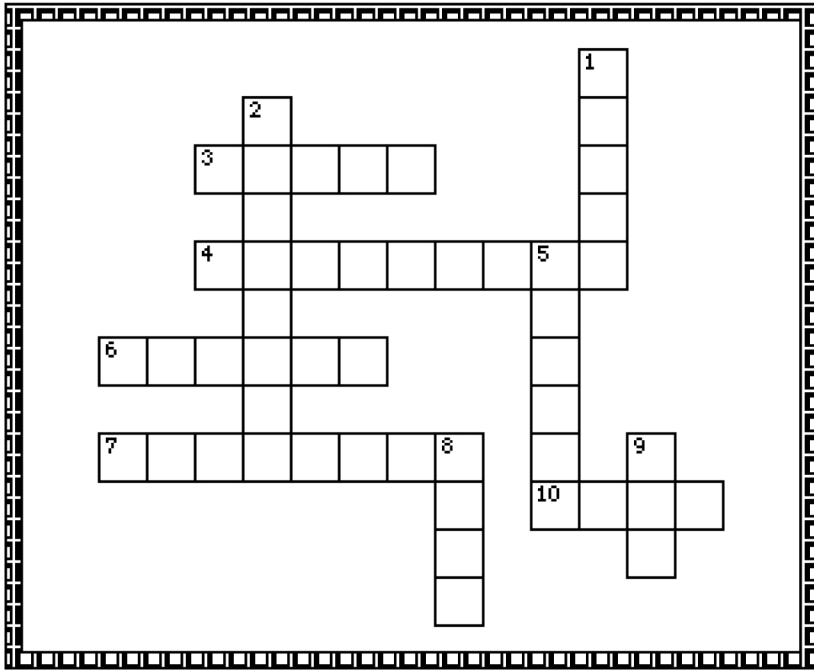


# Leah and Rachel

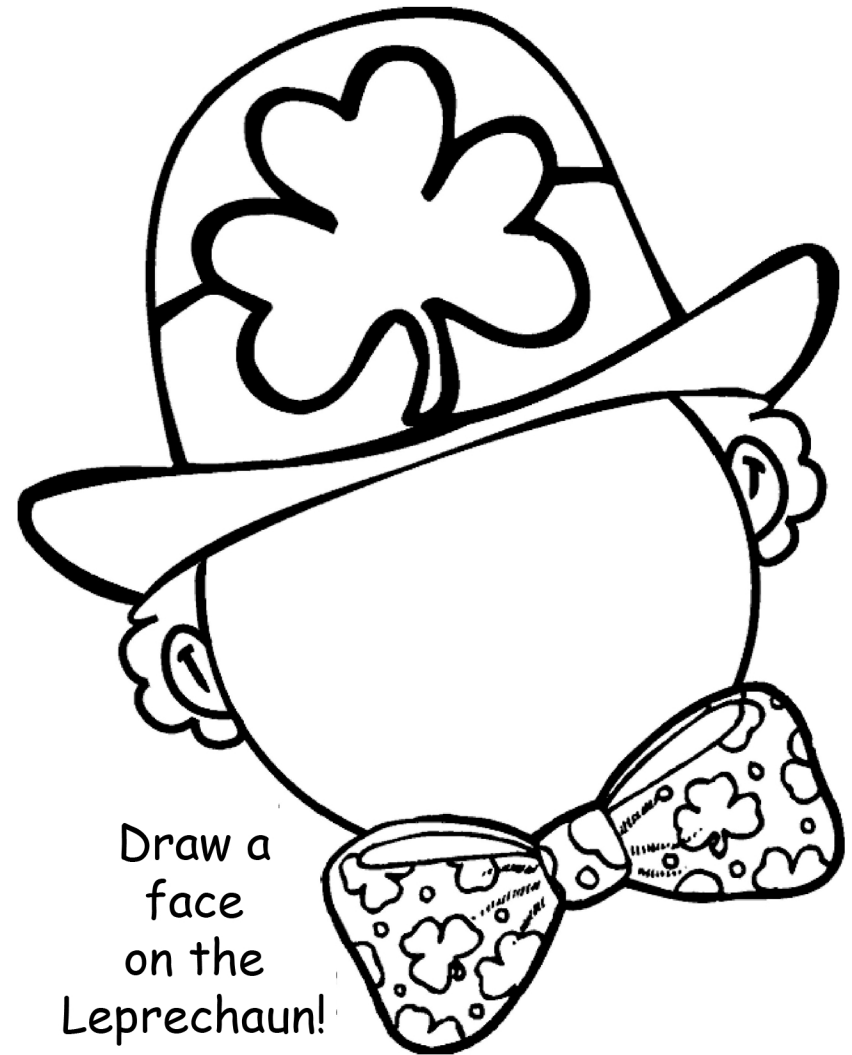


- 6 ACROSS "The wicked man does deceptive work, but to him who sows righteousness will be a sure \_\_\_\_." PROVERBS 11:18
- 5 DOWN "And it came to pass, when Jacob saw \_\_\_\_ the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, that Jacob went near and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother." GENESIS 29:12
- 9 DOWN "And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's relative and that he was Rebekah's son. So she \_\_\_\_ and told her father." GENESIS 29:12
- 10 ACROSS "Now Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder was \_\_\_\_, and the name of the younger was Rachel." GENESIS 29:16
- 2 DOWN "Leah's eyes were \_\_\_\_, but Rachel was beautiful of form and appearance." GENESIS 29:17
- 3 ACROSS "Now Jacob loved Rachel; and he said, 'I will \_\_\_\_ you seven years for Rachel your younger daughter.'" GENESIS 29:18
- 8 DOWN "So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed but a few \_\_\_\_ to him because of the love he had for her." GENESIS 29:20
- 7 ACROSS When Laban tricked Jacob into marrying his older daughter Leah, Jacob asked, "What is this you have done to me? Was it not for Rachel that I served you? Why then have you \_\_\_\_ me?" GENESIS 29:25
- 4 ACROSS "And Laban said, 'It must not be done so in our country, to give the younger before the \_\_\_\_.'" GENESIS 29:26
- 1 DOWN Now Jacob "loved Rachel more than Leah. And he served with Laban still another \_\_\_\_ years." GENESIS 29:30

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Now, Laban had two daughters. Rachel was the younger, and Leah was the older. Leah had beautiful eyes, but Jacob was in love with Rachel. And so Jacob said, "I will work for you for seven years if you will let me marry your daughter Rachel."

Laban said, "I would rather give her to you than to anyone else."

And so Jacob worked for his uncle for seven years.

But to Jacob, the years seemed like nothing at all. Just to be near the one he loved was enough to fill his heart.

Finally, the day came that Jacob had worked for all those years. At last, Laban gave his daughter Rachel to be married.

There was a great wedding feast. And that night, under a sky of shining stars, Rachel came to Jacob's tent. She was wrapped from head to foot in layers of veils and flowing robes.

Jacob took her by the hand and led her inside. He wrapped his arms around her and held her tight. They were alone together at last. And that night, in the eyes of God, Rachel became Jacob's wife, and he became her husband.

Before that night they were two separate people. Now God had joined the two together, and they became one family.

The two became one.

But, when the light of morning came, Jacob awoke to a big surprise.

It wasn't Rachel he had married at all! It was her sister Leah he was lying beside!

Jacob jumped from his bed and ran straight to the tent of his Uncle Laban.

"You tricked me! You promised me Rachel, but you gave me Leah instead!"

Well - look who's talking! The cheater got cheated.

He didn't like it very much.

Laban said to him, "It isn't our custom to give the younger daughter in marriage before the older. Work for me another seven years, and I will give you Rachel as well."

And so Jacob agreed, and Jacob and Rachel were married at last.

Jacob worked for his uncle another seven years.

He would have gladly worked a hundred, he loved her so deeply.