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The Story of Jacob and

His Family In Haran

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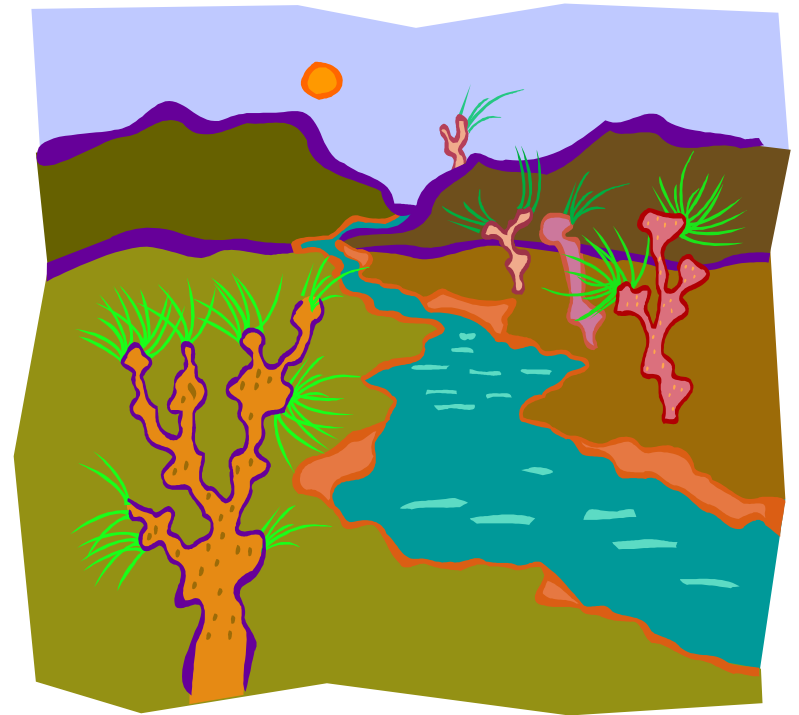
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Jacob ran away because Esau wanted to kill him. He ran across the Jordan river.

He could not run in the river, and he did not want to drown. He took his stick and hit the river and G-d split the river.

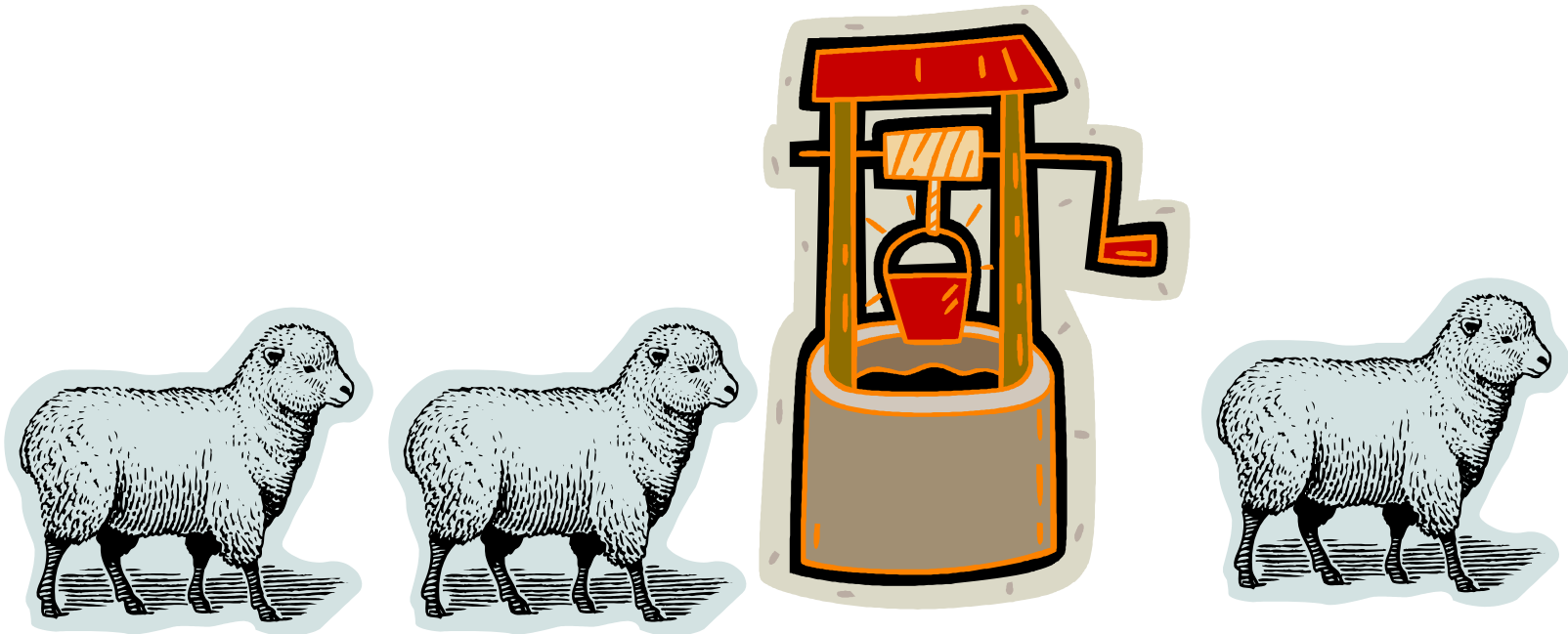


Jacob came to a Haran. He saw a well and lots of shepherds with their sheep gathered up. There was a big rock on the well. They needed many people to move it off the well. It was in order to make sure no thieves came in the night to steal the water.

Jacob said, “Why are you putting your sheep to sleep? It’s so early!”

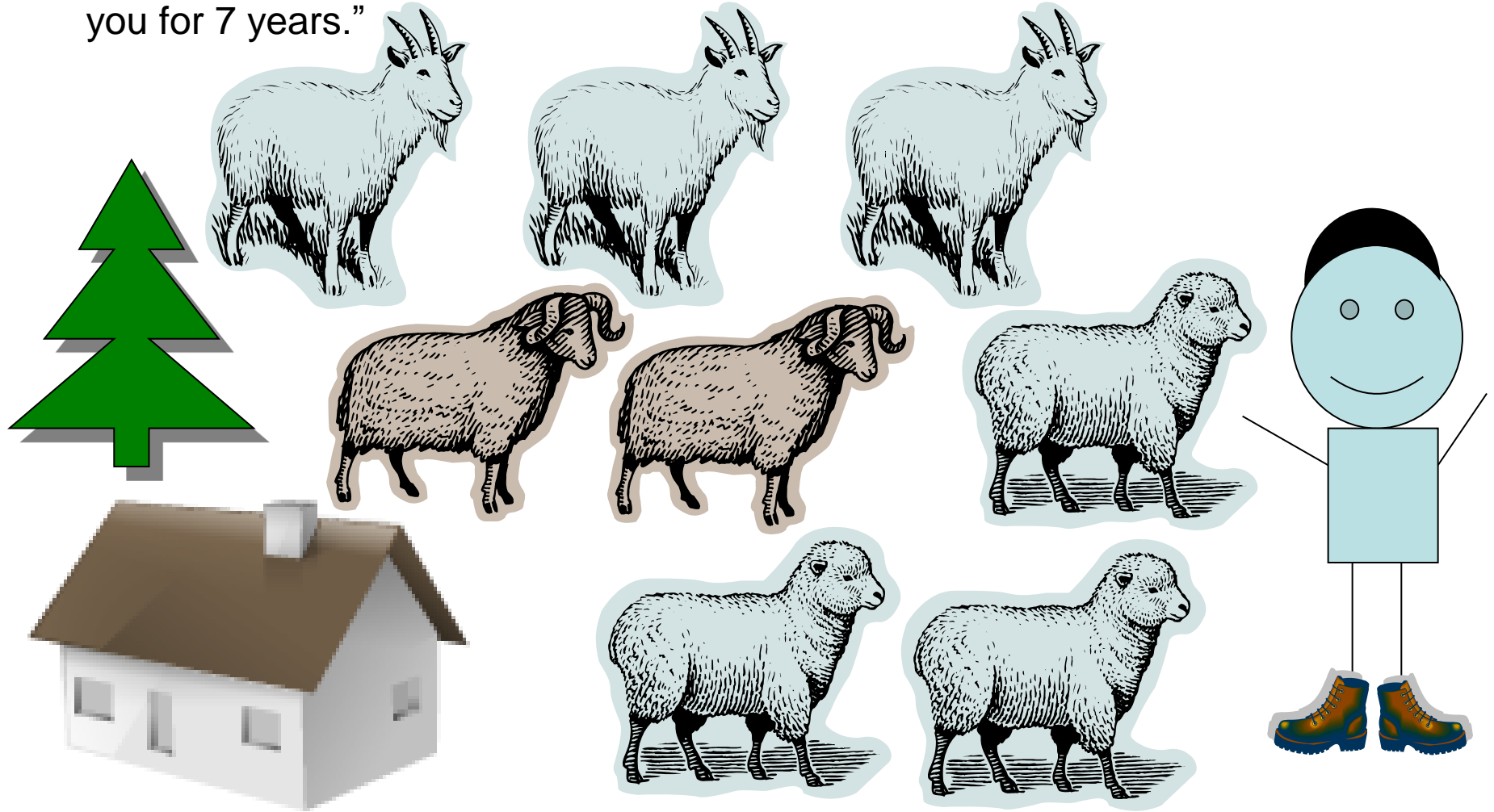
They told him: “We gather all our sheep up and then we wait for more people to push the rock off the well and then we water the sheep.”

Jacob saw his cousin Rachel going to the well with her father Laban’s sheep. Jacob rolled off the heavy rock with one hand, and then all the sheep got to drink.



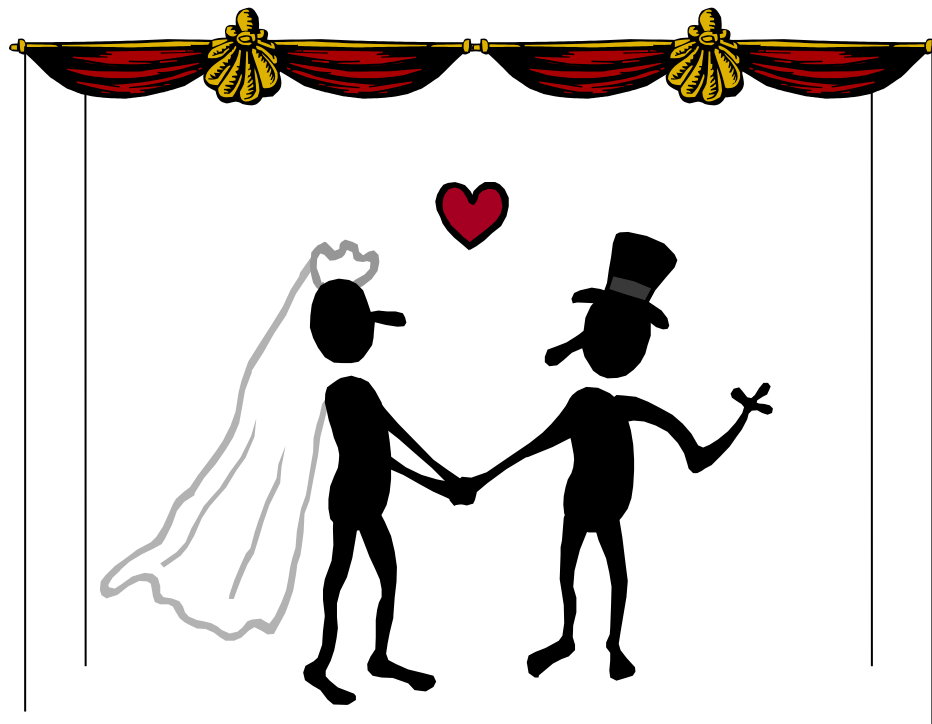
Jacob worked for Laban, and watched his sheep and goats. Jacob was a very honest man. He didn't waste his time, just to get a reward for working. If a wild animal took a sheep, he would pay Laban for the sheep that the wild animal took. Then Laban said to Jacob: "What do you want for a reward?"

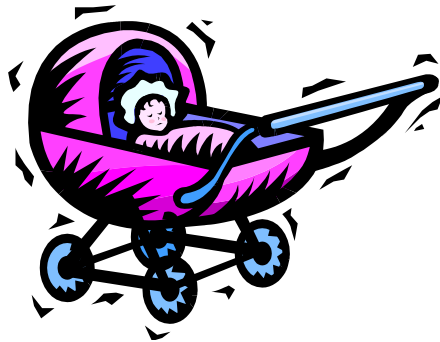
Jacob said: "I want to marry your younger daughter Rachel, so I will work for you for 7 years."



But Laban was a cheater. He wanted Jacob to stay in Haran longer. So he tricked Jacob to marry Leah, the older daughter. So then Jacob would have to promise to work for **another** 7 years in order to marry the younger daughter Rachel.

After Jacob married Leah and then Rachel, he also married their maids, Bilha and Zilpa, so he could have 12 sons.





They had many babies in Haran! Their names were: Reuven, Shimon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zevulun, Dan, Naftali, Gad, Asher, Joseph, and Dina.

They had to go back from Haran to the Land of Canaan. So they got on their camels and started going back to Canaan.

Rachel didn't want her father Laban to worship his idols, so she took them with her.





Laban wanted his idols back. So he traveled on a camel to them. He said to Rachel: "What is in that sack you're sitting on?"

Really it was his idols. Laban wanted to see what was in it. But Rachel said: "I am sick so I can't get up."

Jacob's sons said to Laban: "Oh Grandfather, how can someone steal G-d? If something got stolen, then it can't be a real G-d!"

But Laban really wanted them back. He looked everywhere. But he couldn't find them!



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