

## Rods in the Feeding Troughs

Laban agreed that Jacob could have the spotted and speckled animals the flock produced. Soon the flocks produced many spotted and speckled young because Jacob put “rods” in the troughs when the animals came to feed. He had specially prepared these sticks by peeling off the bark. You will make rods like Jacob’s rods in this activity.

### Materials

- an adult should cut sizeable twigs or sticks from a bush or tree
- an adult can score each end of the stick with a sharp knife so the sticks can be peeled in a striped pattern
- ease of peeling will depend on the freshness of the stick and the type of tree you choose

### Instructions

1. Carefully peel away *some* of the bark to make the rod “striped” with white stripes.
2. Show the rod to a friend or family member and tell him or her the story of how Jacob used the rods to make his flocks increase.

