Make: Jacob Opens the Well Pop-up



At a Glance:
Students will create a pop-up moving picture of Jacob moving the rock away from the well's opening so that he could water Rachel's flocks. Although there are a number of steps, this activity is not as difficult as it might at first look.

Supplies Needed for Each Student:
- *Jacob Opens the Well* - 2 pages, printed on heavy paper
- scissors
- clear tape
- markers
- *optional:* blue glitter and glue to make the water in the well sparkle, glitter box or newspaper
- *optional:* rocks or other heavy objects for children to try to move



Teacher Preparation:
- Make a sample project to show the children following the instructions below.
- *Optional:* Collect a few large rocks or other heavy objects for the children to move.

Directions:

1. Introduce the activity: Have you ever tried to move something that is very heavy on your own? What parts of our bodies can help us move heavy things? (shoulder, legs, back)
2. *Optional:* We are going to try to move some heavy things. Let's start by squatting down so that we can use our strong leg muscles to help us. Push hard!
3. Imagine what it must have been like for Jacob to move the heavy rock from the well's mouth. Think how hard he must have worked and how much he must have loved Rachel to do this.
4. Show the children the sample project: We are going to make a moving model like this that shows Jacob moving the rock to open the mouth or top of the well.
5. Distribute the project pages and give children the following instructions, step by step as they are ready for the next one.
6. Color the pictures.

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7. Cut out the pieces along the black edge lines, being careful not to cut off the piece of rock that sticks out beyond the straight edge on one of the pictures.
8. Fold the picture of Jacob and the well along the dotted line. It is easiest to first fold it so you can see the line and then fold it back the other direction along the same line (see picture).
9. Put the picture of the stone over the well on top of the folded picture of Jacob and line up one edge along the fold so the edge of the rock covers up the edge of the well. Tape the edges of the two top layers together (see picture).
10. Slit the two rock and arm pictures along the straight lines in the rocks.
11. Using the slit lines, slide the two rocks together so that the arms are both in back and the rock edges are in front (see picture).
12. Unfold the main picture so you can see the well without the rock and place the arm and rock pieces on top of it.
13. Line one of the arms up with the matching arm in the main picture. Using the straight lines on Jacob's arms as a guide, place a piece of tape across the arm, securing it to the page underneath (see picture).
14. Repeat step 13 with the other arm.
15. Gently fold over the picture to show the closed well. (This will bend the arms).
16. When you unfold the picture, you will see Jacob moving the stone and opening the mouth of the well!
17. *Optional:* Spread glue over the water in the well and sprinkle blue glitter on it.



Step 8



Step 9



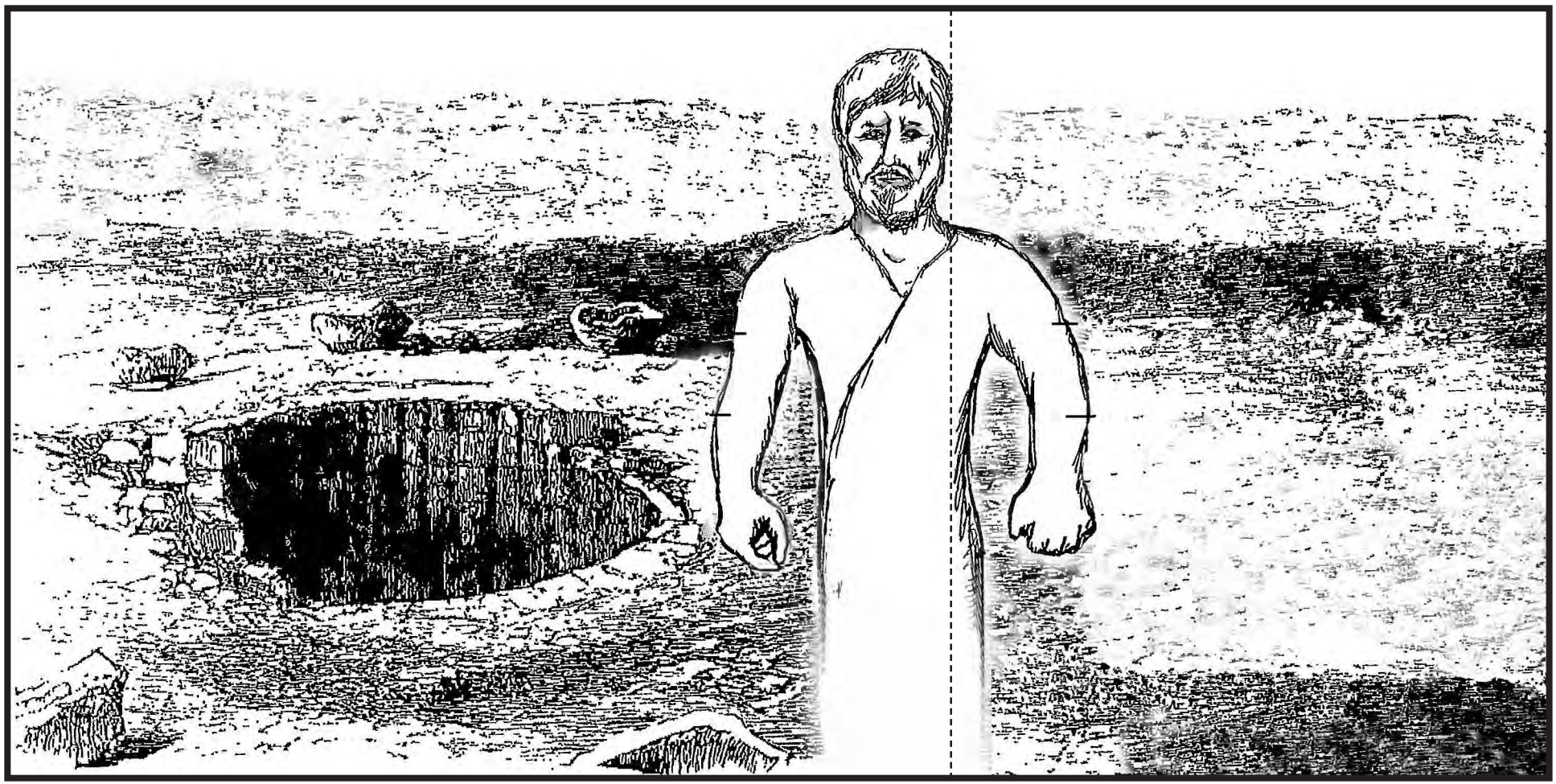
Step 11



Step 13

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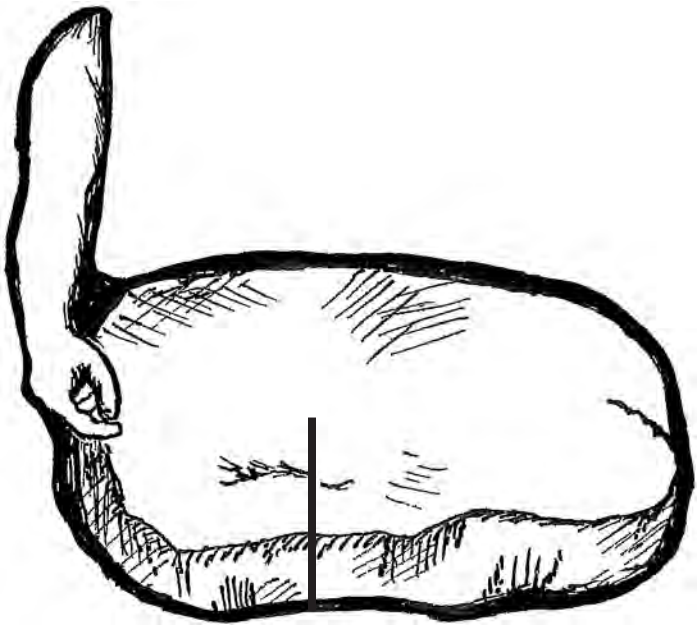
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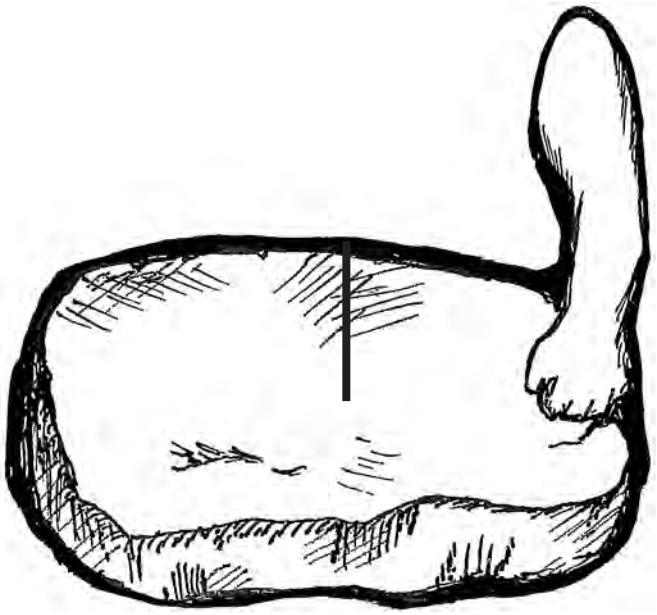


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