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1. When Aisav heard that Yakov ran away from home, he sent his son אֵלִיָּפַז / *Elifaz* to do something to Yakov. Do what? KILL YAKOV
2. Elifaz asked his mother what to do. What did his mother say? NOT TO KILL YAKOV
3. Elifaz caught up to Yakov. He didn't kill Yakov. What did he do? HE TOOK ALL OF YAKOV'S MONEY AND OTHER THINGS
4. Yakov did not go right to חֶרֶן / *Charan*. He went to a school and did something for 14 years. What? HE LEARNED HOW TO BELIEVE IN AND PRAY TO ה' ה'
5. Yakov was on his way to the house of לָבָן / *Lavan*. Why did he stop to pray at Mount Moriya? BECAUSE HIS FATHER YITZCHAK AND GRANDFATHER AVRAHAM PRAYED THERE
6. At Mount Moriya, Yakov took 12 stones. What happened to them? THEY BECAME ONE STONE
7. Yakov had a dream about a ladder. Where was the top of the ladder? IN THE SKY
8. Where was the bottom of the ladder? ON THE EARTH
9. Which way were the angels going on the ladder? UP AND DOWN
10. What did the angels going up and down a ladder mean? ה' 's PROMISE TO PROTECT YAKOV
11. In the dream, what did ה' promise to make Yakov's descendants as many as? THE DUST OF THE EARTH
12. Yakov promised that if ה' would protect him, he would offer sacrifices and give how much for tzedakah? ONE OUT OF EVERY TEN THINGS HE WOULD GET
13. Yakov got to the city of Charan. What good thing happened to the people of Charan when Yakov got there? WATER FROM THE WELL CAME OUT BY ITSELF, WATERED THE FIELDS AND MADE THE FOOD GROW
14. Why did ה' make this happen? BECAUSE YAKOV WAS A GOOD MAN AND GOOD THINGS HAPPEN TO CITIES WHERE GOOD PEOPLE ARE
15. Yakov came to the well. He asked the shepherds why they had come to the well so early. What did they tell him? THEY HAD TO WAIT FOR ALL THE SHEPHERDS TO COME TO LIFT THE ROCK OFF THE WELL
16. When Yakov saw רָחֵל / *Rachel* coming to the well, what did he do to the rock? HE TOOK IT OFF THE WELL BY HIMSELF
17. Yakov thought that maybe he would marry Rachel. How did he know? THE WATER FROM THE WELL CAME TO HER BY ITSELF
18. Yakov wanted to marry Rachel. They knew that her father Lavan would not let them. So what did they do? THEY SAID SOME THINGS TO EACH OTHER THAT ONLY THEY WOULD KNOW ("SECRET WORDS")

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19. When Yakov got to Lavan's house, why did Lavan run to see him? HE THOUGHT YAKOV HAD MONEY AND PRESENTS
20. Yakov told Lavan that he didn't have any money or presents. What did Lavan tell Yakov? THAT HE COULD STAY AT HIS HOUSE ANYWAY
21. Yakov took care of Lavan's sheep for a month. Lavan asked what Yakov wanted as pay. What did Yakov want? TO MARRY RACHEL, LAVAN'S YOUNGEST DAUGHTER
22. Lavan said O.K. if Yakov would work for him for how long? SEVEN YEARS
23. What kind of a worker was Yakov? VERY GOOD
24. When the day of the wedding came, Lavan told the people of Charan that he had a plan to keep Yakov in Charan. Why did Lavan want to keep Yakov in Charan? BECAUSE THE FOOD GREW WHEN HE WAS THERE
25. What was Lavan's plan to keep Yakov in Charan? THAT YAKOV SHOULD MARRY LEAH FIRST, RACHEL'S OLDER SISTER
26. Lavan made the people of Charan promise not to tell Yakov about the plan. What did they give Lavan to show him that they would keep the promise? GOLD, SILVER, PEARLS AND JEWELRY
27. What was Lavan supposed to do with these things? GIVE THEM BACK AFTER THE WEDDING
28. What did Lavan do with the things? HE SOLD THEM AND USED THE MONEY TO PAY FOR YAKOV'S WEDDING TO LEAH
29. On the day of the wedding, Yakov married Leah. Why did Yakov think he was marrying Rachel? BECAUSE RACHEL TOLD HER THE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (or "secret words") THAT ONLY THEY KNEW
30. Why did Rachel tell Leah the secret words? SO LEAH WOULD NOT BE EMBARRASSED WHEN SHE MARRIED YAKOV
31. Because Rachel told Leah the secret words, what do we learn? NOT TO EMABARRASS PEOPLE
32. Yakov got angry at Lavan for cheating him. Why did Lavan say that Yakov had to marry Leah first? BECAUSE IN CHARAN, OLDER DAUGHTERS HAD TO GET MARRIED FIRST
33. Who did everyone say that Leah should marry? AISA (because he was the oldest son of Yitzchak and Leah was the oldest daughter of Lavan)
34. When Leah found out that Aisav was bad, she cried a lot. She also prayed that ה' let her marry a good man like Yakov. ה' did let her marry Yakov. We learn from what Leah did that to get what we want, what must we do? PRAY TO ה'
35. The people of Charan asked Lavan to give back their things. What did he tell them? GO TO THE STORE OWNER AND MAYBE HE WILL SELL THE THINGS BACK TO THEM

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36. EXTRA CREDIT: Yakov got angry at Leah. She told him why she married Yakov. What did she tell him? SHE TRICKED HIM JUST LIKE HE TRICKED HIS FATHER INTO GIVING HIM THE BLESSING
37. Yakov got angry at Lavan. How many more years did Lavan say Yakov would have to work if he wanted to marry Rachel? SEVEN
38. Yakov worked for another seven years. What kind of a worker was he? VERY GOOD AND HONEST
39. Yakov married his wives' maids. So how many wives did Yakov have? FOUR
40. How many sons did Yakov have altogether, although one wasn't born yet? TWELVE
41. How many daughters did Yakov have? ONE
42. EXTRA CREDIT: Name the oldest son. REUVAIN
43. After most of Yakov's children were born, יְהוָה told Yakov to leave Charan. Whose permission did Yakov want to get before he and his family would leave? LAVAN'S
44. Lavan did not want Yakov to go. So he and Yakov made an agreement. Yakov was supposed to get certain kinds of what animals that would be born? SHEEP AND GOATS
45. Lavan was supposed to get a different kind of sheep and goats. But he didn't give Yakov the sheep and goats that he was supposed to give him. Who did Lavan give Yakov's sheep and goats to? HIS SONS
46. When יְהוָה saw that Lavan was not giving Yakov the sheep and goats that belonged to him, what did He do? HE MADE MOST OF THE SHEEP AND GOATS BE BORN SO THEY BELONGED TO YAKOV
47. When Lavan saw that Yakov was getting most of the sheep and goats, he changed the agreement. How many times did he change the agreement? ONE HUNDRED
48. Who still got most of the sheep and goats? YAKOV
49. Yakov wanted to leave Charan with his family. He asked Rachel and Leah if it was O.K. What did they say? YES
50. Yakov and his family left Charan. Who was away when they left? LAVAN
51. What did Rachel take that belonged to her father Lavan? HIS IDOLS
52. Did Yakov know that Rachel stole the idols? NO
53. Lavan chased after Yakov. What did יְהוָה tell him in a dream? NOT TO SAY ANYTHING GOOD OR BAD TO YAKOV
54. Lavan caught up to Yakov. When Lavan asked Yakov who stole his idols, what did Yakov say? WHOEVER STOLE THEM SHALL NOT LIVE
55. Lavan searched his family for his idols. Did he find them? NO
56. He made an agreement that he and Yakov and their future generations should not hurt each other. What were witnesses to the agreement? A BIG ROCK AND A PILE OF STONES
57. Lavan went home while Yakov went toward Israel. What protected Yakov as he was going to back to Israel with his family? ANGELS