

## Jacob Waters the Flocks for Rachel

(Genesis 29)

*[While Jacob was speaking with the shepherds], Rachel came with her father's sheep, for she was a shepherdess. And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel...Jacob went near and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock (Genesis 29:9,10).*

The children will be constructing a well with a stone that can be rolled aside by Jacob. First, read the story. During your discussion, introduce the idea that water was precious as it was scarce. The water would have been covered to protect it from evaporation. You may wish to find pictures of wells. They do not look the way we think of them in our culture. They were sometimes pits in the ground that would fill when it rained. What is important is that Jacob rolled the stone aside so that he could water Laban's flocks for Rachel.

### Materials for Each Child:

2 pieces of construction paper, 1 blue and 1 brown  
a paper fastener  
pen, pencil, or marker for writing  
*optional:* shiny, blue saran wrap if you would like to make the water more interesting

### Procedure:

1. Fold the brown piece of construction paper in half.
2. Cut a semi-circle in the middle of the folded edge. When the paper is opened, there will be a hole in the middle of it. Encourage the children to make the "hole" fairly large. Keep the circle you have cut out.
3. Optional step: If you are making the water special, give each child a square of saran or other shiny blue wrap to glue on to his blue piece of construction paper. Make sure that it will line up with the hole that has been cut in the top piece.
4. Glue the brown construction paper over the blue construction paper. You should be able to see a circle of blue in the middle.
5. Using a paper fastener, attach the circular cut-out over the hole as a rock that is covering the well.
6. Practice rolling the stone aside to see the water in the well.
7. Write "Jacob rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock" on the front.