

Mary has a favourite teddy. She takes it everywhere she goes, and she can't sleep unless she has it.

One day Robby is angry because Mary won't play with him. He shoots her teddy and breaks its eye - he didn't really mean to hurt it. Mary is very upset.

Robby tells Mary he is sorry, and after she calms down Mary forgives him, but she is still sad that Teddy is hurt. Robby is sad that Mary is sad so Mummy suggests that he get some money from his piggy bank and buy a new eye for Teddy.

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- ☒ Hitting someone
- ☒ Pushing someone
- ☐ Feeling sad
- ☐ Feeling happy
- ☐ Feeling angry
- ☒ Saying mean things
- ☒ Bullying
- ☒ Teasing someone who doesn't like it
- ☐ Being polite
- ☐ Being patient

Sabbath

This week we are learning about two very important words that we must remember whenever we stuff up.

Draw a line to match the choices with their natural results.

Staying up too late

Dehydration, headache, sickness or tiredness

Sunday

When Esau found out that Jacob had tricked him out of the birthright he was very angry. Their Mother suggested that Jacob should leave for a while and travel to Haran to seek a wife from her family, rather than marry a woman who did not love God. This was a good excuse for Jacob to leave and would hopefully give Esau time to forget his anger.

At sundown on the first day of his journey, Jacob lay down using a stone for a pillow. He dreamed of a stairway or ladder that reaching from the earth up to heaven. Angels were going up and down the steps and the Lord stood at the top and said, "I will give the ground where you are lying to you and your children. Your descendants will be as many as the dust of the earth! I am with you, and I will protect you wherever you go and one day I will bring you back to this land."



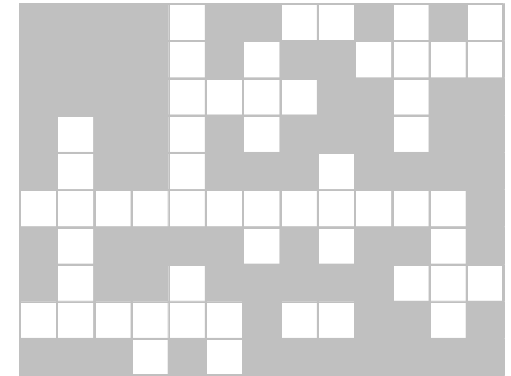
The next morning Jacob took the stone he had used for a pillow and setting it upright, poured olive oil over it and named the place Bethel which means "house of God." He also promised to pay tithe and worship God always.

God had forgiven him, but he would still have to live with the consequences of his choices.

In Haran Jacob stayed with his Uncle Laban who had two daughters, and he soon fell in love with the younger one, Rachel. Jacob said to Laban, "I'll work for you for seven years if I can marry Rachel." Laban agreed, so for the next seven years Jacob worked for him. Finally, the time came for their marriage came. Laban invited everyone and prepared a wedding feast; but after the wedding Jacob found out Laban had tricked him into marrying Leah instead of Rachel! Jacob was very angry with Laban but Laban said, "Leah is older and should marry first," Laban replied, "But wait until the marriage week is over, and then you can marry Rachel as well, if you promise to work another seven years for me."

Friday

Consequences are the natural result of bad choices and although sometimes consequences can be removed or avoided, it is not usually a good idea. Consequences show us that we have made a bad choice and remind us not to do it in future.



The consequences of Adam and Eve's sin, was that they had to leave Eden, they now had a sinful nature and one day they would die. God allowed us to experience the consequences of sin in order to show everyone, including the angels what is wrong with sin. The consequences of Jacob's choices teach us that lying and stealing are never the best way.

Parents don't like seeing their children suffer consequences and they are sometimes tempted to protect their children from consequences; but children who don't experience consequences often grow up to be irresponsible adults, who expect other people to fix their mistakes.

Fit the underlined words in the grid
Match these problems with their consequences.

Spent all your money

Leave your bike by the road

Forget your jumper

Break your bike

Don't do your chores before school

Smash your toy

Can't buy something you want

Be cold

It gets stolen

Have to do them after

Cannot play with it

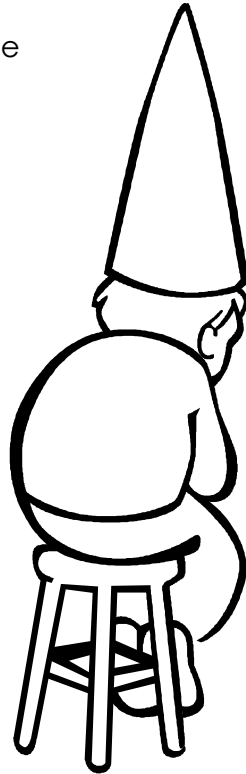
Can't ride anymore

Thursday

Why might you need to ask for forgiveness? Here are some things that people might do – cross the things that they should ask forgiveness for.

(See the back page for answers and comment)

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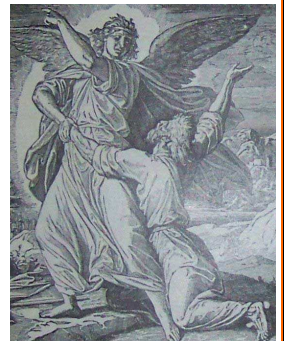
Monday

Many years passed, the second set of seven years finished and Jacob had many sons but every time he talked of returning to Canaan Laban convinced him to stay because Laban saw that God blessed Jacob work and this was making Laban rich. Laban promised to pay Jacob with sheep and other livestock but he kept changing his mind - trying to keep the best for himself.

One day, God told Jacob it was time to leave, so Jacob took his family, servants and livestock and left while Laban was away. In fact it was three days before Laban found out and when he did, he was furious! He called his men and set after Jacob, to bring him back by force, but one night God appear to Laban in a dream and warning him to let Jacob go.

And so it was, that Jacob, who had taken a part in tricking, lying and stealing from his own father and brother, had also been tricked, lied to and at times even had his wages stolen by his own uncle. Even the birthright which he had so coveted, lied and stolen to get, seemed lost since his brother now had everything that was their fathers.

Now as Jacob neared home, the fear of his brothers threat to kill worried him again. After sending goats, sheep, cattle and camels ahead as gifts for his brother, he remained alone one night to pray. Someone found him there and Jacob, thinking it was one of Esau's men, struggle with him. It wasn't until morning that Jacob realised this was no ordinary man but an angel! (Hosea 12:4) Then Jacob begged the angel to bless him and the angel said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel"



God was with Jacob as He had promised, and when Esau saw Jacob he forgot his anger and he ran and hugged him! The brothers were finally at peace and Jacob once again lived in the land of his father, the land promised to Abraham.

Tuesday

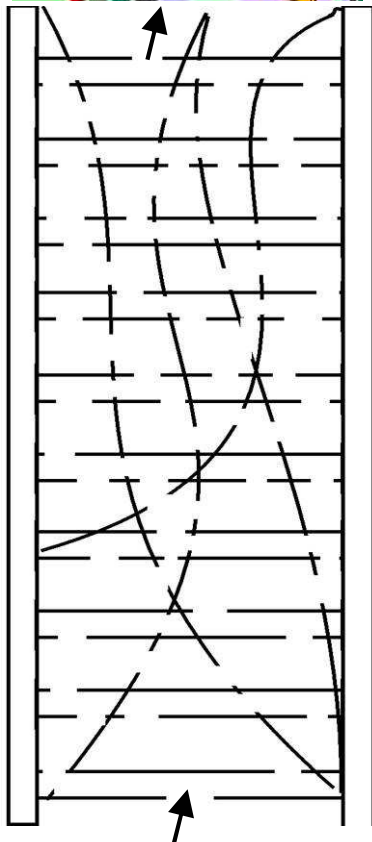
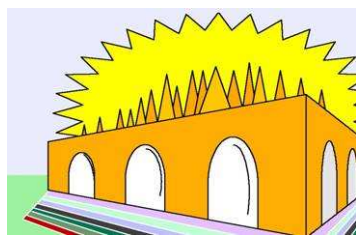
Find your way to heaven through the maze of the ladder.

Jacob had just stuffed up his life and now he had to leave home.

God gave Jacob the dream and said "I am with you, and I will protect you wherever you go. One day I will bring you back to this land."

Even though Jacob had stuffed up, God still loved him and had forgiven him. But Jacob would still have to live with the consequences - he had to leave home, he even had to experience what it was like to be cheated. But God promised that He would work it out in the end.

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Find the underlined words from Sunday.

Jacob deceived (tricked) his Father and brother, and now Laban had deceived (tricked) Jacob.

Luke 6:31^{NLT} says "Do to others as you would like them to do to you."

Wednesday

Answer the following question or select the correct word to fill in the crossword below.

- When Jacob was a boy, what did he want from Esau?
- Jacob (**pleaded** with/**tricked**)^{6down} his father.
- Jacob loved his (**mother/father**)^{1down} the most but never saw them again.
- The first night after Jacob left home, he dreamed about a _____ (^{8d}) reaching to heaven, with _____ (^{5a}) on it.
- Because of the dream, Jacob knew that God (had **forgiven/detested**)^{7across} him.
- What was Jacobs's uncle's name? (^{11d})
- Who did Jacob want to marry? (^{2a})
- Who did Laban trick him into marrying? (^{10a})
- Laban wanted Jacob to stay because he saw that God **blessed/plagued**)^{9across} Jacob.
- As Jacob neared his homeland again he felt (**afraid/heroic**)^{12down}
- God (**loved/hated**)^{4across} Jacob even though he made bad choices.
- Although God (**forgave/accused**)^{7down} Jacob, he had to live with the (**consequences/e** **mancipation** or freedom from)^{3down} of his choices.

