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JACOB'S FAMILY GROWS & HE PROSPERS (GENESIS 29:31-30:24)



The Bible says that Jacob had two wives named Leah and Rachel. They were sisters. Rachel was his favorite, but she had no children. Leah and Jacob had four boys. They were Reuben, Simeon, Levi and Judah.

Rachel was jealous of Leah's children. She had an idea. She took her maid Bilhah to her husband. She said to Jacob, "Bilhah can have my children for me."



Rachel's maid Bilhah and Jacob had two sons. They were Dan and Naphtali. When Rachel saw how much Jacob loved his sons, she felt very sad. She prayed to God for a child of her own.

Then Leah gave her maid Zilpah to Jacob too! Jacob and Zilpah had two sons. They named them Gad and Asher. **Now Jacob had 4 wives and 8 sons!** Rachel was even more upset!



This is CONFUSING, isn't it? What a crazy family!



Then Leah had 2 more boys named Issachar and Zebulon. These boys' names sound strange to us. Would you want your name to be Zebulon? Leah also had a girl named Dinah. Jacob really loved his children. Poor Rachel still had no child of her own.

Rachel prayed to God. God answered Rachel's prayers! She finally had a baby! It was a boy. His name was Joseph.



Rachel was very sick when her last son was born. She handed the baby to Jacob and then she died. Jacob called the baby Benjamin. **Altogether Jacob had 12 sons and 1 daughter!**

Jacob had been working for his uncle Laban for 20 years! Not only was his family growing, but so were his flocks of sheep!



God blessed Jacob and gave him lots of sheep. In fact, Jacob was so good at his job that he asked Laban if he could be paid in sheep instead of money. Laban agreed. But then he kept changing the rules! First Laban said Jacob could keep all the speckled sheep. But when there were lots of speckled sheep, Laban said he could only have the striped sheep. Over and over, he kept changing the rules on Jacob. Do you think Laban was kind to Jacob?

God was kind to Jacob! He gave Jacob 12 sons! There was lots of jealousy and arguing in Jacob's family. Jacob's family wasn't perfect. **But God did give Jacob a big family – just as He had promised! These became the 12 TRIBES!**

God always keeps His promises!



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