

## Lesson Nine

# The Two Sons

**Scripture Reference:** Matthew 21:28-32

**Memory Verse:** "And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, The days of the years of my pilgrimage *are* an hundred and thirty years: few and evil have the days of the years of my life been, ..." (Genesis 47:9a)

"Rachel, will you clean out your closet this morning?"

"Oh, mother! Not on Christmas day!"

"It won't take long. And remember I told you over a week ago to do it. Someone has to work, even on Christmas day. That is if you want to eat and want clean dishes to eat out of. I'll do that today but you should help some."

"I'll do it mother," shouted Becky from the other room.

"Fine, thank you, honey," replied Mother.

For a while all was quite as everyone enjoyed the presents they had opened earlier that morning. Presently Mother heard one of the girls begin cleaning the closet. She smiled and winked at Daddy who also knew what was about to happen.

Suddenly there was an excited scream. Out came Rachel with a new radio in her hand. On the radio was a tag that said, "To a sweet girl who cleans out the closet."

"Oh, Mother, what a nice radio — and all my own. I sure am glad I changed my mind and decided to clean it out. I found it way in the back when I was almost through."

"But, Mother," wailed Becky, "I was supposed to get it. I said I would clean out the closet. It's not fair! I was going to do it."

"Now, Becky, you said that a week ago. You could have had the radio. That's a bad habit you have. You say you will do something but unless I



***"Oh, look what I found!"***

keep after you it just doesn't get done. And Rachel, you usually do what I ask but you protested too much. This time you got a reward for actually doing the work but it will be so much more pleasant for you and everyone if you will agree to work right away."

Then Dad spoke up. "Children, read Matthew 21:28-32 and see if it sounds like what you did today. Do you remember the story of Jacob? It is not like the parable in Matthew but it is the story of a man who deceived his brother and even though he seemed to repent and obey God afterward, he still suffered a lot by others deceiving him a lot. His father-in-

law, Laban deceived him several times (Genesis 31:7) and his sons made him think his favorite, Joseph, was killed. Read Genesis chapters 27-33 and 37 if you have forgotten this interesting story."



### Questions To Answer

Fill in the blanks.

A man had \_\_\_\_\_ sons. He told them to go work in his \_\_\_\_\_. The first one said \_\_\_\_\_. Later he \_\_\_\_\_ and went. The second one said, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_. Which one did the will of his father? \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus said the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ go into the kingdom of God before the chief priests and elders. Jesus meant they would enter because they \_\_\_\_\_ Him. (Matthew 21:32)

### True - False

Write "true" if the statement is true and "false" if any part of the statement is false.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Many mothers work while others are enjoying a holiday.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. It is better to have good intentions than to change your mind.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The chief priests and elders believed John but not Jesus.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The publicans believed John.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Jacob deceived Esau, his brother, and afterward became very wealthy.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Jacob was deceived several times.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Jacob lived at least 130 years.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Jacob deceived Laban several times.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Jacob thought his son Joseph had been killed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. The story of Jacob is told in Matthew.

### Underline The Best Answer

- 1. Jacob said Laban changed his wages how many times? (a) *two* (b) *five* (c) *ten*.
- 2. Who helped Jacob deceive his father Isaac? (a) *Esau* (b) *Laban* (c) *Rebekah*.
- 3. How many years did Jacob agree to work for Rachel? (a) *two* (b) *seven* (c) *ten*.
- 4. Jacob thought he had married Rachel but Laban substituted someone else. Who was it? (a) *Bilhah* (b) *Leah* (c) *Zilpah*.
- 5. How did Jacob show he wanted to be friends with his brother Esau? (a) *let him marry his daughter* (b) *sent a lot of gifts to him* (c) *sent him an army*.

### Questions For Discussion

- 1. Are you more like the first son or the second son?
- 2. How did this parable apply to the Jews?
- 3. What are some things boys and girls sometimes say they will do and then don't do?
- 4. Who were the publicans and why did some of them (and other sinners) enter the kingdom?
- 5. Why were the chief priests and others unwilling to accept Jesus?

## Read The Message And Explain What It Means

9 16 23 1 10 17 24 2 11 18 3 25 12 4 26 5 13 19 6 20

27 7 14 21 8 15 22

If Isaac asked Esau to kill a deer (or venison) for him write T above numbers 1, 4, 6, 21, 23, 24, and 26.

If Isaac asked Jacob to do this write E above these numbers.

If Jacob prepared venison write T above 8, 10, 14, 16, 18, and 25.

If Jacob prepared kids of the goats write E above 8, 10, 14, 16, 18, and 25.

If Jacob killed Esau write C above 9.

If he did not kill him write B above 9 and R above 7, 11, and 17.

If Jacob married Leah write O above 2, and 20 and P above 3 and 27.

If Jacob married Rachel write N above 12, 15, and 19 and A above 13.

If Laban deceived Jacob write H above 5 and D above 22.

If Jacob changed Laban's wages write D above 5 and H above 22.

### Brothers And Sisters

Listed below are some clues to some of the brothers and sisters we read about in the Bible. See how many you can name without looking them up. If there are any left, look them up to find out who they are.

1. The first brothers. \_\_\_\_\_ Genesis 4:1, 2.
2. One twin sold his birthright. \_\_\_\_\_ Genesis 25:25, 26.
3. The two sons of a favorite wife of Jacob. \_\_\_\_\_ Genesis 35:24.
4. Leader of Israel and his brother, the first high priest of Israel. \_\_\_\_\_ Exodus 4:14.
5. Name two of the brothers of Jesus. \_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 13:55.
6. Two pairs (four in all) of brothers who were apostles. Get the right ones together. \_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 10:2.

7. Two sisters who entertained Christ in their home. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Luke 10:38, 39.
8. Two sisters who married the same man. He didn't plan to marry  
the first one. \_\_\_\_\_ Genesis 29:16.