

Mishmash Parent Child Learning: Parshat Vayeitze/Vayishlach - Mature Learners

Parshat Vayeitze

1. Where was Yaakov going when he left Be'er Sheva and what was he going to do? (28:10)
2. What was Yaakov's dream? (28:12-15)
3. Why was Yaakov afraid when he woke up? (28:17)
4. Yaakov continues on his journey until he sees a well. What might this well tell us? What might Yaakov find at the well? (29:2) (BONUS: Who else had success in the past at a well?)
5. Why does Yaakov cry when he sees Rachel? (29:11)
6. Why does Lavan run out and hug and kiss Yaakov? (29:13)
7. How many years does Yaakov agree to work for Lavan in order to marry Rachel? (29:18)
8. Why does Lavan trick Yaakov and give him Leah as wife? (29:25-26)
9. When is Yaakov allowed to marry Rachel? (29:27)
10. How many children does each of Yaakov's wives have? What are their names? (29:32-30:24)

Leah:	Rachel:
Bilhah:	Zilpah:
11. How does Yaakov grow his flock when he is going to leave Lavan's house? (30:31-43).
12. Why do Rachel and Leah agree to leave Lavan's house? (31:14-16)
13. Why does Rachel steal her father's idols before they leave? (31:19)
14. Does Yaakov say goodbye to Lavan? When does Lavan realize that Yaakov is gone? (31:20-22)
15. Lavan catches up with Yaakov and his family, but he does not harm them. Why not? (31:29)
16. Yaakov and Lavan argue and let out their emotions, but they do not fix their problems. How do they leave their relationship? Who will be the Judge? (31:49)

BONUS: What examples of middah k'neged middah do you find in this parsha?

Parshat Vayishlach

1. Why is Yaakov scared to see Eisav?
2. What do Yaakov's messengers come back and report to Yaakov about Eisav? (32:7)
3. Why does Yaakov divide his family into two camps? (32:8-9)
4. After Yaakov sends his camps across the Yabbok river, he remains alone on the other side. What happens to Yaakov that night? (32:25-30)
5. What is Yaakov's name changed to? (32:29)

BONUS: How does this name change act as a summary of the story?