

Families Matter!

A Happy Home

A

Affection (love). Love must be present if the home is to be happy. This love must be mutual—husband and wife, parents and children. There must also be love for God.

H

Honor (respect). The home is a happy one when due honor and respect are given to all. The husband is to give honor unto his wife (1 Peter 3:7), the wife is to honor her husband (Ephesians 5:33), and children are to honor their parents (Ephesians 6:2,3).

A

Activity. The family needs to spend time together in work and play. Children need to be taught to work and accept responsibility in the home.

P

Purity. Pure speech and pure living must prevail. Obscenity, vulgar talk, etc., must not be permitted to invade the home.

P

Peace. Many parents and children are nervous and tense because of arguments and fighting in the home. Our homes should be places where harmony and peace prevail.

Y

Youth. Children are a blessing to the home. They add variety and love. They are to be taught about God and His Son, and encouraged to live lives pleasing to God.

H

Honesty. The home should be an asset to the community. Parents need to be honest and fair in all their dealings and train their children to be the same.

O

Obedience. Parents are not fair to their children when they neglect to teach them to obey. If not taught to obey in the home, children will not obey in other areas of life.

M

Morals. Loose living and permissiveness are being practiced by many today. Parents need to train their children to conduct themselves properly and to live pure and decent lives.

E

Economy. One of the problems in many homes is due to money matters—too much or too little. We need to learn to live within our income and teach our children to do likewise.

— Harold S. Stanley

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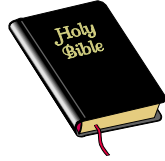
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Devotional Guide

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This devotional guide is based on the book of Genesis. Each day has a reading from Genesis and a suggested parallel reading from somewhere else in the Bible. These could be used as morning and evening devotionals.

1	And God said	Gen. 1:1-2:3	Ps. 104
2	The sixth day	Gen. 2:4-25	Mt. 19:1-12
3	Sin enters	Gen. 3:1-24	Rom. 5:12-21
4	Cain & Abel	Gen. 4:1-24	1 Jn. 3:10-15
5	Seth to Enoch	Gen. 4:26-5:24	Heb. 11:1-6
6	Noah's generation	Gen. 5:25-6:22	1 Pt. 3:18-22
7	The flood	Gen. 7:1-8:22	2 Pt. 3:1-9
8	Command to Abram	Gen. 12:1-3	Gal. 3:8,9
9	Separation from Lot	Gen. 13:1-13	2 Pt. 2:7-11
10	Melchizedek	Gen. 14:18-24	Heb. 7:1-10
11	Land promise	Gen. 15:12-21	Josh. 21:43-45
12	Ishmael	Gen. 16:1-16	Gal. 4:21-31
13	Promise of Isaac	Gen. 17:1-19	Rom. 4:13-25
14	Sodom & Gomorrah	Gen. 18:1-19:27	Rom. 1:18-28
15	Birth of Isaac	Gen. 21:1-7	Heb. 11:11
16	Abraham offers Isaac	Gen. 22:1-19	Heb. 11:17-19
17	Sarah's death	Gen. 22:1-19	Prov. 31:10-31
18	Isaac & Rebekah	Gen. 24:50-67	Gen. 2:18-25
19	Jacob & Esau	Gen. 25:19-34	Heb. 12:14-17
20	Family strife	Gen. 27:1-46	Gen. 50:22-26
21	Jacob & Rachel	Gen. 29:1-20	Song of Sol. 8:7
22	Jacob becomes Israel	Gen. 32:22-32	Gen. 28:10-16
23	Brothers reunite	Gen. 33:4-11	1 Jn. 3:18-24
24	Choosing of Joseph	Gen. 37:1-11	Gen. 42:6-9
25	Selling of Joseph	Gen. 37:12-36	Gen. 45:1-9
26	Slavery of Joseph	Gen. 39:1-20	Gen. 45:25-28
27	The prisoner Joseph	Gen. 39:21-40:23	Gen. 46:30-34
28	Inspiration of Joseph	Gen. 41:1-36	Gen. 49:1-10
29	Rise of Joseph	Gen. 41:37-57	Gen. 49:22-26
30	Legacy of Joseph	Gen. 50:15-21	Heb. 11:22
31	Patriarchs of Genesis	Gen. 46:8-27	Acts 7:1-8

Men, do not live another moment without accepting the fact that God is everywhere and that He knows everything (Psalm 139).

Too much is at stake for you to ignore or reject the fact that God is aware of all that you do. Your soul, your family, your influence, and your legacy will all be in a better or a worse condition as a result of your choice about acknowledging the presence and the will of God.

Jacob grew spiritually after learning the lesson of the omnipresence of God. He became a much better man.

Let us learn this lesson, too.

— Skip Andrews



A Note for Women: Neglect

If you neglect an earthly thing
And it should break or ruin,
No need to fret or be upset
For you can buy a new one.

If you neglect a friendship dear
Till friendship fades away,
'Tis cause for fret; 'tis sad—but yet
Another friend may come your way.

If you neglect your soul, my friend,
And guard it not from sin,
On judgment day, you'll hear God say,
"You cannot enter in."

Things you own and friends you love
Are nice to have, it's true,
But you will take to judgment's gate
No things, no friends—just you.

If you would live with God one day,
Your soul must be protected.
So guard it well, for time will tell
If it has been neglected.

—Ginny Knox



A Note for Men: Jacob and Bethel (Genesis 28)

*"Surely the LORD is in this place,
and I did not know it!"*

These words were spoken by Jacob after he received promises from God in a dream. Jacob then named the place "Bethel" (house of God).

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A Matching Puzzle About the Family of Jacob
(Genesis 27:1-35:29 ; KJV)

Write the letter in the blank that matches the statement.

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| _____ 1. Jacob's twin brother | A. Reuben |
| _____ 2. Esau sold this to his brother | B. Leah |
| _____ 3. Jacob saw these on a ladder in a dream | C. Israel |
| _____ 4. Jacob loved her; promised to work 7 years | D. Esau |
| _____ 5. Wife given to Jacob instead of Rachel | E. Angels |
| _____ 6. Jacob and Leah's first son | F. Joseph |
| _____ 7. Jacob and Rachel's first son | G. Birthright |
| _____ 8. God changed Jacob's name to this | H. Rachel |

Answers: 1-D; 2-G; 3-
-E; 4-H; 5-B; 6-A; 7-F;
8-C



***A Note for Girls:
Vote for Jesus!!***

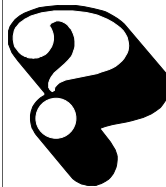
It is almost election time. There are ads all over the TV telling you for whom to vote. Each candidate has his/her own political party of supporters going out and advertising and trying to get people to vote for their candidate. These supporters are very dedicated to their cause. What is their objective? They want people to vote for their candidate. How do they do this? Well, these supporters are going out early in the morning, handing out flyers, rallying, talking to people, posting signs, etc. These people are really determined to get votes. They are motivated—and for what reason? They have someone in whom they believe. They have someone whom they think can make things better. If we see how dedicated they are to win votes, then how much more dedicated should Christians be to win “votes” for Jesus? Their candidate may be able to make things better for the country, but Jesus can make things better for the soul.

Shouldn't we be out advertising for Jesus and winning people over to Christ? Just think, their candidate will only be in office for a few years, but our candidate will be in “office” for eternity. Instead of putting all of our time into worldly things, we should give Jesus all the time and especially all the effort He deserves.

“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle

and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light” (Matthew 11:28-30).

— Lydia Reid



A Question: Where are Jacob's sons called “the twelve patriots”?

An Answer: Acts 7:8

Choose One:

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.

He that believeth not shall be damned.

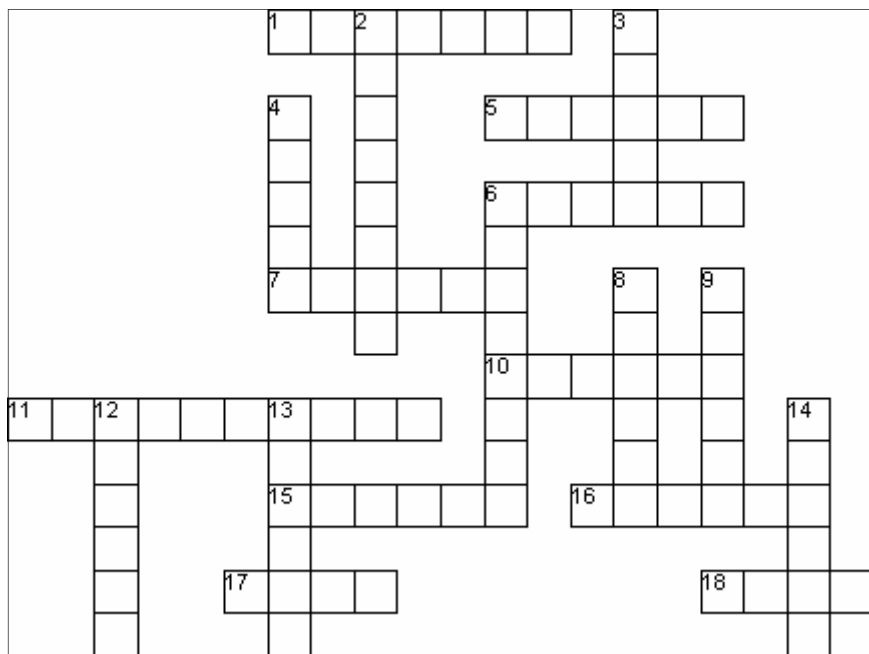
Mark 16:16; Jesus Christ



A Crossword Puzzle—The Family of Jacob (Genesis 27:1-35:29; KJV)



Complete the puzzle using the clues shown below.

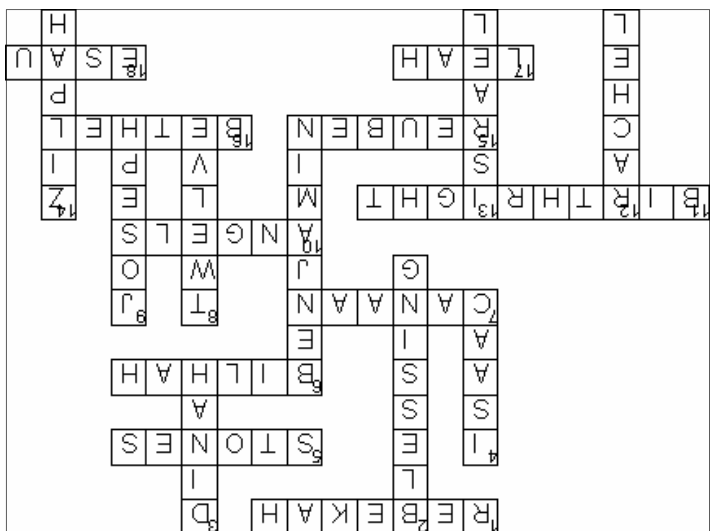


Across

1. Jacob's mother
5. Jacob used these for his pillows
6. Rachel's handmaid
7. The land from which Isaac did not want Jacob to find a wife
10. Ascended and descended a ladder in Jacob's dreams
11. Esau sold this to Jacob
15. Leah's first son
16. The name Jacob gave the place where in a dream God promised him that through his seed all families of the earth would be blessed
17. The daughter given to Jacob instead of Rachel
18. Jacob's twin

Down

2. Jacob deceived his father and he, not his brother, received this
3. Jacob's daughter
4. Jacob's father
6. Rachel died giving birth to him
8. Number of Jacob's sons
9. Rachel's first son
12. Jacob loved her and promised to work seven years for her
13. New name God gave Jacob
14. Leah's handmaid



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