

LESSON 42

JACOB OUTWITS LABAN

Chapter 30



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

For Starting Communication:

Share briefly how envy or rivalry can happen in the church.



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

Suggested Songs:

Bind Us Together, by Bob Gillman

We are Your Church, by Sharon Damazio

Scripture Reading: Chapter 30



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. Why did Rachel ask Leah to give her the mandrakes that Reuben gathered (30:14-15)?
2. What did God show by allowing Leah to bear three more children in spite of Rachel's scheme (30:17-21)?
3. What is the significance of Rachel's act of acknowledging the covenant name of God, that is, Lord (30:22-24)?

4. What motivated Jacob, Leah and Rachel to behave the way they did to each other?
5. What character did Jacob show once again in making a deal with Laban that looked highly favorable to Laban (30:31-43)?
6. Jacob may have thought that God had blessed him materially through his deceptive scheme against Laban. Did God condone Jacob's dishonest ways (30:41-43)?



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. How could we demonstrate impartiality in how we love the members of our family? Of our church?
2. What can we do to avoid falling into rationalizing dishonest actions that we commit?
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.