Lesson 23
The Twelve Tribes of the Children of Israel

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After Simeon and Levi destroyed the house of Hamor and Shechem, God told Jacob, whose name is now Israel, to go back to the city of Bethel. (Recite- At this time, Jacob whose name is now Israel, told his household to get rid of all their strange gods and be clean). God tells us in the 1st Commandment not to have any gods before the Him. In the 2nd Commandment, we are not to make any graven images or bow to them. (Recite- Jacob also told his family to change their garments). Now, what does 'change your garments' mean? (Recite- Your garments represent your spiritual condition)! In short, (Recite- if someone's garment is stained and dirty, they are sinners in the eyes of God). To sin is to break God's Commandments! (Recite- If their garments are clean and white, they are good and righteous in the eyes of God). We try to keep our garments white everyday by (Recite- keeping God's Ten Commandments, learning God's word and doing it, controlling our behavior and treating each other with love and respect). (Recite- We must display the Fruits of the Spirit). We must always have on (Recite- The Whole Armor of God).

When Jacob arrived in the city of Bethel, which is in the land of Canaan, God Himself came to Jacob and told him that his name is now Israel again. Luz is also another name for Bethel. (Recite- Israel is also God's name). Remember, God adopted Jacob and his family and gave them His name. Jacob's children were to be fruitful and multiply. This means there will be so many children born that they will become not just a nation, but a company of nations. From these seeds (children), some will become kings. (Recite- After leaving Bethel, Benjamin was born). (Recite- There is now twelve sons born to Jacob whose name is Israel). Each son of Jacob whose name is now Israel will begin to have many seeds or children. (Recite- Each son will be the beginning of a tribe). (Recite- A tribe is a large group of people from a family who are related and have the same language, customs and beliefs). Remember, (Recite- a nation is a lot of people that keep the same laws). (Recite- They also have the same beginnings and history. (Recite- It all started with Abraham, then Isaac and now Jacob known as (Israel). (Recite- As each tribe has more and more babies, they will begin to become a group of nations that keep the same laws, customs and have the same language). (Recite to the End- **The twelve tribes are… 1st is Reuben, 2nd is Simeon, 3rd is Levi, 4th is Judah, 5th is Dan, 6th is Naphtali, 7th is Gad, 8th is Asher, 9th is Isaachar, 10th is Zebulun, 11th is Joseph and 12th is Benjamin.** We call them The Twelve Tribes of the Children of Israel).

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Lesson Review Questions

1. What city did God tell Jacob to go back to?

(A) Haran **(B) Bethel** (C) Jericho

2. What did Jacob tell his family to get rid of?

(A) Their shoes **(B) False idols** (C) Their cattle

3. What does 'change your garment mean'?

(A) Change the way you behave (B) Put on old clothes (C) Go swimming

4. How do we control our behavior?

(A) By learning God's word and doing it (B) Watching television (C) Playing outside in the dirt

5. God Himself told Jacob that his new name is now…what?

(A) Matthew (B) Paul **(C) Israel**

6. When God gave us His name, this means that God did what to us?

(A) Disowned us (B) Gave us a car **(C) Adopted us**

7. Jacob's sons will have so many children that they will become a what?

(A) A company of nations (B) Happy (C) Old

8. What is a nation?

(A) A tree (B) A man **(C) A large group of people that keep the same laws and customs**

9. Each son will be the beginning of a what?

(A) Colony **(B) A tribe** (C) A pack

10. What is a tribe?

(A) Meat **(B) A large family with the same language, laws and customs** (C) A car

11. God told Jacob whose name is now Israel and his sons to 'be fruitful and multiply; what does that mean?

(A) To Count (B) Eat Fruit **(C) To have many babies**

12. What is the name of Jacob's twelfth son who was born after leaving Bethel?

(A) Benjamin (B) Nehemiah (C) Obadiah

Bonus Question: What is another name for the city of Bethel? Answer: Luz

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Reader: Please generate questions and help the children find the words. Using crayons, draw a line through each word found in the search word. Change colors for each word.

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SEARCH WORDS

1. BEHAVIOR
2. BENJAMIN
3. BETHEL
4. CLEAN
5. GARMENTS
6. IDOLS
7. ISRAEL
8. LUZ
9. NATION
10. RIGHTEOUS
11. SINNED
12. TRIBE

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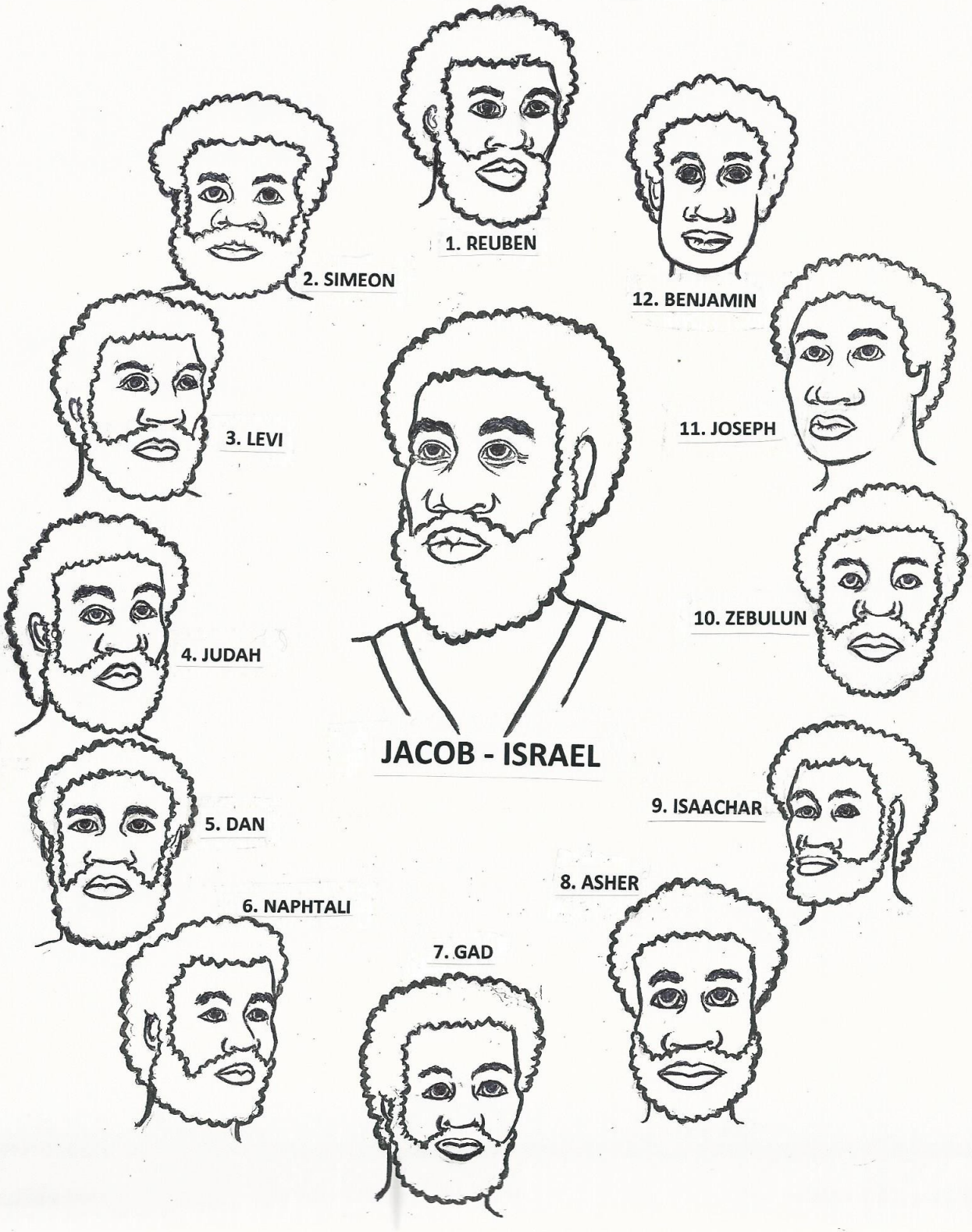

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