

Jacob's Well

Genesis 29:1-14

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Testament
Story Time

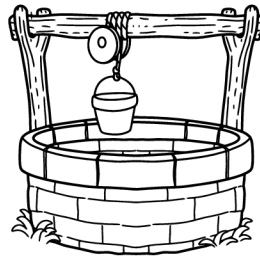
Jacob was the son of Isaac and the grandson of Abraham. Remember how God promised Abraham he would one day have lots of descendants, more numerous than the stars, and they would make a great nation.

Now Jacob had a twin brother named Esau. Esau was the older twin and because he was born first he had special privileges in the family. But Esau did not care very much about these things! Once when Esau was famished after working all day, he gave his brother Jacob his birthright as first born for bowl of lentil stew.

Then, when Isaac was going to give Esau a blessing, Jacob tricked his father into thinking he was Esau. So Isaac gave his blessing to Jacob instead of Esau. Now this one made Esau very mad and he wanted to hurt his brother!

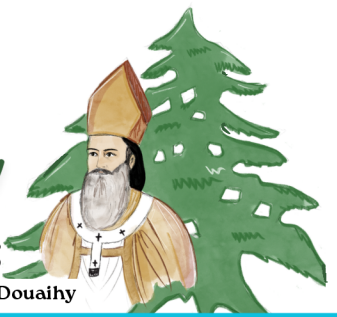
With so much strife between Jacob and Esau, Jacob left his family and headed to Haran where his mother's family still lived. Jacob hoped to find a wife there from among his mother's relations.

As Jacob got closer to Haran he saw a well in the open country. Many shepherds were gathering at the well in order to remove the stone and give water to their sheep as the stone was too big for just one man to roll away. Jacob went to the well to ask the shepherds if they knew his Uncle Laban.



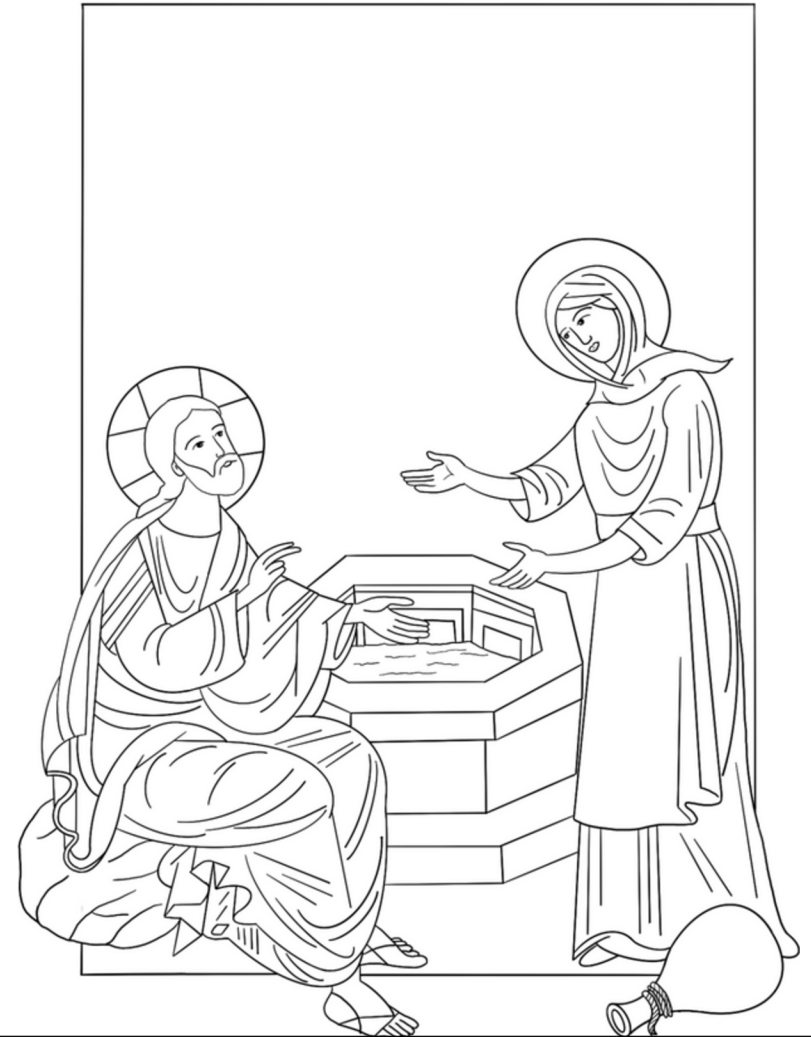
While speaking with the shepherds, the daughter of Laban, named Rachel, came to the well with her sheep. As soon as Jacob saw her it was love at first sight! Jacob was so overwhelmed by Rachel's presence that he found the strength to remove the stone all by himself. Jacob was so happy as he found his family, and he met the woman he wanted to marry! The place known as Jacob's Well would be remembered forever as a place to encounter true love!

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Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."





Gospel Corner

John
4: 5-7,
9-26

It was around lunchtime, and Jesus and His disciples were passing through Samaria. Jesus' disciples had gone to buy some food. Jesus stayed behind to wait for them and sat down at a well.



While Jesus waited, a Samaritan woman came to the well and Jesus asked her for a drink. The woman was very surprised because Jews and Samaritans didn't speak to each other.

The woman who Jesus was talking to had lived a very worldly life. This means that her lifestyle and the things that she did were not pleasing to God. She kept trying to fill up her life with things that she thought would make her happy, but in the end, they never did.

Jesus knew this about her and surprised the woman again when He told her about the worldly things that she had done in her life. He also told her that if she accepted the living water that He offered, she would never be thirsty again.



This meant, if she looked to God and lived with Heaven in mind, she would never feel the need to seek after worldly things that do not satisfy. This woman, who had lived such a sinful life, decided to tell everyone that Jesus is the Messiah and to follow him. She even became a saint!

She is recognized at Saint Photina and her feast day is March 20. Saint Photina, pray for us!

Did you know?

Who were the Samaritans?
Around 975 BC, after King Solomon died, war broke out amongst the tribes of Israel and the kingdom split. Ten tribes formed the northern kingdom of Israel, and two formed the kingdom of Judah. In the north, Samaria was established as their capital. Because they did not have the Temple in Jerusalem, they created new places of worship. Eventually the people mixed with pagans and began to also worship false Gods. These people were eventually known as the Samaritans.

What you can do

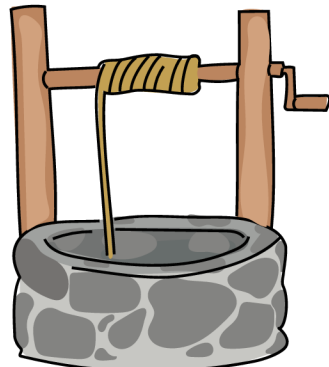


Say "hello" to someone you wouldn't normally talk to.
Pray and ask Jesus to show you if you have a "worldly" habit that He would like you to stop doing.
Thank Jesus for coming to earth and for loving you and everyone.

Heavenly Habit vs. Worldly Habit

Draw a line from each action to the correct source - the earthly well or the "living water"

- Praying daily
- Sharing
- Joking about someone
- Complaining
- Taking the best cookie
- Offering your seat to someone
- Cheating
- Being dishonest



Earthly Well
selfish habits that do not bring us closer to Jesus



Living Water
selfless habits that prepare us for heaven and bring us closer to Jesus