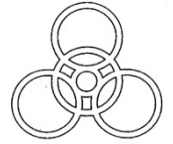


St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church Junior Church Activity Sheet

18th October 2020 - Trinity 19



Here is something to pass the time at home as we can't meet in church at the moment – a story and some activities.

Story

Do you remember how we had a story a little while ago about Jacob and how he ran away from home after he had cheated his brother Esau and had a dream about the angels coming and going on a sort of stairway or ladder to heaven?

Well, after that Jacob came to the land of his mother's people and he fell in love with the younger daughter of the family, Rachel. He wanted to marry her and his uncle said he could, if he worked for him for seven years. Jacob agreed, and at the wedding his bride was brought to him covered in a long veil. After the marriage he lifted the veil – and found that his uncle had cheated him. The bride was Rachel's older sister, Leah. 'If you want Rachel,' said his crafty uncle, Laban, 'you will have to work for me for another seven years.' Jacob was trapped. So he did work another seven years for Laban. And he married Rachel too – men were allowed to marry more than one wife in those days.

But then Jacob got away. He wasn't going to stay with his cheating uncle any more. He would go home to his brother, even though he was still afraid of what Esau might do.

So he took his two wives and the children and all the flocks of sheep and goats he had earned while he had been with Laban, his uncle and they all made their escape. Laban chased after him and when he caught up with him it looked as if they might have a fight. But Jacob argued that it was only fair that he should take what he had earned, and his wives said that they wanted to be with him and so Laban and Jacob made peace and set up a stone to mark their agreement.

Laban went home, and Jacob continued towards the land where Esau was. And that night he had another amazing dream. He dreamt that all night he wrestled with a strange man, and as dawn was breaking he dislocated Jacob's hip. But Jacob clung onto him, and the stranger gave him a new name : Israel, which means the person who wrestles with God. And as Jacob woke, he realised that it was God who had been with him all night, and that they had struggled together but God had not killed him. In wonder he said: ' I have seen God, face to face, and lived.'

And the next day, his brother Esau came to meet him, and they hugged each other and forgave each other

What do you think God's face might look like?

Can you draw it, or describe it?

Here's a word search for you

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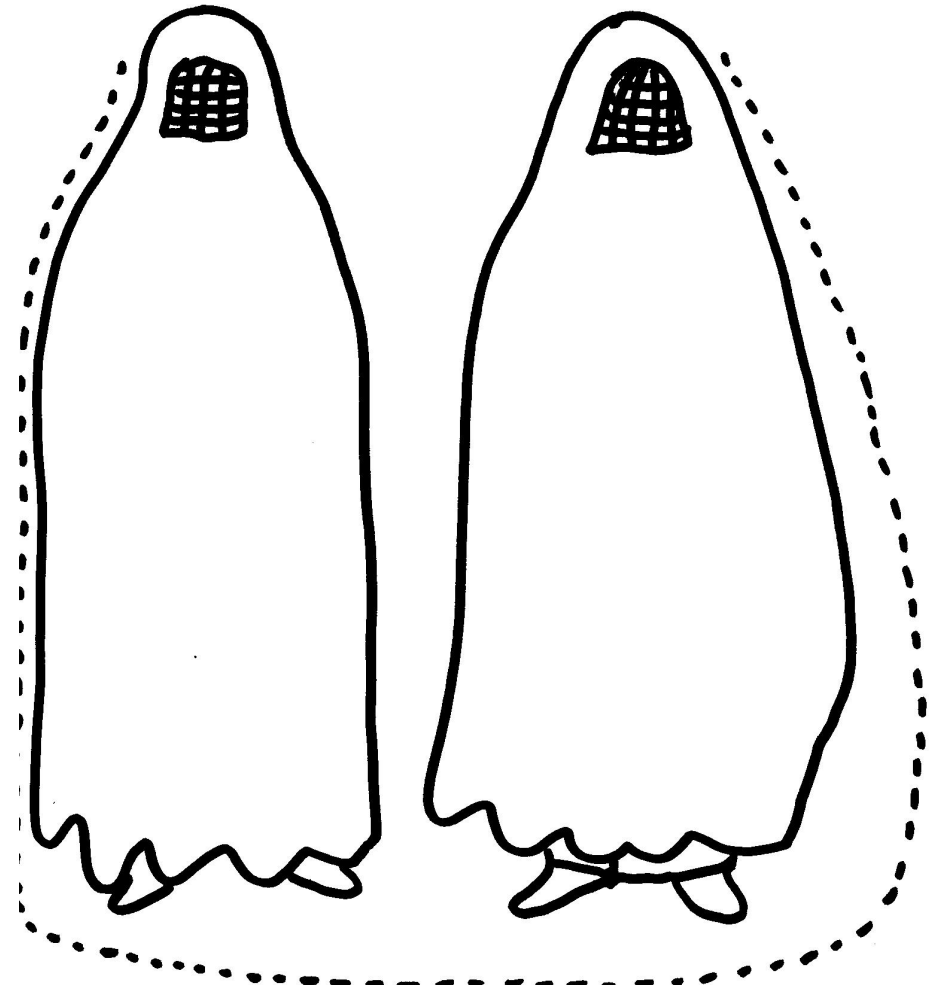
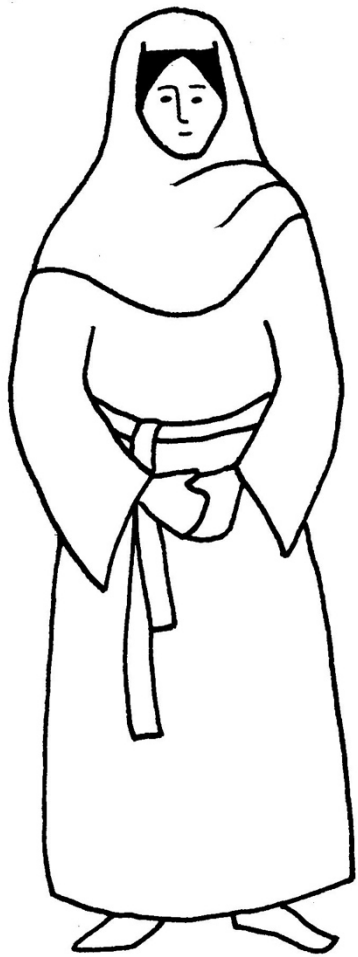
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And here's a puzzle page to make with the two brides that Jacob married

Print the next page and cut it in half down the dotted line in the middle.
 Put the half with the veiled figures over the other half.
 Colour both parts.

WHICH SISTER IS WHICH?

Lift the flap to find the answer



cut along the dotted line