hear the song: labiblesouslebaobab.com/en/episodes/jacob-and-rachel/
From the book of Genesis, chapter 29. Free for home, Sunday school and children’s ministry.