

4. (Week of June 17, 2018)

Rachel and Leah

Memory Verse: *Sons are a heritage from the LORD, children a reward from him.*
Psalms 127:3 (NIV)

- Sun:** Genesis 29:1-14 – Compare this story of Jacob meeting Rachel with the earlier story of Abraham’s servant meeting Rebekah (Gen. 24).
Mon: Genesis 29:15-30 – Put yourself in the shoes of Rachel and Leah. How do you think each of them felt during the course of these events?
Tue: Genesis 29:31–30:13 – What does this passage show about polygamy? Evaluate the attitudes and actions of Leah and Rachel.
Wed: Genesis 30:14-24 – What do yesterday’s and today’s readings show about God’s role in the conception of children? Pray for wives who are hoping to have children.
Thu: Genesis 31:1-21 – Describe the relationship of Rachel and Leah to their husband Jacob and their father Laban.
Fri: Genesis 32:3-6; 33:1-20 – Assess Jacob’s treatment of his two wives in this scene.
Sat: Genesis 35:16-20, 23-26; 48:7; 49:29-33; Ruth 4:11; Matthew 1:1-3; 2:16-18 – What was the ultimate place of Rachel and Leah in the plan of God?

5. (Week of June 24 2018)

Women in the Period of the Exodus

Memory verse: *And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.*
Heb 11:6 (NIV)

- Sun:** Exodus 1 – Evaluate the conduct of the Hebrew midwives in this story. See Acts 5:29. Can you think of comparable situations today?
Mon: Exodus 2:1-10; 6:20; Numbers 26:59; Hebrews 11:23 – How did Jochebed, the mother of Moses, demonstrate her faith? How can mothers today show faith on behalf of their children?
Tue: Exodus 2:11-22; 18:1-8 – Evaluate the character and contributions of Moses’ wife, Zipporah (see Ex. 4:24-26 also).
Wed: Exodus 14:1-9, 21-28; 15:19-21; Micah 6:4 – What role did Miriam play in Moses’ birth (see Ex. 2:10) and in the Exodus of Israel from Egypt?
Thu: Numbers 12:1-16; 20:1 – Identify the sin(s) of Miriam, the consequences of her sin, and Moses’ reaction to her sin. Do you ever struggle with jealousy in your family, school, or work relationships?
Fri: Joshua 2:1-21 – How did Rahab demonstrate her faith? Compare her conduct with that of the midwives in last Sunday’s reading (Ex. 1).
Sat: Joshua 6:1-5, 15-17, 20-25; Matthew 1:1, 5; Hebrews 11:31; James 2:25-26 – How was Rahab’s faith demonstrated and rewarded?

6. (Week of July 1, 2018)

Women in the Days of the Judges

Memory Verse: *A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies.*
Prov 31:10 (NIV)

- Sun:** Judges 4 – What role did Deborah, Barak, Jael, and the Lord each play in Israel’s victory? Compare and contrast the characters of Deborah and Barak.
Mon: Ruth 1 – Compare and contrast Ruth and Orpah. What impresses you about the character of both Ruth and Naomi?
Tue: Ruth 2 – What outstanding qualities do you see in Ruth and Boaz? Are you cultivating these qualities in your own life?
Wed: Ruth 3 – Repeat yesterday’s questions. Also, how did Naomi show kindness to her daughter-in-law, Ruth?
Thu: Ruth 4; Matthew 1:1, 4 – How did the Lord reward the conversion of Ruth (the Moabite woman) to the God of Israel?
Fri: 1 Samuel 1:1-20 – How does this story demonstrate the evil of polygamy? How did Hannah cope with her trial? With what result?
Sat: 1 Samuel 1:21-2:11, 18-21 – What impresses you about Hannah in these verses? What does her prayer (2:1-10) show about her relationship to the Lord?

7. (Week of July 8, 2018)

The Wives of King David

Memory Verse: *Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.*
Psa 51:1 (NIV)

- Sun:** 1 Samuel 14:49; 18:6-9, 17-29 – How did the shepherd boy, David, become son-in-law to the king? (See also 1 Sam. 17:25.)
Mon: 1 Samuel 19:11-17 – How did Michal show her love for her husband, David?
Tue: 1 Samuel 25:1-19 – What outstanding qualities do you see in Abigail?
Wed: 1 Samuel 25:20-44 – Repeat yesterday’s question. In what situations might you act as Abigail did? What threats do you see developing in David’s home life (vv. 39-44).
Thu: 2 Samuel 3:1, 12-16; 6:1-2, 13-23 – Why did Michal treat David with such contempt? (See also 2 Sam. 3:2-5; 5:13-16.)
Fri: 2 Samuel 11:1-17, 25-26 – Trace the steps of David’s fall into sin. Why did he suffer such a tragic fall?
Sat: 2 Samuel 12:1-10, 13-25; Matthew 1:1, 6 – What were the consequences of David’s sin for both him and Bathsheba? How did God redeem David and Bathsheba from this sin and its consequences?