

## Week 33: Genesis Review, Part 2

### Genesis 12–33

### Objectives

Students will . . .

- Review highlights from the lives of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
- Describe how Abraham showed his faith in God.

### Week at a Glance

*To the Teacher:* Pray for your students daily and prayerfully study the verses given above.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Lesson</b>	Abraham Review	Isaac Review	Jacob Review, Pt 1	Jacob Review, Pt 2	Show What You Know, Final Review, Part 2
<b>Big Idea</b>	God calls Abraham and makes a nation.	Isaac is a miracle baby. A ram takes his place and God provides a bride.	Jacob and Esau are born. Jacob gets birthright and blessing	Jacob works for Laban, gets married, and wrestles with God.	
<b>Videos</b>	<a href="#">Genesis Overview, Part 2—Abraham—Joseph</a> (5:06 min.)	<a href="#">The Story of Abraham and Isaac</a> (6:12 min.) <a href="#">Abraham's Journeys</a> (2:32 min.)	<a href="#">The Stolen Blessing</a> (5:20 min.)	<a href="#">God's Story: Jacob Wrestles with God</a> <a href="#">Jacob Wrestles with God</a> <a href="#">Jacob Marries</a>	Take final and review any videos you missed earlier in the week.
<b>Activity</b>	<a href="#">Watercolor Resist Tutorial</a> ; Review Game	Review Activity	Writing Activity and Review	Writing Activity and Review	
<b>Copies</b>	Daily Bible Connection; Review Challenge	Review Challenge	Review Challenge	Review Challenge	Show What You Know, Final Review, Part 2

## MONDAY: Abraham Review

Genesis 12–21; Hebrews 11:8–19

### Monday Review Challenge (Key)

(This review is not graded. A handout is available for students. Use this like a pop quiz to see how much students can recall without any review.)

1. What did God ask Abraham to do? **To move away from relatives to a new country that he had never seen. (Another possible answer—To sacrifice his son, Isaac.)**
2. Where did Abraham go? **He left not knowing where he was going, but eventually God led him to the Promised Land, also called Canaan.**
3. What promise did God make to Abraham? **God promised to make a great nation out of Abraham. He said Abraham would have more descendants than the stars in the sky or the sand on the seashore.**
4. What problem did Abraham and Sarah have with God’s promise? **They had no children and Sarah was not able to have children.**
5. How did God keep his promise? **When Abraham was one hundred years old, he had a son by his wife, Sarah, who was ninety years old.**

(After students try the Review Challenge, you may want to watch the video right away. Doing so will help refresh their memories.)

### Video

This re-cap of Genesis puts everything in the context of God’s big story.

[Genesis Overview, Part 2—Abraham–Joseph](#) (5:06 min.)

### Discussion: Abraham Follows God’s Call

Hebrews 11:8–19

Hebrews 11 tells us key details and ideas that God wanted to highlight about people in the Old Testament.

**Reading Focus:** Who was in a tent?

**Read Aloud:** Hebrews 11:8–9

**Question for Comprehension:** Why was Abraham in a tent?

*Answer:* God asked him to leave his home and travel to a country God would give him.

**Reading Focus:** What was Abraham looking forward to while in his tent?

**Read Aloud:** Hebrews 11:10

**Question for Comprehension:** Why did Abraham want a city?

*Answer:* He wanted a place to belong. Specifically, he wanted the city God was building. God started off life on earth in a garden, but in the end there will be a city where all who follow God will live forever (Revelation 21:2).

**Reading Focus:** Who became a mother?

**Read Aloud:** Hebrews 11:11–12

**Question for Comprehension:**

- Why was it a challenge for Sarah to become a mom?  
*Answer:* She was too old to have children.
- What did Sarah believe?  
*Answer:* She believed that God had promised her a child and that He would be faithful to do it.
- How many children (and grandchildren, and great grandchildren, etc.) eventually came from Sarah and Abraham?  
*Answer:* More than could be counted. (More than the stars. More than the sand.)

**Reading Focus:** What were people of faith looking for?

**Read Aloud:** Hebrews 11:13–16

**Question for Comprehension:**

- Did the people receive all God had promised to them during their lifetime?  
*Answer:* No
- What does it mean that they “saw them and welcomed them from a long way off”?  
*Answer:* They had faith that God was going to provide them the country they were looking for and the multitude of children. Faith sees a long way into the future—even past death.
- Why is God pleased when people who live by faith call Him Father?  
*Answer:* He knows they want a heavenly city—to be where He is in the world He rules. He built the city for them.
- What does it mean to live by faith today?  
*Answer:* The same thing it meant for the people of faith in their day. Instead of looking to self or this world, people of faith keeps their eyes on Jesus and want what Jesus wants for them—now and after they die.

## Active Learning Craft

*Materials:* White construction paper or water color paper for each student; wax crayons; water color paints and paint brushes; newspaper for covering tables or desks.

*Example:* [Watercolor Resist Tutorial](#)

*Instructions:* Use white crayon to make many spots in the “sky” area of the picture. Draw and color a picture of Abraham counting the stars. Once it is colored, paint over the picture using dark blue and purple watercolor paints. Allow to dry overnight.

## Review Game: Who Am I?

Ask these questions aloud. You can make it a Smarty Review if you want to give out smarty candy to those who answer correctly. *This is not for a grade.*

1. I am the chapter in the New Testament where many people of faith are listed. What am I?  
**Hebrews 11**
2. I am the husband of Sarah, Uncle to Lot, and father of all the Jewish nation. Who am I?  
**Abraham**
3. I made a promise to Abraham that he would be blessed, that his decedents would be as many as the stars, that his descents would bless all the nations on earth. Who am I?  
**God**
4. I laughed when I heard that I was to become a mother when I was already well past the age when women can have children. But God did a miracle and I had a baby when I was ninety years old. Who am I?  
**Sarah**
5. I kept the promise I made to Abraham and Sarah even though it took a miracle. Miracles are not hard for Me. Who am I?  
**God**

### BONUS

(The content of these questions was not talked about today, but some students may be able to answer correctly.)

6. I was Abraham's nephew. I settled where the grass was green and the cities were full of things I wanted. My family and I had to be rescued by angels. Who am I?  
**Lot**
7. I was Sarah's slave who ended up having a child with Abraham. I was hated and abused by Sarah, but God took care of me and my son, Ismael. Who am I?  
**Hagar**

## TUESDAY: Isaac Review

Genesis 21–25

### Tuesday Review Challenge (Key)

(This review is not graded. A handout is available for students. Use this like a pop quiz to see how much students can recall without any review.)

1. What promise did God make to Abraham and Sarah? **They would have a son.**
2. What did God ask Abraham to do with Isaac after he was grown? **To offer Isaac as a sacrifice.**
3. What happened when Abraham and Isaac were on the mountain together? **Abraham started to offer Isaac as God had said, but God stopped him and provided a ram in a bush. The ram took Isaac's place.**
4. Why did God ask Abraham to do this? **He wanted to see if Abraham would love and trust Him and obey.**
5. Abraham told Isaac that God would provide the sacrifice they needed. What sacrifice did God provide? **There was a ram caught in the bushes.**

#### BONUS

6. How did Isaac meet his wife, Rebekah? **Abraham's servant found her in Abraham's home country. When the servant asked for a drink of water, Rebekah offered to water the camels as well. That's how the servant knew she was the right one to become Isaac's wife.**

(After students try the Review Challenge, you may want to watch the video right away to help them refresh their memories.)

### Videos

[The Story of Abraham and Isaac](#) (6:12 min.)

[Abraham's Journeys](#) (2:32 min.)

### Discussion: Abraham Passes the Faith Test

Hebrews 11:17–19

God's messengers came to tell Abraham and Sarah that they would have a son. Sarah laughed when she heard the news. She didn't really believe it would be possible because she was very old. A year later Isaac was born. Years later, we find out how Abraham's faith was put to the test.

**Reading Focus:** What test is mentioned in these verses?

**Read Aloud:** Hebrews 11:17–18

**Question for Comprehension:** What promise was Abraham holding tightly to?

*Answer:* The promise that the family line would continue through Isaac

**Reading Focus:** Who was brought back from the dead?

**Read Aloud:** Hebrews 11:19

**Question for Comprehension:**

- What amazing thing did Abraham believe God could do?  
*Answer:* He believed God could bring Isaac back from the dead.
- Had Abraham ever seen anyone come back to life?  
*Answer:* No
- What did God provide in the bush?  
*Answer:* A ram
- What do you think about Isaac's faith in this situation?  
*Answer:* He was a lot younger and stronger than his father, yet he let himself be tied up and laid on an altar as though he would die. This shows great faith.
- Who is the ram a picture of?  
*Answer:* He is a picture of what Jesus did for all of us. Jesus is the sacrifice that God himself provided to save us from sin. He took our place just like the ram took Isaac's place.

We don't read about this in Hebrews, but when Isaac was grown up, Abraham sent his servant back to Abraham's homeland to find a wife for Isaac. When the servant got there, he prayed and asked God to help him find the right woman for Isaac. He asked God to have the woman come to where he was, near the well, and offer to water his camels. Before he even finished praying, a woman came to the well. When the servant asked for a drink of water, she offered to water his camels also. She was Rebekah, the bride God had chosen for Isaac.

# WEDNESDAY: Jacob Review, Part 1

## Genesis 25–28

### Wednesday Review Challenge (Key)

(This review is not graded. A handout is available for students. Use this like a pop quiz to see how much students can recall without any review.)

Use the words in the word bank below to fill in the blanks.

Bethel	birthright	Esau
Jacob (2x)	Rebekah	value

1. Esau traded his birthright for some stew.
2. This showed that Esau didn't value his rights as the oldest son.
3. Jacob was able to deceive his father because Isaac was nearly blind.
4. Esau, Isaac's favorite son was skilled at hunting.
5. Isaac, Rebekah's favorite son liked staying at home.
6. Rebekah sent Jacob to her family to give Esau time to get over his anger.
7. God spoke to Jacob in a dream. Jacob called the place he met with God Bethel.

Answer each question with as much detail as you can remember.

8. Describe the dream Jacob had when he was running from Esau. In his dream Jacob saw a ladder or stairway to heaven with angels going up and down from heaven to earth. God was at the top of the ladder.
9. What did God promise Jacob in his dream? In his dream God promised to be with Jacob, to watch over him and bring him back to this land. God promised never to leave him.

## Video

[The Stolen Blessing](#) (5:20 min.)

## Discussion: Turning Points 1–3 in Jacob’s Life

Let’s look at a few of the turning points in Jacob’s life in connection with God’s grace.

### **Turning Point 1: Birth**

**Reading Focus:** What answer to prayer is mentioned in these verses?

**Read Aloud:** Genesis 25:21–23

### **Question for Comprehension:**

- What problem did Rebekah have that Sarah also had?  
*Answer:* She couldn’t have children.

God answered Isaac’s prayer and Rebekah had twins.

- Who did God say would be the ruler of the two?  
*Answer:* The younger would serve the older.

The custom in their day was for the older to be in charge and the younger to serve the older.

Grace is undeserved God-given power to do what God wants us to do. God showed Jacob grace by giving him the leadership role. He had not yet been born, so he didn’t earn this roll. God just chose to give it.

### **Turning Point 2: Birthright and Blessing**

Even though God had promised the older would serve the younger, Jacob decided to take matters into his own hands by making Esau sell him the birthright. Later, Jacob (with his Mom) tricked Isaac into giving him the blessing that Isaac meant for Esau. He dressed up like his brother and gave Isaac some food like Esau usually made for him. Isaac was nearly blind, so he didn’t realize it was Jacob. Esau was so angry he was ready to kill Jacob. Rebekah sent Jacob away to their relatives back in Abraham’s homeland.

Even though Jacob had been dishonest, God keeps him alive and still chooses him as the one through which the promise’s Messiah would come.

### **Turning Point 3: Dream at Bethel**

As Jacob was traveling, he stopped at a place called Bethel. He stayed the night there. He slept on the ground and used a rock for a pillow. During the night God spoke to Jacob in a dream and promised to be with him and to bless him. In his dream Jacob saw a ladder going up into heaven and angels going up and down the ladder.

## Active Learning: Personal Turning Points

*Instructions:* Write down turning points in your own life from your birth to this present time. Think about events and situations that made you realize you needed someone to save you.

## THURSDAY: Jacob Review, Part 2

Genesis 29–33

### Thursday Review Challenge—Who Am I? (Key)

(*This is not graded.* A handout is available for students. Use this like a pop quiz to see how much students can recall without any review.)

Fill in the names you can remember.

1. I am Isaac's father. Who am I? Abraham
2. I am Isaac's wife. Who am I? Rebekah
3. We are Isaac's sons. Who are we? Jacob and Esau
4. My name was Jacob. It was changed after I wrestled with God. Who am I? Israel
5. I am Jacob's father-in-law. Who am I? Laban
6. I am Jacob's first wife and the mother of his first four sons. Who am I? Leah
7. I am Jacob's favorite wife. Who am I? Rachel

### Video

Chose the videos to review that will be best for your students.

[God's Story: Jacob Wrestles](#) (3:49 min.)

[Jacob Wrestles with God](#) (2:24 min.)

[Jacob Wrestles with God](#) (2:07 min.)

[Jacob Marries](#) (2:26 min.)

### Discussion: Turning Points 4–7 in Jacob's Life

#### **Turning Point 4: Tricky Laban and Two Wives**

When Jacob met his family, he stayed with his uncle Laban. Jacob fell in love with Laban's youngest daughter, Rachel. He made a promise with Laban that he would work for Laban for seven years if Laban would give him Rachel for his wife.

Laban didn't keep his word. When it was time for Jacob to marry Rachel, Laban gave him Leah to marry instead. Jacob was angry, but he agreed to work another seven years to marry Rachel.

#### **Turning Point 5: Laban Behind, Esau Before**

After living and working with his uncle Laban for twenty years, Jacob decided to return home. Laban kept changing his wages. Jacob finally loaded up his family and escaped while Laban was busy. Laban didn't want Jacob to leave, because God was blessing Laban because of Jacob. God protected Jacob and told Laban to leave him alone.

#### **Turning Point 6: Wrestles with God and Is Now Israel**

Jacob had to go right through the area where Esau lived in order to go home. Jacob was afraid of Esau. Esau came out to meet him with four hundred men! The night before Jacob was to meet

Esau, he sent his family ahead with a gift for Esau. He stayed back by himself. A man came and wrestled with Jacob. Jacob wouldn't give up, and early in the morning the man touched Jacob's hip, hurting him. But Jacob still wouldn't give up. He hung onto the man until the man blessed him. The man changed Jacob's name to Israel, because Jacob had fought with God and with men and had won. Jacob always walked with a limp after that. He named the place Peniel, which means, "I have seen the face of God and I am still alive."

**Turning Point 7: Jacob Reconnects with Esau**

God wanted Jacob to learn to trust Him instead of trusting himself and always trying to find a way to do things on his own. When Jacob went to meet Esau, he knew God was with him. Esau did not meet Jacob with an army. He was happy to see Jacob. Jacob traveled on and finally got back home to where his father, Isaac, was living.

**Active Learning: Personal Turning Points**

*Instructions:* Write down the turning points you are likely to come to in your future life. Write a few sentences about what direction you want to go at each of those potential turning points.

**Review Activity: Jacob's Family**

Jacob's Family **KEY** Name \_\_\_\_\_

Fill in the names of Jacob's family.

Jacob

L eah  
(older sister)

- R euben
- S imeon
- L evi
- J udah
- I ssachar
- Z ebulun
- D inah

Z ilpah  
(Leah's servant)

- G ad
- A sher

B ilhah  
(Rachel's servant)

- D an
- N aphtali

R achel  
(younger sister)

- J oseph
- B enjamin

Asher	Leah
Benjamin	Levi
Bilhah	Naphtali
Dan	Rachel
Dinah	Reuben
Gad	Simeon
Issachar	Zebulun
Joseph	Zilpah
Judah	

## FRIDAY: Show What You Know, Final Review, Part 2 (Key)

**Multiple Choice:** Choose the letter that best answers the question and write it in the blank.

- B   1. We know \_\_\_\_\_ was the top priority in Abraham's life because he was willing to sacrifice his most prized treasure.  
A. money    B. God    C. Jacob
- A   2. When the angel stopped Abraham from hurting his son, Abraham looked up and saw a \_\_\_\_\_ caught in a bush.  
A. ram    B. fish    C. bull
- C   3–4. God promised Abraham that the number of his children would be as many as the \_\_\_\_\_ in the sky or the \_\_\_\_\_ on the seashore.  
A. birds/crabs    B. clouds/shells    C. stars/sand
- A   5. Abraham's servant traveled back to Abraham's relatives to get a \_\_\_\_\_ for Isaac.  
A. bride    B. house    C. chariot
- B   6. When Rebekah watered the \_\_\_\_\_, Abraham's servant praised God for answering his prayer.  
A. horses    B. camels    C. cats
- A   7. Twenty years after Rebekah and Isaac were married, Isaac \_\_\_\_\_ for Rebekah that she would be able to have a child.  
A. prayed    B. sang    C. shouted
- B   8. God's answer was to give Rebekah and Isaac \_\_\_\_\_ boys.  
A. seven    B. twin    C. many
- B   9. What did Esau trade for some red stew?  
A. his bow and arrow    B. his birthright    C. his life
- A   10. Esau didn't \_\_\_\_\_ his rights as the oldest son.  
A. value    B. obey    C. fear
- C   11. \_\_\_\_\_ was able to deceive his father because Isaac was nearly blind.  
A. Abimelek    B. Esau    C. Jacob
- B   12. \_\_\_\_\_, Isaac's favorite son, was skilled at hunting.  
A. Abimelek    B. Esau    C. Jacob
- A   13. Jacob had a special dream. What did he see in his dream?  
A. a stairway to heaven    B. his brother    C. his uncle    D. his wife
- A   14. What did Jacob hear in his dream?  
A. God talking to him    B. his father talking to him    C. his mother talking to him

- B 15. Jacob called the place of his dream \_\_\_\_\_ because the Lord was in that place.  
A. Israel    B. Bethel    C. Jericho    D. Bethlehem
- A 16. Jacob agreed to work \_\_\_\_\_ years to marry Rachel.  
A. 7    B. 20    C. 32    D. 46
- C 17. Laban tricked Jacob, and Jacob ended up married to \_\_\_\_\_ instead of Rachel.  
A. Mary    B. Sarah    C. Leah
- C 18. When \_\_\_\_\_ came to meet Jacob, he brought four hundred men with him.  
A. Adam    B. Isaac    C. Esau    D. God
- D 19. The night before Jacob met his brother, who did Jacob wrestle with?  
A. Adam    B. Esau    C. Abraham    D. God
- B 20. God changed Jacob's name to \_\_\_\_\_ because he had wrestled with God and with people and had won.  
A. Abraham    B. Israel    C. Isaac    D. Laban