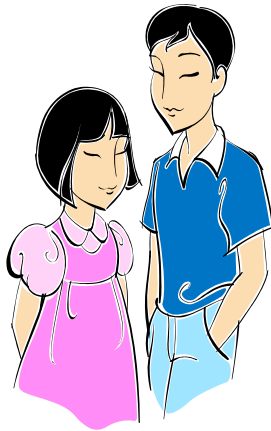


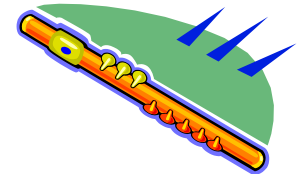
1. Jacob was now a very o\_\_ man, and he wanted to give his blessing to his 2 grandchildren- J\_\_\_\_\_'s sons, Ephraim and Manasseh.
2. The 2 boys were brought to him; he took hold of their hands, and he put M\_\_\_\_\_ the elder at his right hand, and Ephraim the y\_\_\_\_\_ at his left. But then he crossed his hands over putting his right hand on Ephraim the younger, and his left hand on Manasseh.
3. Joseph knew that his father's e\_\_\_\_\_ was not good, so he pointed out his mistake.
4. Jacob said there was no mistake - the younger brother E\_\_\_\_\_ shall be greater than the older Manasseh.
5. It is hard when an older br\_\_\_\_\_ or s\_\_\_\_\_ is beaten by the younger, but it sometimes does happen that the younger is cleverer or str\_\_\_\_\_ or greater.
6. There is a danger that the o\_\_\_\_\_ brother or sister stops trying and just 'gives up' altogether.



# 'SECOND FIDDLE'

'He also shall be great: howbeit his younger brother shall be greater than he.' Gen 48 v 19

7. The great musician and c\_\_\_\_\_, Sir Michael Costa once noted that in a great orchestral piece, the little piccolo was not playing. He stopped the or\_\_\_\_\_ and cried out '*where is the piccolo?*'



8. The piccolo player said ' *In all the sound of the overture, I didn't think I was being h\_\_\_\_\_, so I stopped playing.* ' Everyone counts in the purpose of God.
9. We are reminded by this, that ... **God is sovereign in all He does, and His goodness is not given to us because we deserve it, but because He is the God of grace.**

On the back of the sheet, can you draw a picture of Jacob passing on the blessing to his grandsons?