

The Unfortunate Wedding

What is the biggest promise anyone has ever made you?

Did they keep the promise?

Have a listen as Genesis 29 is read and fill in the blanks. (Or have a read of it yourself)

Jacob wanted to marry R _ _ _ _ _ so he agreed to work for 7 Y _ _ _ _ _ so he could marry her.

After the 7 years were done L _ _ _ _ _ tricked Jacob into marrying L _ _ _ _ _ instead.

So Jacob had to work another _ years in order to marry R _ _ _ _ _

God has promised Jacob land of his own, many descendants and blessing. Laban doesn't care about any of that.

Could Laban's trickery stop God's promises from being kept?

Last week we saw God remind Jacob of the great promises he had for Jacob. One promise was that he would look after Jacob wherever he went.

In Genesis 29 we read that Jacob has completed his journey and is now loving safely with Laban.

Has God kept that promise?

Absolutely!

Not at all!

God always keeps his promises, no matter what else happens. No one can stop God's promises. Write a prayer thanking God for always keeping his promises.

Father God, thank you that

Amen

For this weeks craft you will need a strip of card, some sellotape and either some sort-of see-through cloth or if you don't have that greaseproof paper could work.

In our passage Jacob was tricked as to which daughter he was marrying. He thought he was marrying Rachel but he was marrying Leah. We are going to make veils to help us to hide who we are and remember today's passage.

First take your strip of card and make it a circle large enough to go around your head, sticking the ends together. It should look like a really boring crown.

Then take your sort-of see-through material and fold it over one side of the circle so it dangles down in front. You may want to secure this with a bit of sellotape.

Then you should hopefully have a veil.

Just a quick warning - when wearing a veil you can't see as well as normal. So it would be a bad idea to move around the house or whatever whilst wearing it. We don't want anyone to bash their head!

PARENTS: After you have watched todays service it would be great fun to play the cup game with your kids. Hide a ball or shell or toy under a one of three identical cups, then shuffle them about and see if they can guess which one it's under.

You can talk about how it's similar to how Laban tricked Jacob. But Laban's tricking can't stop God's promises. We'll see next week how God will keep his promises of family and blessing for Jacob despite what's happened this week.