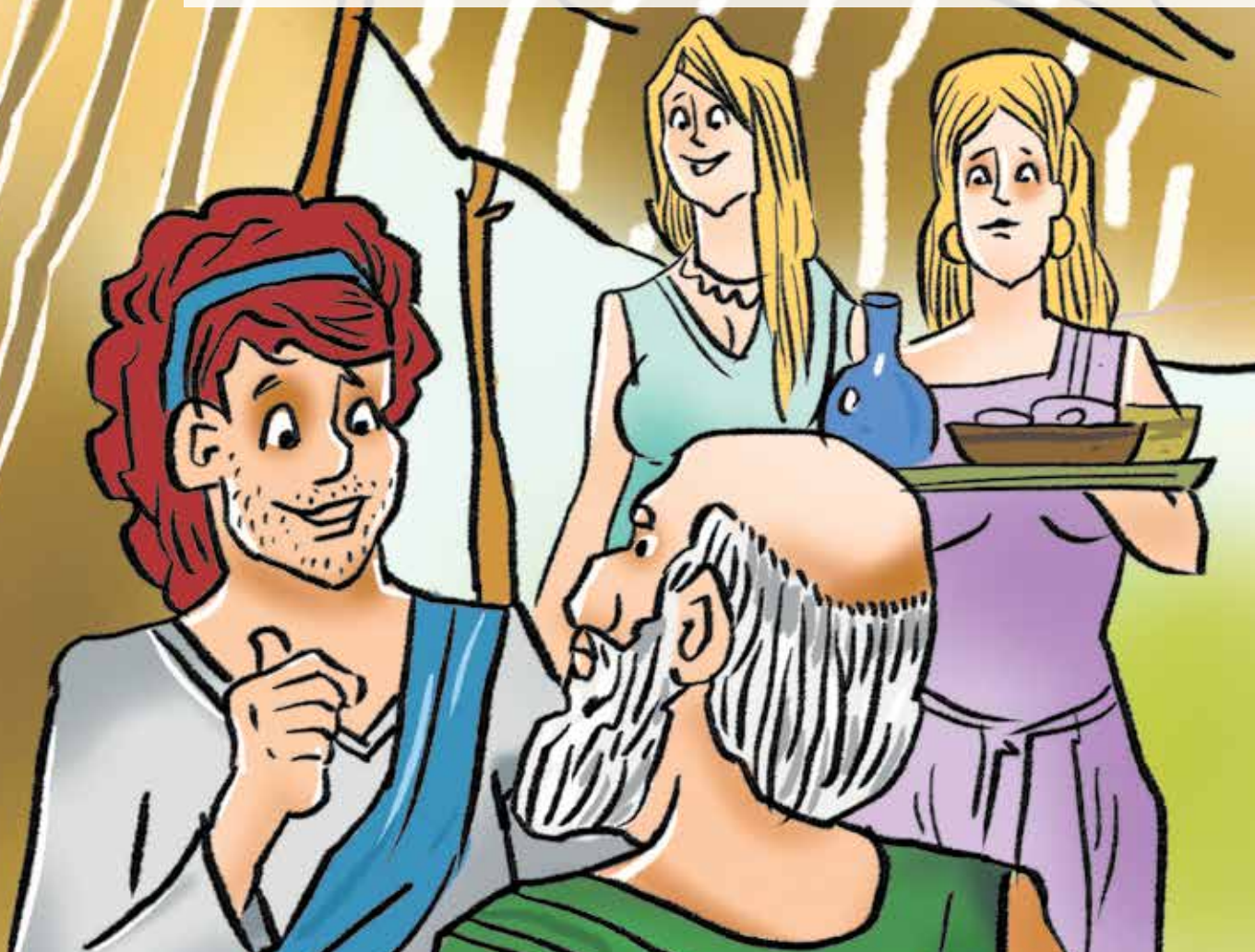




## Jacob's Big Family

Jacob had to flee from the Promised Land but continued to receive protection from God during his stay with his uncle. We too can be reassured with this forgiving love of God.



Jacob reached his uncle Laban's house and fell in love with his daughter, Rachel. He agreed to serve his uncle for seven years if he could marry her. But on the wedding day, Jacob realised he had been cheated by Laban. Instead of Rachel, he was married off to her elder sister, Leah, whose face was covered with a veil.



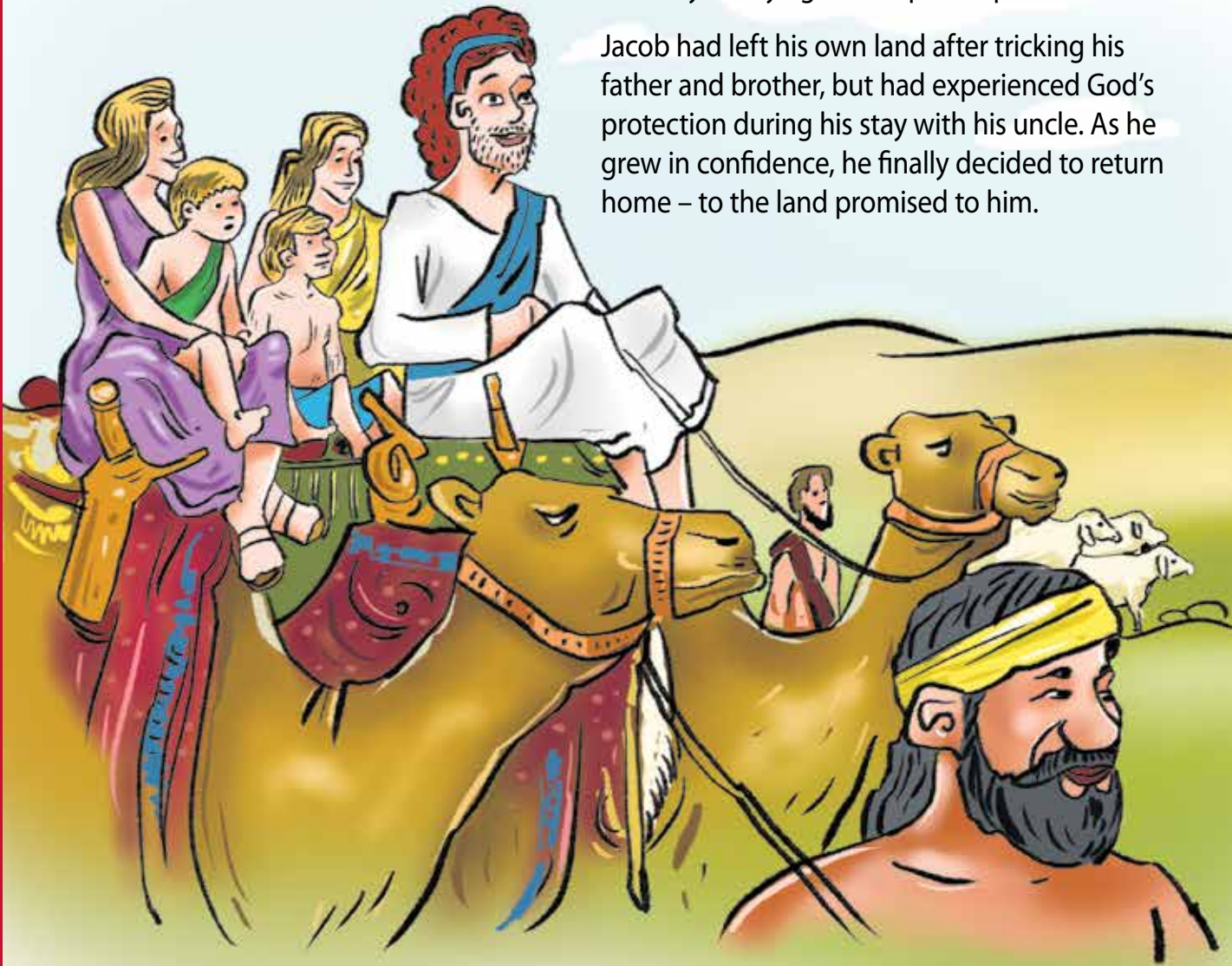
**Know Now:** Haran was a major ancient city in Upper Mesopotamia whose site is near the modern village of Altınbaşak, Turkey.

**Know Now:** Jacob's Well also known as Jacob's fountain and Well of Sychar is a deep well hewn of solid rock. It is situated a short distance from the archaeological site of Tell Balata. The well currently lies within the complex of an Eastern Orthodox monastery of the same name, in the city of Nablus in the West Bank.



Jacob agreed to work for another seven years so he could marry Rachel. Years passed and God told Jacob to go back to Canaan, the land of his forefathers. One day, while Laban and his sons were busy, Jacob ran away with his wives and children. Laban went after him and scolded him but they finally agreed to part in peace.

Jacob had left his own land after tricking his father and brother, but had experienced God's protection during his stay with his uncle. As he grew in confidence, he finally decided to return home – to the land promised to him.



He (Jacob) also saw that Laban was no longer as friendly as he had been earlier. Then the Lord said to him, “Go back to the land of your fathers and to your relatives. I will be with you.”

Genesis 31: 2-3

Jacob's story is found in Genesis chapters 25 through 50. Ask your parents to read out relevant portions to help you prepare Jacob's family tree that must include all of Jacob's twelve sons. This will help you understand Jacob's was really a Big Family.





Do you have a big family? Let us make a family tree. Collect photos of your closest family members and paste it in the boxes below. You can also add your cousins' photos too.

