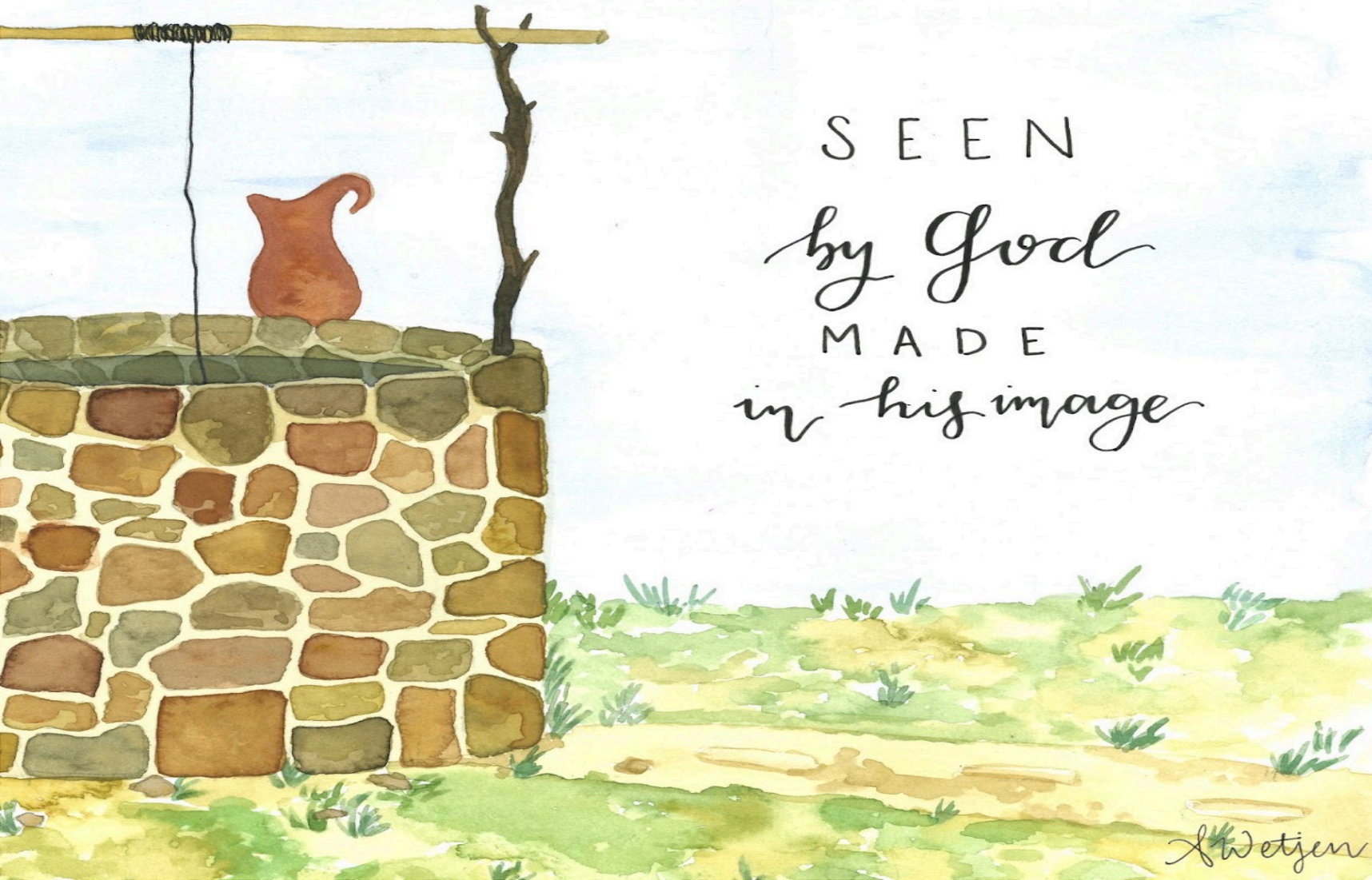


So was She

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MADE
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A watercolor illustration of a stone wall made of irregular brown and tan stones. A wooden pole is draped over the wall, with a red jug hanging from it by a string. A bare, dark branch is also attached to the pole. The background is a light blue sky with soft white clouds. The foreground shows a patch of green grass and yellowish ground.

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LEAH
IN RUTH

RUTH 4:11

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*Jacob
seeks a wife;
runs for his life*

Background

GENESIS 28

Lesson Summary

Leah – Unloved, yet Blessed

- First-born Privileges
- Sibling Rivalry
- What's in a Name?
- 1 Man; 4 Women; 12 Tribes
- Superstition ain't the way
- Leah's Legacy

Genesis Ch. 29 & 30



Birthright Privileges

Leah – Unloved, yet Blessed

First-born male

- Authority
- Double portion of inheritance
- Place of honor





Sibling Rivalry

Leah – Unloved, yet Blessed

Leah and Rachel

**Sisters, Wives,
Dueling Pregnancies,
Vying for Jacob's attention**

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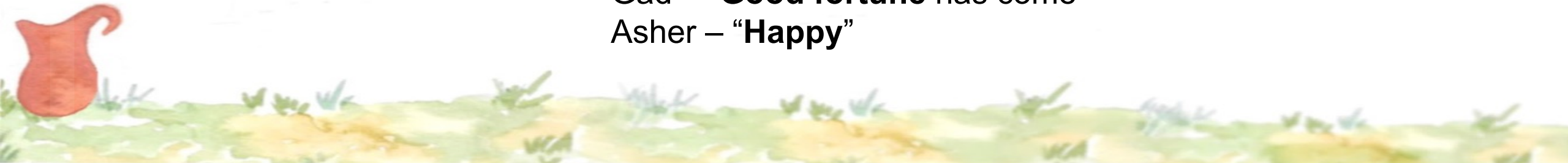
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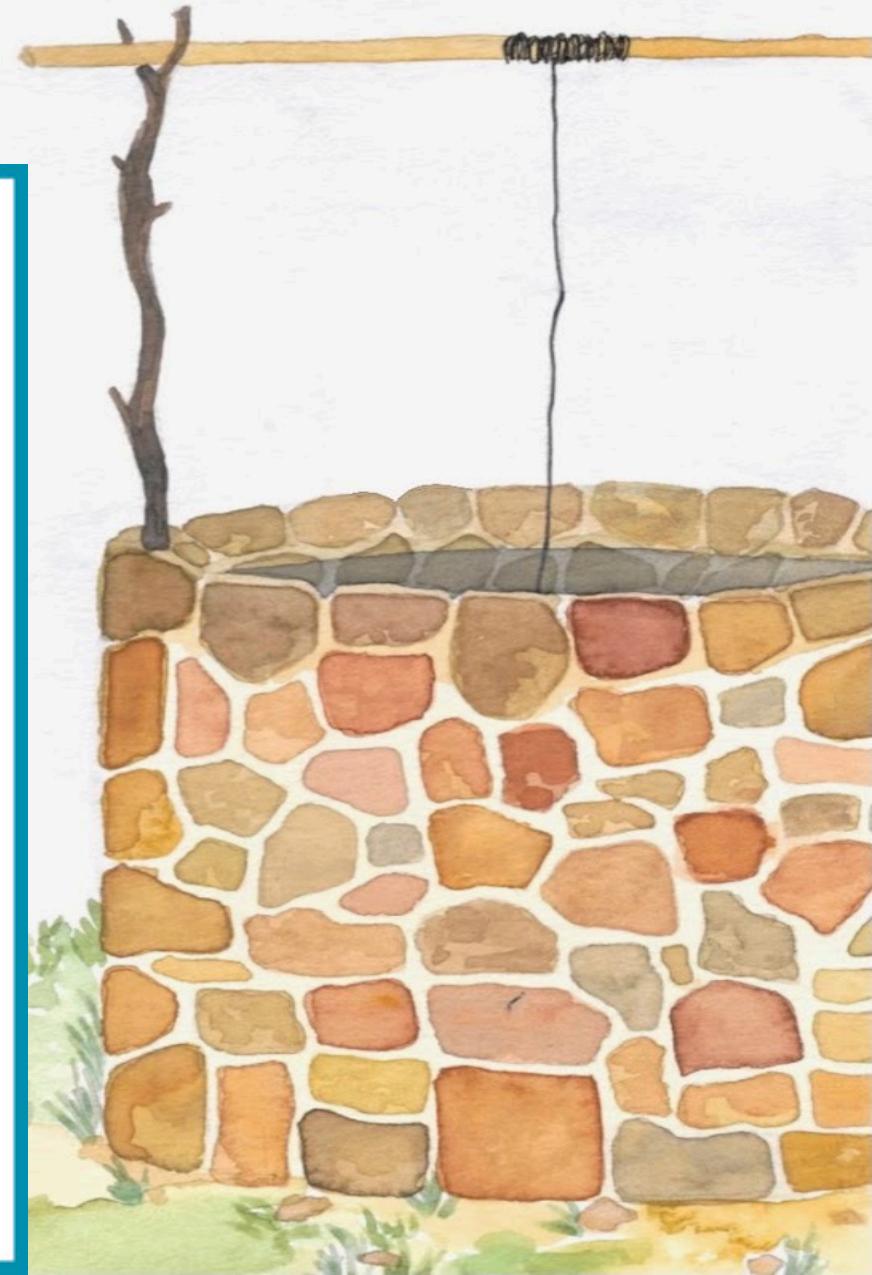
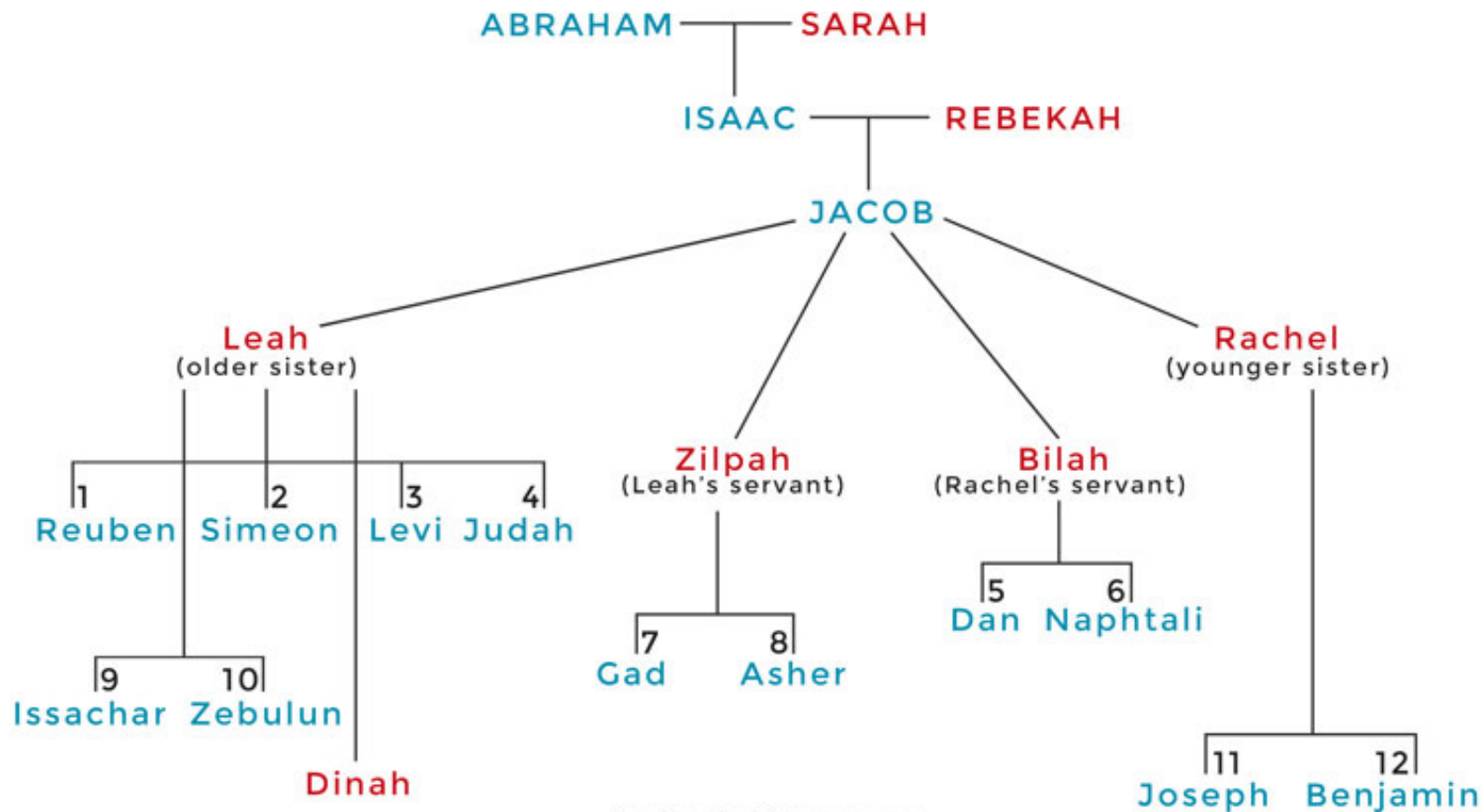
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12 TRIBES OF ISRAEL



Mandrake...the love apple

Leah – Unloved, yet Blessed

Superstitions you believed as a child

Do you still believe these?

Do your children have similar superstitions?



*Let us go early to the vineyards
to see if the vines have budded,
if their blossoms have opened,
and if the pomegranates are in bloom—
there I will give you my love.*

*The **mandrakes** send out their fragrance,
and at our door is every delicacy,
both new and old,
that I have stored up for you, my beloved. – Song of Songs 7:12-13*



Lessons from Leah

Leah – Unloved, yet Blessed

- The Lord uses His people for His purpose
- Our hearts can change, even if the situation doesn't
- God sees and provides for marginalized people



Leah's Legacy

Leah – Unloved, yet Blessed

- Buried in a place of honor
- Revered for generations for “building the house of Israel”
- Jesus’ lineage is via Judah; Leah’s legacy

Gen. 49:29 – Jacob told his sons where to bury him... **with Leah**

