

January 3
Lesson 5

A Bride Worth Waiting For

Devotional Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Background Scripture: Genesis 28-30

GENESIS 29:15-30

KEY VERSE

He went in also unto Rachel, and he loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years. —Genesis 29:30

LESSON OUTLINE

Introduction

- A. Marriage Chaos
- B. Lesson Background

I. Contract Agreed (GENESIS 29:15-20)

- A. Laban's Request (v. 15)
- B. Laban's Daughters (vv. 16, 17)
- C. Jacob's Offer (v. 18)
- D. Laban's Acceptance (vv. 19, 20)

Perils of a Family Business

II. Deception Rationalized (GENESIS 29:21-26)

- A. Expectation (vv. 21, 22)
- B. Substitution (vv. 23, 24)
- C. Confrontation (vv. 25, 26)

III. Contract Modified (GENESIS 29:27-30)

- A. Seven More Years (v. 27)
Bankruptcies, Fiscal and Otherwise
- B. One More Wife (vv. 28-30)

NOTES:

January 10
Lesson 6

The Most Beautiful Bride

Devotional Reading: John 10:7-15

Background Scripture: John 10:1-11; Song of Solomon

SONG OF SOLOMON 6:4-12

KEY VERSE

My dove, my undefiled is but one; she is the only one of her mother, she is the choice one of her that bare her. —Song of Solomon 6:9

LESSON OUTLINE

Introduction

A. Obsession with Appearance

B. Lesson Background

I. Overwhelming Beauty (SONG OF SOLOMON 6:4-7)

A. Words of Love (vv. 4, 5a)

B. Description of Loveliness (vv. 5b-7)

What Is Beauty? It Depends!

II. Blessed Beauty (SONG OF SOLOMON 6:8-12)

A. Praised by Others (vv. 8, 9)

Honored by One's Peers

B. Sought by Her Beloved (vv. 10-12)

NOTES:

January 17
Lesson 7

An Unfaithful Bride

Devotional Reading: Psalm 89:24-29

Background Scripture: Hosea 1-3

HOSEA 1:1-11

KEY VERSE

The beginning of the word of the LORD by Hosea. And the LORD said to Hosea, Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms: for the land hath committed great whoredom, departing from the LORD. —Hosea 1:2

LESSON OUTLINE

Introduction

A. Well Begun?

B. Lesson Background

I. Marriage That Illustrates (HOSEA 1:1-3A)

A. God Commands (vv. 1, 2)

The Clarity of 20/20 Hindsight

B. Hosea Obeys (v. 3a)

II. Names That Symbolize (HOSEA 1:3B-9)

A. First Child (vv. 3b-5)

B. Second Child (vv. 6, 7)

C. Third Child (vv. 8, 9)

What's in a Name?

III. Vision That Predicts (HOSEA 1:10, 11)

A. Restored Population (v. 10)

B. Coming King (v. 11)

NOTES:

January 24
Lesson 8

A Wedding in Cana

Devotional Reading: Matthew 5:12-16

Background Scripture: John 2:1-12

JOHN 2:1-12

KEY VERSE

This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him. —John 2:11

LESSON OUTLINE

Introduction

A. A Daughter Is Married

B. Lesson Background

I. Village Wedding (JOHN 2:1, 2)

A. Mary the Helper (v. 1)

B. Jesus the Guest (v. 2)

II. Social Crisis (JOHN 2:3-10)

A. Running out of Wine (vv. 3-5)

A Messed-Up Banquet

B. Filling up Containers (vv. 6-8)

C. Wondering at Quality (vv. 9, 10)

III. First Sign (JOHN 2:11, 12)

A. Revealing Divine Glory (v. 11)

Whose Glory?

B. Departing for Capernaum (v. 12)

NOTES:

January 31
Lesson 9

The Death of a Friend

Devotional Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

Background Scripture: John 11:1-44

JOHN 11:38-44

KEY VERSE

*When he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. —
John 11:43*

LESSON OUTLINE

Introduction

A. Funerals and Faith

B. Lesson Background

I. Tomb Opened (JOHN 11:38-41A)

A. Grieving Friend (v. 38)

B. Worried Sister (vv. 39-41a)

Opportunities to Trust

II. Lazarus Emerges (JOHN 11:41B-44)

A. Preparing with Prayer (vv. 41b, 42)

A Boy Named Dennis

B. Commanding to Come Forth (vv. 43, 44)

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