

June 2022

Theme: When God Intervenes

“LEAH: FROM SUBSTITUTE TO CHOSEN”

Summary: Jacob never chose Leah. Laban chose to use Leah as a pawn in his greedy plan for free labor. Rachel chose to flaunt the fact that Jacob loved her, not Leah. Leah had no choice in anything, and it seemed that no one chose to love Leah. But that’s not accurate. God chose Leah! God loved her even when it appeared her father, husband, and sister did not. And in the end, that’s all we need: The love of our Heavenly Father. Because Leah was faithful, God blessed her with many children, and in the end, Jacob chose to have her body buried at his family’s gravesite. Leah started as a substitute, but her life ended up being chosen when God intervened.

Scriptures: Genesis 29:1; 30:24; 35:18-20; 49:29-33

Songs: “I Will Serve Thee” and “I am a Promise, I am a Possibility” can be found on YouTube.

Suggestions and Helps

Resources: Poster and invitation available at www.wnac.org/treasure/programhelps.

Promotional Helps

Hand out personal invitations the Sunday before your meeting; include the title of the program and the main Scripture. Encourage the women to study the passage before the meeting.

Presentation Ideas: Display pictures of sisters around the room.

Study

Hand out the Sons of Jacob paper. The ladies will need to use their Bibles to find the sons’ name meanings and their mother.

Missions

Pray for the missionaries in areas where there are wars and unrest. Their safety is at risk.

Service

If you have a women’s shelter in your area, gift them with toiletries and a Bible journal. They have experienced the dysfunctional aspects of family relationships, much like Leah.

Prayer

Take a moment to hear prayer requests from the ladies for friends and family members in troubled relationships. Pray for these troubled loved ones to turn to God, the One who chooses them because He loves them. They may not know what true love is.

Refreshments

Mini cheesecakes with a variety of toppings; offer 12 different toppings for each son of Jacob

Serve Sparkling Pink Punch

24 oz. frozen lemonade concentrate, thawed

8 cups white cranberry juice cocktail

2 qts. Club soda, chilled

Mix lemonade concentrate and cranberry juice cocktail in a large pitcher and chill for at least 1 hour or up to 24 hours. Stir in club soda just before serving.

Extra

If you have time for fun, play a game similar to The Newlywed Game, called The Sisters Game. If you have sisters in your group, have them play the game. If you don't have sisters, go with spiritual sisters—friends in Christ—to see what they know about each other. You can write your questions or use some of these suggested questions.

What is your sister's favorite holiday?

Whose picture is on your sister's cell phone face?

Would your sister prefer to vacation in the mountains or at the ocean if given a choice?

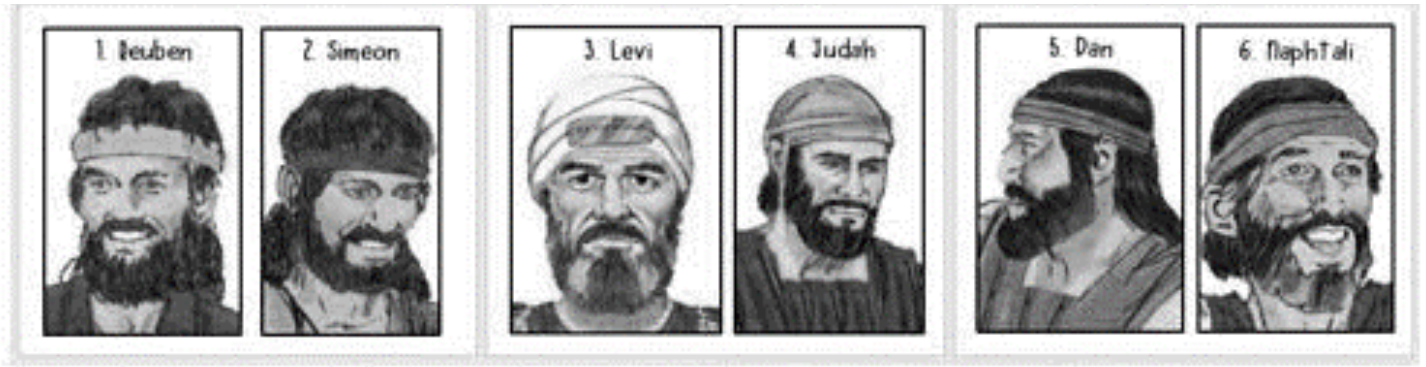
What time did your sister go to bed last night?

What was your sister's favorite class in high school?

What word would describe your sister's favorite dessert: crispy, chocolatey, fruity, or smooth?

How many sodas would you guess your sister drank last week: 0-5, 5-10, more than 10?

SONS OF JACOB



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Leah
Bilhah



Rachel
Zilpah

JACOB'S SONS' NAME MEANINGS

"My wrestling"	"Judge"					"May God add"
"Behold a son"	"Let Him be praised"	"Son of the right hand"	"Good fortune"	"God hears"	"Joined"	"Happy"
					"Dwelling"	"Man of hire"

SONS OF JACOB

ANSWERS

1. Reuben (Leah)	“behold a son”
2. Simeon (Leah)	“God hears”
3. Levi (Leah)	“joined”
4. Judah (Leah)	“let him [God] be praised”
5. Dan (Bilhah)	“judge”
6. Naphtali (Bilhah)	“my wrestling”
7. Gad (Zilpah)	“good fortune”
8. Asher (Zilpah)	“happy”
9. Issachar (Leah)	“man of hire”
10. Zebulun (Leah)	“dwelling”
11. Joseph (Rachel)	“may God add”
12. Benjamin (Rachel)	“son of the right hand”