

LESSON 41

THE BIRTH OF JACOB'S SONS

Genesis 29:31-30:24



A Time for **Assembly**: *Introduction* to gather together through ice breaker (10 minutes)

For Starting Communication:

Share briefly what makes a TV soap opera (“teleserye”) interesting to its viewers.



A Time for **Adoration**: *Inspiration* to worship God through invocation, thanksgiving, and reading the Scripture. (25 minutes)

Suggested Songs:

Welcome to the Family, by Debbie Kerner Rettino

Friend of God, by Israel Houghton and Michael Gungor

Scripture Reading: Genesis 29:31–30:24



A Time for **Admonition**: *Instruction* to communicate one’s investigation of the story (content), interpretation based on the setting (context), and integration of the two for the spiritual truth (concept) (50 minutes)

1. After the birth of three sons, how much value did Jacob show to Leah as a wife (29:32-34)? What did Leah try to achieve by being able to provide Jacob with children?
2. What did Leah demonstrate by naming her fourth son Judah (29:35)?

3. How did Rachel react to Jacob for being unable to bear children (30:1-4)? How did Jacob react to Rachel in return?
4. What did Rachel try to achieve by having two sons through her servant Bilhah (30:6-8)?
5. What did Leah demonstrate by having more children through her servant Zilpah (30:9-13)?
6. What lessons can we learn from this narrative of Jacob's children?



A Time for **Accountability**: *Invitation* to apply the implication of the Scripture (connect), implementation of a specific action (conduct), and intercession for the saints/seekers (concern)
(about 35 minutes)

1. The culture of Jacob's time gave a high premium to a woman's ability to bear children. How can we show acceptance and high regard to married women who have no children?
2. Make plans to resolve a lingering conflict/misunderstanding and reconcile with a relative or friend.
3. Pray for one another in the group. Share your personal needs or concerns with your accountability and prayer partners. These may include attitudes that need to be changed and personal applications of God's Word as studied in this lesson. Pray also for others outside the group who need to hear the Gospel.