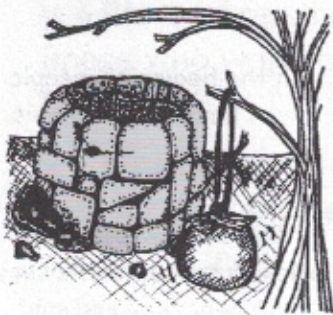


## Jacob asks to be forgiven

When Esau found out how his brother Jacob had robbed him of the blessing from his father, he said to himself, "When my father dies I will kill Jacob."

His mother Rebekah realized that Jacob's life was in danger and she said to him, "You must flee to your Uncle Laban and stay with him until Esau's anger has cooled down."

So Jacob packed his things, and Isaac his father blessed him a second time and sent him on his way to Haran.



When he got to Haran, he came to a well and talked to some shepherds who were there. Just then, Rachel, the daughter of Laban came to the well with her father's sheep, for she was a shepherdess.

When Jacob saw Rachel with the sheep, he immediately went over and opened the well so her sheep could get water to drink.

They started talking and Rachel found out that Jacob was a relative of hers, so she ran home to tell her father.

Immediately, Laban welcomed Jacob into his home, and for the next month, Jacob stayed and helped where he could. Laban wanted to pay Jacob for his work, but Jacob said, "I'll work for you for seven years if you will allow me to marry your daughter Rachel."

Laban agreed to Jacob's deal and the next seven years passed quickly. They seemed like only a few days to Jacob because he loved Rachel very much.