

TORAH TIME

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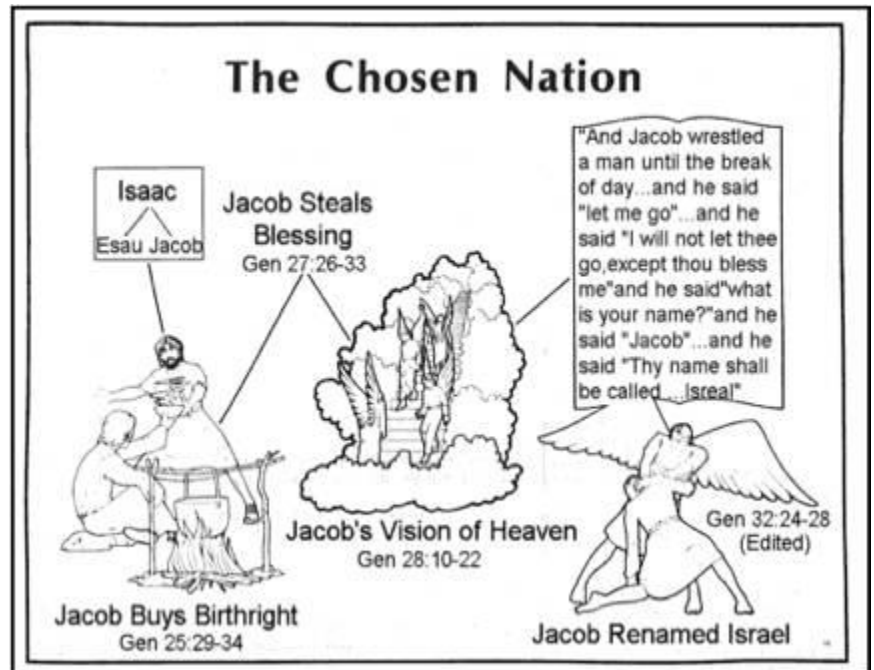
Vayishlach

- Genesis 32:3-36:43
- Obadiah 1:-21
- Hebrews 11:11-20

TORAH TIME

Jacob returns to the Holy Land after a 20-year stay in Charan. He sends messengers to Esau in hope of working things out between them. His messengers report that his brother is on the warpath with 400 armed men. Jacob prepares for war, prays, and sends Esau a large gift (consisting of hundreds of heads of sheep and cattle) to make him happy.

That night, Jacob boats his family and possessions across the Yabbok River. He remains behind and encounters the angel of YHWH. Jacob wrestles with an angel all night until daybreak. Jacob suffers a dislocated hip. The angel gives Jacob a new name. He is called Isra'el, which means "one who rules or reigns with El'ohim."



Jacob and Esau finally meet, Instead of fighting they embrace and kiss, but part ways. Jacob purchases a plot of land near Shechem. Jacob's daughter Dinah is mistreated by some people in a city. Dinah's brothers Simeon and Lewi take revenge. They kill all the men of the city.

Jacob journeys on. Rachel dies while giving birth to her second son, Benjamin. Rachel is buried in a roadside grave near Bethlehem. Reuben loses the birthright because he interferes with his father's marriage. Jacob arrives in Hebron, to his father Isaac, who later dies at age 180 (Rebecca has passed away before Jacob's arrival).

Our reading ends by telling us about Esau's wives, children and grandchildren, and the family histories of the people of Se'ir among whom Esau settled.

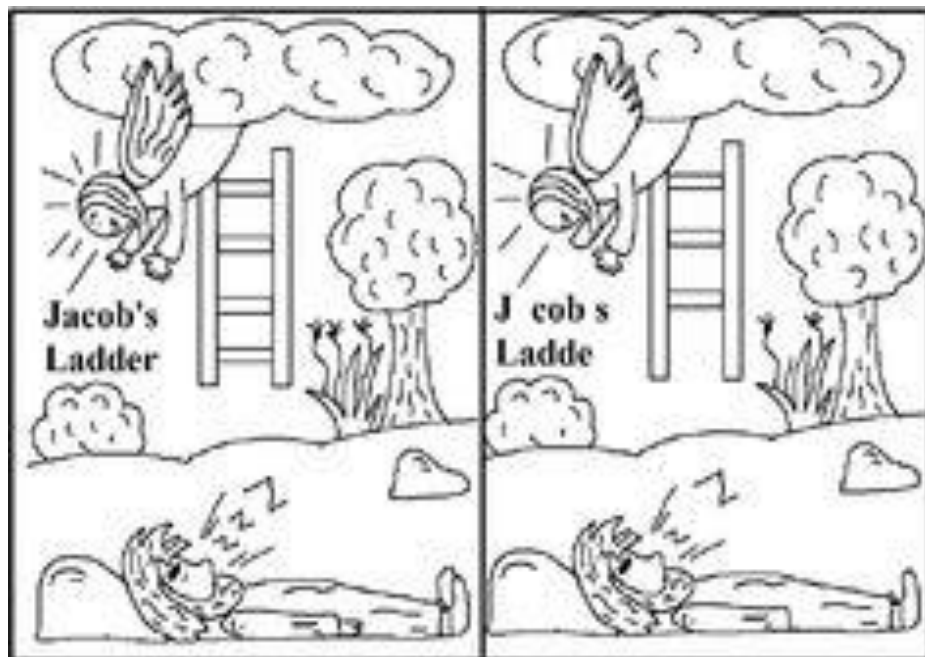
(This is an easy explanation of the Torah portion taken from the book "The Open Bible" available at www.emetministries.com)

MEMORY VERSE

Genesis 32:28, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with YHWH and with men, and have prevailed."

LEARNING ACTIVITY

Do you like to play fight or wrestle? Most kids do. The Torah tells us of a wrestling match that was not pretend.



The Torah reads, "that night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Yabbok. After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions.

So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. Then the man said,

"Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not

**Can You Spot The 26 Differences?
The 2nd picture has 26 things
missing. Circle the missing things.**

let you go unless you bless me.” The man asked him, “What is your name?”

“Jacob,” he answered. Then the man said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with YHWH and with men, and have prevailed.” Jacob said, “Please tell me your name.” But he replied, “Why do you ask my name?” Then he blessed him there.”

Jacob wrestled for a blessing and won. Part of His blessing was a name change. No longer would he be known as Jacob. The wrestling match had changed him. Now Jacob was to be called "Israel." That's right; Israel is more than just a nation in the Middle East. Israel is a person. And Israel is the name passed down to everyone in Jacob's family.

Just like you have the same last name as your father, everyone who believes and follows the Bible is part of Israel. Some are naturally born into the Israelite family. Many are adopted and called Israel. But, what exactly does it mean to be an Israelite?

The crown that Jacob won for his wrestling match was a special encounter with YHWH. Instead of being named the champion wrestler of the world, Jacob is called "Israel" or "Isra'el." This is a special Hebrew word that means "one who rules or reigns with El'ohim."

To "reign" with YHWH is to trust YHWH for victory and blessing. It means to make YHWH as your king. Israelites put their trust in YHWH and follow His commands.

Today, we don't wrestle against YHWH. We wrestle with YHWH on our side. In the space provided below write words to describe this lesson. The acrostic reads “blessing.”

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WALK THE TALK

This week's Torah portion is named "vayishlach," which means "he sent out" in Hebrew. The reading begins with Jacob preparing to meet with his upset brother Esau. The brothers had gotten into many arguments in the past. They had not been very kind to each other. Jacob is worried about what may happen, so he divides his family into two groups. He sends out his family into two groups to protect them.

One lesson we can learn from Vayishlach is that parents are to protect their children and children are to honor their parents. Jacob's choice to split up his family probably upset his family. However, they listened and were saved. Sometimes you might not understand the rules your parent sets. These rules are set to protect and keep you safe. If Jacob's family didn't listen to him then they might have gotten hurt or killed. If you don't listen to your parent's instructions then you might get hurt as well.

TORAH TALK

What does the name of this portion mean?

What is the main subject of this portion?

What commandments are in this portion?

How did YHWH show His love to man in this portion?

Why is this portion special?

How can you live this portion?

Did you read about the Messiah in this portion? Where?

What did you learn from the Torah?

HEBREW LESSON



MEET THE CHET:

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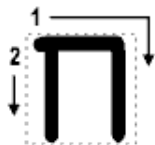
Challah=Braided bread

CHAVERIM=FRIENDS

CHALAV=MILK

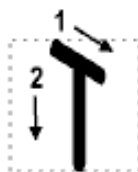
CHAYIM=LIFE

WRITE THE LETTER

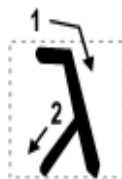


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REVIEW THE LETTERS



Note that the first stroke slightly descends from the left to right.



The numbered arrows show the order and direction for drawing the lines (the gray rectangle shows the letter proportions in a graph paper cell).

“Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with YHWH and with men, and have prevailed.”



Jacob /
Ya'acov

Rachel

Leah

Bilah

Ziplah