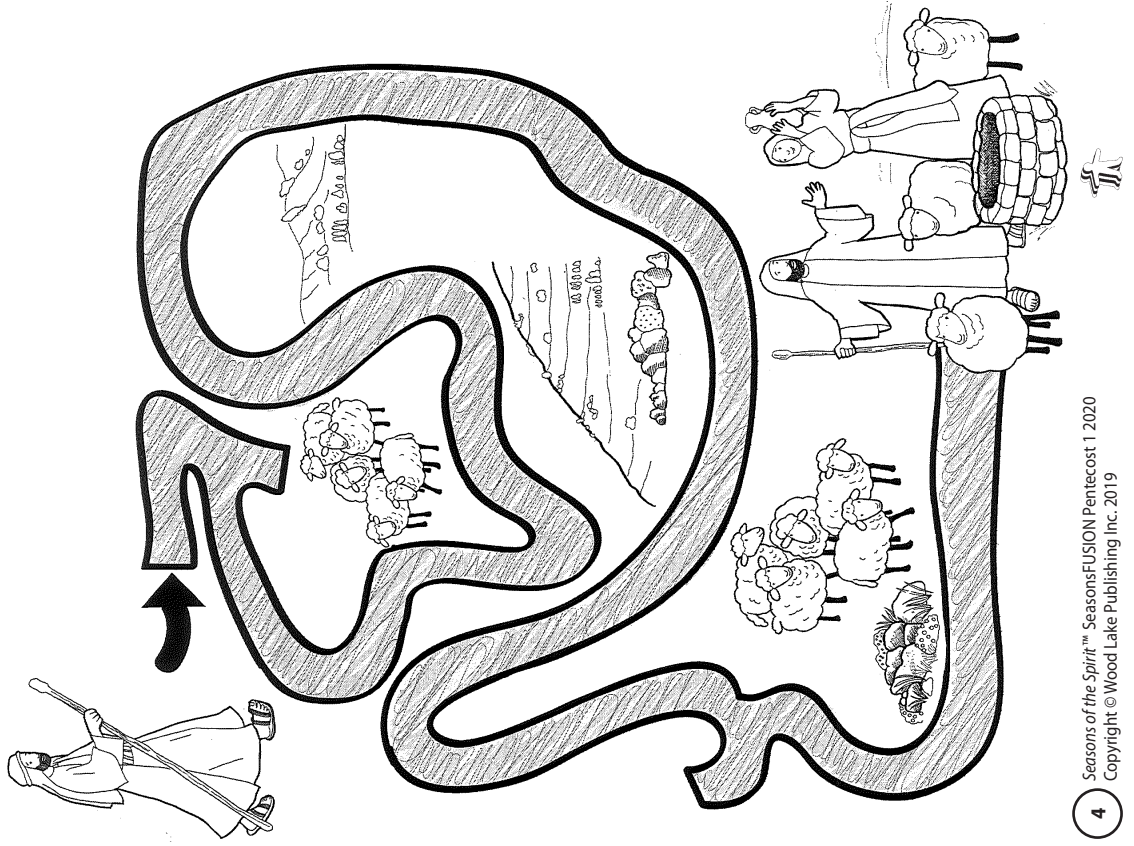


CREATE

On the long road to his Uncle Laban's place, Jacob knew that God cared for him and loved him. Follow the road with Jacob. Draw a large stone on the well after Jacob gives Rachel's sheep a drink. Decorate the page with markers.



STORY TIME

Jacob Meets Rachel

Based on Genesis 29:15–28

Jacob was walking. He walked over the hills. He walked around the mountains. He walked through the rivers. Jacob was happy. Jacob knew God cared for him and loved him.

Jacob was looking for his Uncle Laban's house. He asked some shepherds who were looking after sheep, "Do you know where my Uncle Laban lives?"

"Yes, we know your uncle Laban," said the shepherds. "His daughter Rachel will be coming soon to get some water for her sheep."

Jacob sat down and waited. Soon Rachel came. Rachel's sheep were thirsty. But Rachel needed help removing the big flat stone that covered the water in the well.

"Please, help me," Rachel said to Jacob.

So Jacob helped push the stone off the top of the well. Jacob gave a drink of water to all of Rachel's sheep. "Thank you," said Rachel. "I haven't seen you before. Who are you?"

"I am Jacob, your cousin," said Jacob. Jacob was so glad to see her. Rachel was glad to see Jacob, too. She ran to tell her father.

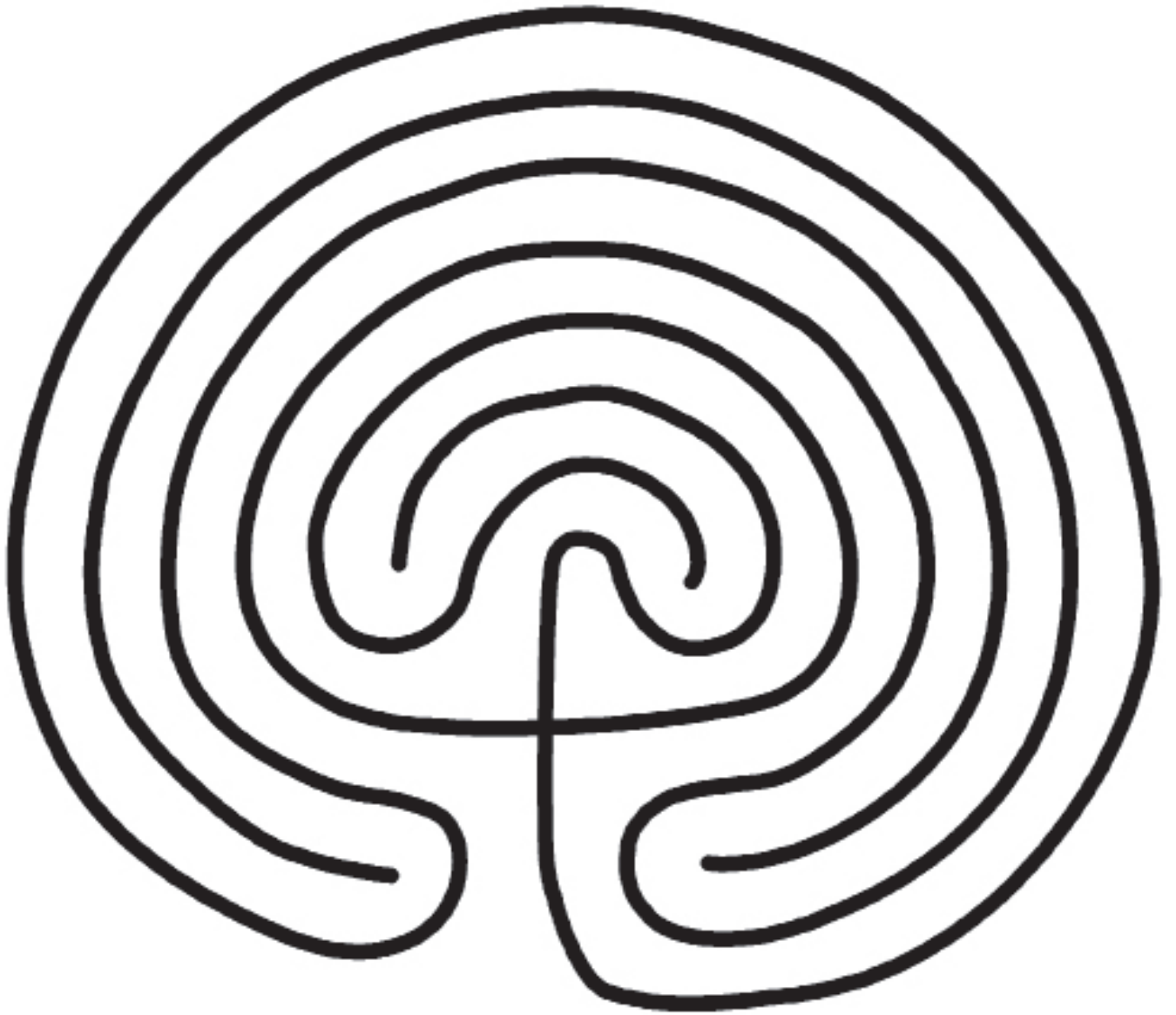
Rachel's father, Laban, was happy to see Jacob. "Jacob, you are welcome in my house," Uncle Laban said. "You must come and stay with us."

And that's how Jacob met Rachel. And one day, a long time after, Jacob married Rachel.



ACTIVITY

2 Jacob did not always get what he wanted exactly when he wanted it. But Jacob found that things worked out – they worked out in ways he had not expected! Jacob learned that God does keep the promise to be with us and to love us always. Use one finger, and beginning at The Start, slowly move it following the path, around the page, gradually getting to the middle. As you move your finger, think about how God loves you and how God shows you how to live.



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