



Resource Pack

Children's ministry resources & activities for groups & families exploring this week's theme.

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WEEK 2

The Promise-Keeping God

Genesis (Part 3) / Genesis 28:10-22

OVERVIEW

GATHER

READ

CHAT

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PRAY



JOSEPH

DREAMS AND DESTINY

The Promise-Keeping God

Genesis 28:10-22



SESSION OUTLINE

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THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

God meets Jacob, offering grace and faithfulness, not because Jacob earned or deserved it, but because God is a promise-keeping God.

SERIES OVERVIEW

Genesis (Part 3)

Genesis is not only the beginning of the Bible, but provides a foundation for our understanding of who God is, God's plan for the world, and our part in his story. We have approached Genesis in three parts; Part I unpacking the beginning of grace in the origins of creation, humanity, and sin (Genesis 1-11), and Part II God's response in calling Abraham and his unfolding story (Genesis 12-25).

In this eight-part series, we'll explore the characteristics of God as he works through his chosen people—especially Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph.

MULTIMEDIA

1. [SBK Kids Talk](#)
2. [Genesis 28:10-22 Scripture Video for Families](#)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Here are some resources we recommend for helping teach the Gospel to kids.

1. [Genesis 12-50 by the Bible Project](#)

SONGS

EARLY CHILDHOOD

1. [Promises](#)
2. [God's Promises](#)
3. [God Is Always With Us](#)

SONGS

PRIMARY

1. [God is Over All](#)
2. [God is Here](#)
3. [10,000 Armies](#)



HOW TO USE THIS RESOURCE

This resource has been written and produced by St Bart's Kids and we're delighted to be able to share this curriculum with you. We pray that it would be an amazing tool to aid teaching and learning occurring either at home or within your children's ministry setting.

This package is part of a series based on **Genesis (Part 3)**. The items within this package all pertain to **one session**.

The tabs on this document will help guide the main sections that should be incorporated within a session. Within each section you will find modifications for different age/learning levels - look for the tags Early Childhood, Lower Primary, Middle Primary, and Upper Primary.

All of the items within
If you have any questions or would like to know more about St Bart's Kids resources, please contact
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TIMING

Welcome and play	15 mins
Teaching Time (includes morning tea for Early Childhood)	15mins
Game (Kindy - Year 6 only)	10mins
Small Groups/Activities	20mins
Worship	10mins
Check-out	

MATERIALS

- ☐ Large container or Sensory Table
- ☐ Toy Doll House Dolls
- ☐ Artificial Grass
- ☐ Rocks
- ☐ Different sensory material such as: Sand, Oats, Plants/Flowers, etc
- ☐ Building Blocks - Wooden Blocks, Mega Blocks, Q-Blocks or Duplo
- ☐ Printout of colouring sheet from [SuperColoring](#)
- ☐ Crayons / Coloured Pencils
- ☐ Sandpaper
- ☐ Cotton Balls
- ☐ Rocks
- ☐ Magnetic doll dress up set
- ☐ Rope to make a ladder (or chalk or even use a ready-made agility ladder)
- ☐ Printout of dream clouds (cut out)
- ☐ Beanbags (mini toss)
- ☐ Jacob's Ladder wooden toy
- ☐ Jenga Blocks (or similar)
- ☐ Celebrity Heads game (Hedbanz or similar)
- ☐ Guess Who game (Bible or regular)
- ☐ Colouring Sheet (from The Well Creative Children's Ministry)
- ☐ Pencils
- ☐ Mini whiteboards
- ☐ Whiteboard markers and erasers
- ☐ Pieces of rope

ADDITIONAL INFO

This resource is the second in an eight week series on Genesis (Part 3).

FOCUS

God meets Jacob, offering grace and faithfulness, not because Jacob earned or deserved it, but because God is a promise-keeping God.

WARM-UPS

- What are some of the promises that you have made to other people this week? (I'll tidy my room, I'll do my homework....)
- How do you feel when people break their promises to you?

TEACHING TIME

The Promise-Keeping God

Jacob was a man in the Old Testament who had a very strange dream – one he would never forget. He was the son of Isaac and last week, we learned how God had blessed Isaac: he made him a rich man, and he changed some angry jealous neighbours into friends.

But Isaac didn't trust God with his family – and as a result his twin sons became very jealous of each other. By the time they were adults, Jacob tricked his brother Esau out of his inheritance. When Esau found out, he was so angry that Jacob knew he had to run far away from home.

And that night - completely alone, Jacob found that instead of living in his comfortable home, he had to make do with the ground for his bed, and a rock for his pillow.

But, as he slept, a dream began. And it made it clear that Jacob was not alone *at all*! In the dream, a stairway reached from earth to heaven. AND there were angels moving up and down the stairs.

That must have seemed extraordinary to Jacob – but even more strange was that God stood beside the stairway.

Perhaps Jacob was afraid that God would mention a list of all the wrong things Jacob had done. But he didn't!

Instead, he reminded Jacob of the promises that He had made to his grandfather Abraham and his father Isaac - that he would give their descendants land to live on – including the land where Jacob was lying. And then God makes him 3 promises:

I am with you;
I will watch over you wherever you are.
I will bring you back to this land.

When Jacob woke up, he knew that this was no just a dream. He was afraid because he knew this was a holy place. The next morning, he took the stone that had been his pillow and set it there as a sacred stone. And he prayed in a way he had probably never prayed before! And in his prayer, he promised God, that if God kept this promises, then he would follow Him.

Do you think that God will keep his promises to Jacob?

Do you think that Jacob will keep his promise to God?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Early Childhood

Who always keeps his promises to us?

2. Lower Primary

Why is it so good to know that God always keep his promises?

3. Middle Primary

Why is it so good to know that God always keep his promises?

4. Upper Primary

Why is it so important that God is a promise-keeping God?

Early Childhood

The Promise-Keeping God



Isaac had two sons - Jacob and Esau. Esau was the oldest but Jacob tricked his father so that he could one day own everything.



One day, after travelling, Jacob stopped to rest. He found a rock to use as a pillow and lay down to sleep.



Jacob had a dream. He saw a ladder going up to heaven with angels going up and down on it.

Early Childhood

I AM THE
LORD YOUR GOD

Jacob heard God's voice say: "I am the Lord, the God of your grandfather Abraham and your father Isaac. I will keep the promises I made to them. You will be blessed."

I will be
with you!

I will watch over you everywhere you go. And I will bring you back to this land. I will keep my promises.

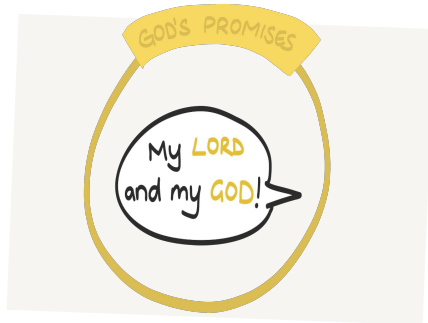


Jacob woke up and realised how special the place was because God had been there.

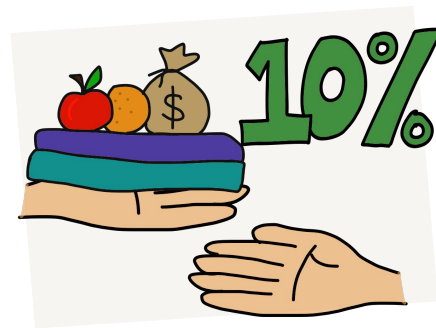
Early Childhood



The next morning Jacob took the stone he had slept on and displayed it to remind people this area was God's.



Jacob made a promise that he would worship God if God was to look after him and keep him safe.



Jacob also promised he would keep this area holy and give back some of what God had given to him.

Lower Primary

The Promise-Keeping God



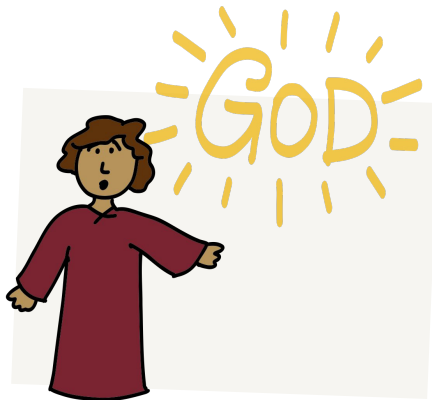
Ch28 Vs-10-12 When Jacob was on a journey, he stopped for the night. He found a stone and he lay down to sleep. He had a dream and saw a ladder reaching up to heaven with angels going up and down on it.



13-14 The Lord stood beside the ladder and said, “I am the Lord, the God of your grandfather Abraham and your father Isaac. I will give you, and your children after you, this land. They will be so numerous that they can't be counted. All people will be blessed because of you and your children after you.



15 I am with you to watch over you everywhere you go. And I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.

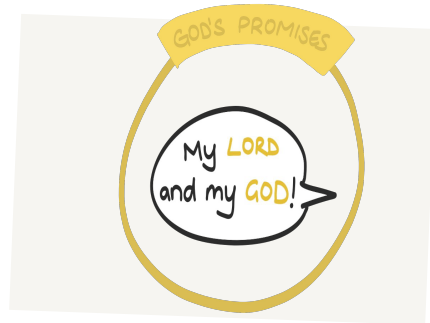


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Lower Primary



18 Early the next morning Jacob took the stone and set it up as a sacred stone. And he named that place Bethel (which means house of God).



20 Then Jacob made a promise. He said, "May God be with me. May he watch over me and give me food to eat and clothes to wear. May he do as he has promised so that I can return safely to my father's home. Then you, Lord, will be my God."

Lower Primary



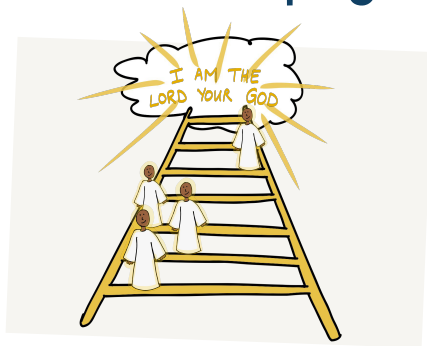
22 This stone I've set up as a sacred stone will be God's house. And I'll give you a tenth of everything you give me."

Middle Primary

The Promise-Keeping God



Ch28 Vs10-11 When Jacob was on a journey, at sunset he stopped for the night. He found a (comfortable) stone and put it under his head. Then he lay down to sleep.



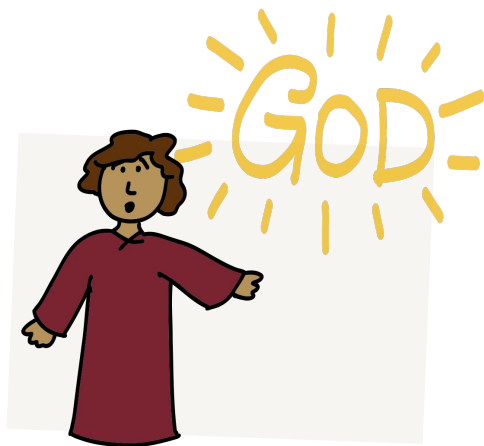
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4-5 I will give you, and your children after you, this land. They will be like the dust of the earth that can't be counted. They will spread out to the west and to the east; to the north and to the south.

Blessed

15 All nations on earth will be blessed because of you and your children after you. I am with you. I will watch over you and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

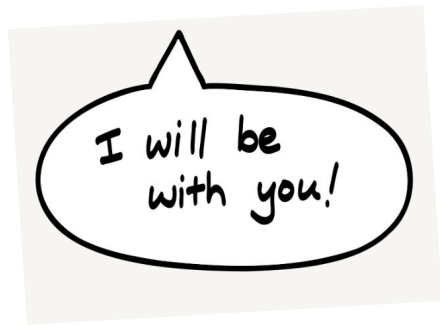


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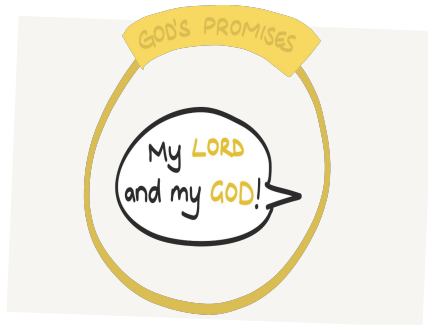


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Middle Primary



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FOCUS

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Early Childhood

PRAYER

Dear God,
 THANK YOU that you are a God who always keeps his promises.
 THANK YOU that you are always with us.
 HELP US to trust that you will never leave us.
 Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

View SBK ebook Genesis 28: 10-22

1. Have you ever been camping?

Do you prefer being in your bed at home, or on a camp bed?

2. Do you think Jacob felt comfortable when he lay down after his journey, with a stone for pillow?

Remind the children that not only was he tired, but he must have been feeling so sad about his family back home.

3. What did Jacob see in his dream?

A ladder up to heaven with angels moving up and down it. And God was standing there!

4. How do you think Jacob felt?

- Happy?
- Scared?
- Excited?

5. God made some promises to Jacob. Which of these are true?

- Jacob will be blessed
- Jacob would never be allowed to go home
- God would watch over him

6. The next morning, what did Jacob do when he realised how holy this place is?

He placed his 'pillow stone' as a sacred stone.
 He made promises to God

7. Do you think that Jacob deserved these blessings from God?

Up till this point, Jacob had not thought much about God - that's why he was in this mess.
 He didn't deserve anything from God. **But God still loved him and will keep the promises he made.**

8. Are we always good at keeping our promises?

Sometimes we let God down and we let other people down. But God loves us and he keeps his promises to u

9. Why is it important that God always keeps his promises? He will never let us down. He never changes and can always be trusted.

God said, "I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land."
 Genesis 28:13

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Lower Primary

PRAYER

Gracious Father,
Thank you for revealing yourself even to those not searching for you.
Help us to trust in your promises and delight in your presence.
Amen

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Talk about his physical comfort/discomfort - but also about how he was far from home and didn't know what would happen next

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Middle Primary

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Do you prefer being in your bed at home, or on a camp bed? What comforts from home do you miss?

2. When Jacob found a place to sleep after he ran from home, how do you think he was feeling?

Talk about his physical comfort/discomfort - but also about the separation from his parents, the fear of what might happen next...

3. Describe what Jacob saw in his dream.

How do you think he felt when he saw the angels?
How do you think he felt when he saw God?

4. God made some promises to Jacob. Which of these are true?

- His family would become huge
- Jacob would never be allowed to go home
- God would stay with him and protect him
- Other nations would be blessed through him

5. Do you think that Jacob deserved these blessings from God?

Up till this point, Jacob had tried to live life without God and this had caused a big family mess - and the mess he was in now.
He didn't deserve anything from God. .

6. Why do you think that God blesses Jacob anyway?

Because God is always faithful. He would still keep the promises he had made to Jacob's father and grandfather - because **He is a promise-keeping God.**

6. Do you think that we deserve God's blessings - all the good things he wants to give us?

We don't deserve anything because God is perfect and we disappoint him all the time. We don't deserve his kindness or his forgiveness and a place in his family. But because he loves us, all of these blessings are ours if we choose to follow him. **He is a promise-keeping God.**

7. What 3 things does Jacob do when he realises how holy this place is?

He placed his 'pillow stone' as a sacred stone.
He poured olive oil over it.
He promised that God would be his God if God remained faithful to his promises!.

8. These were ways Jacob worshipped God. How can we worship God because of his faithfulness to us?

We can tell him that we love him, thank him for all his goodness to us and live our lives in ways that please him.

9. Why is it so important that God always keeps his promises? It means that he will never let us down; he never changes and can always be trusted..

FOCUS

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Upper Primary

PRAYER

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Help us to trust in your promises and delight in your presence.
Amen

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Genesis 28:10-22 from the NIRV Bible

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8. What does Jacob do when he realises how holy this place is? He places his 'pillow stone' as a sacred stone. He pour olive oil over it. He promises that God would be his God if God remained faithful to his promises! **These were ways Jacob worshipped God.**

9. Jacob tried to 'do a deal' with God. Why is that odd? Have you ever tried to do that?.

10. Why is it so important that God is a promise-keeping God? I It means that he will never let us down; he never changes and can always be trusted..

God said, "I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land." Genesis 28:13

FOCUS

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EARLY CHILDHOOD

Dear God,

THANK YOU that you are a God who always keeps his promises.

THANK YOU that you are always with us.

HELP US to trust that you will never leave us.

Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Gracious Father,

Thank you for revealing yourself even to those not searching for you.

Help us to trust in your promises and delight in your presence.

Amen

TIPS

Reflect on how well you understand that God is always with you and that he will never leave you.

Early Childhood

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THANK YOU that you are always with us.

HELP US to trust that you will never leave us.

Amen.

Sunday School

Gracious Father,

Thank you for revealing yourself even to those not searching for you.

Help us to trust in your promises and delight in your presence.

Amen

FOCUS

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In this section, you'll find activities for Early Childhood and Primary School aged kids. There's a range of crafts, activities and games suitable for both individuals and groups.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

- Sensory Play
- Build Jacob's Ladder
- Colouring
- Jacob's Journey (*Kindy*)
- Hard or Soft (*Kindy*)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- What did God say? (*Prep*)
- Jacob's Ladder Wooden Toy Demonstration (*1-2*)
- Build a Ladder (*1-2*)
- Who am I? (*3-4*)
- God's Presence (*5-6*)
- Closer to God (*5-6*)

GAMES

- Sleeping Tigers (*Kindy*)
- Fly (*Prep-Yr 6*)

Sensory Play

YOU'LL NEED...

- Large container or Sensory Table
- Toy Doll House Dolls
- Artificial Grass
- Rocks
- Different sensory material such as: Sand, Oats, Plants/Flowers, etc

STEPS

1. Set up the sensory table by putting the different materials and dolls out.
2. Encourage the children to play and explore the different materials.
3. Help the children recreate the story, having the dolls lay on the rocks and sleep. Talk with them about what happened in Jacob's dream.

****Supervision required at all times for this activity.**



Link

Jacob used a rock as his pillow when he slept. While Jacob was sleeping, God gave him a very special promise. God promised to be with Jacob and look after him. God always keeps His promises!

Build Jacob's Ladder

YOU'LL NEED...

- Building Blocks - Wooden Blocks, Mega Blocks, Q-Blocks or Duplo

STEPS

1. Encourage the children to use the blocks to build a structure that looks like a ladder or stairs.
2. Retell the story as you build the ladder: "Jacob went to sleep and had a dream. In his dream, he saw a ladder reaching up to heaven. God spoke to Jacob and gave him a promise. God said He would be with Jacob and would look after him. God didn't promise this because Jacob had earned it. God promised it because God is faithful and keeps His promises."



Link

Our ladder reminds us that Jacob had a dream and God promised to be with him. God is a promise-keeping God. He is faithful, and we can trust Him.

Colouring

YOU'LL NEED...

- Printout of colouring sheet from [SuperColoring](https://www.stbartskids.org/super-coloring)
- Crayons / Coloured Pencils

STEPS

1. Give each child a colouring page and encourage them to colour it in.



Link

Jacob had a dream where there was a staircase or ladder with Angels going up and down.

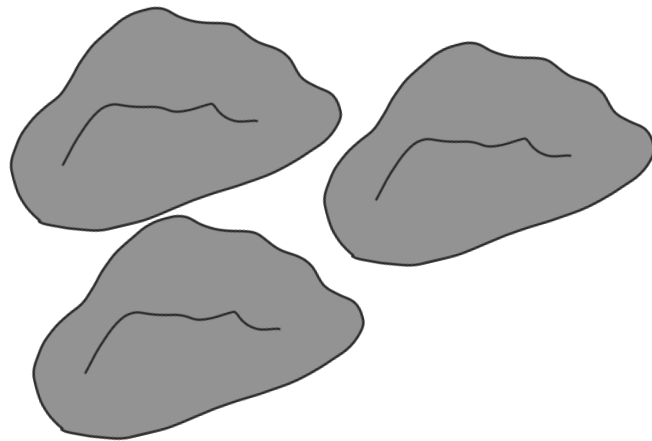
Jacob's Journey

YOU'LL NEED...

- N/A

STEPS

1. Take the children for a walk around the garden, pretending they are travelling like Jacob.
2. Give them a simple mission: look carefully for rocks along the way, just like the rock Jacob used as a pillow.
3. As you walk, you can say: "Jacob was travelling to a new place. He didn't know what was going to happen, but God was with him. Let's go on a journey like Jacob and see what we can find!"
4. Let the children look for and collect rocks as they walk. When you reach the end, gather everyone together and talk about Jacob sleeping with a rock for a pillow.



Link

Jacob didn't know what would happen on his journey, but God knew. God promised Jacob, 'I am with you.' God is with us too.

Hard or Soft

YOU'LL NEED...

- Sandpaper
- Cotton Balls
- Rocks

STEPS

1. Let the children feel a piece of sandpaper, a rock and a cotton ball. Have them rub them on their arm and talk about how it feels.
2. Talk about the difference between each one.
3. Ask the children which one would make a good pillow and remind them that Jacob used a rock as a pillow.



Link

Jacob used a rock as his pillow when he slept.

What did God say?

YOU'LL NEED...

- Rope to make a ladder (or chalk or even use a ready-made agility ladder)
- Printout of dream clouds (cut out)
- Beanbags (mini toss)

SERIES

Genesis (Part 3)

BIBLE FOCUS

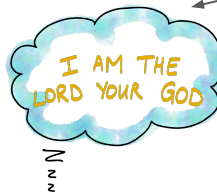
Genesis 28:10-22

TOPIC

The Promise-Keeping God

STEPS

1. Set out the ladder and have the children stand in a line at one end.
2. Scatter the dream clouds (pre-cut) at different points along the ladder, but turn them over so you cannot see the words yet.
3. Each child takes turns to toss a mini beanbag. If they land on a dream cloud, they run and turn it over to reveal the promise that God gave Jacob in the dream. If they miss, play goes to the next person in line.
4. Continue until all dream clouds have been revealed.



Link

God spoke to Jacob in a dream and gave him lots of promises.

I AM THE
LORD YOUR GOD

I will be
with you!

*I am the God of
your father
Abraham and
the God of Isaac.*

*I will give you and
your descendants
all this land.*

All peoples on earth
will be blessed
through you and
your children.

I WILL WATCH OVER
YOU WHEREVER YOU GO

Jacob's Ladder Wooden Toy

YOU'LL NEED...

- Jacob's Ladder wooden toy

STEPS

1. Show the children the wooden toy and demonstrate how it works.
2. Explain how this toy is called a 'Jacob's Ladder'. Ask the children why they think it has this name.
3. Recap what happens in Jacob's dream with the ladder - specifically what was ascending and descending on the ladder (going up and down)? *Angels!*
4. Explain how the flowing flip-flop motion of the wooden blocks makes it look like things are moving up and down, mimicking what happened in Jacob's dream.



Link

Jacob had a dream where there was a staircase or ladder with Angels going up and down.

Build a Ladder

YOU'LL NEED...

- Jenga blocks (or similar)

STEPS

1. Using the wooden blocks, work as a team to build a structure that looks like a ladder reaching up to heaven.
2. *Optional alternative: Jacob's response to the dream God gave, was to build a Cairn (or altar) and commit that space as holy. Using the blocks (or even better, use rocks/pebbles) to build a Cairn.*



Link

Jacob had a dream where he saw a stairway or ladder reaching up to heaven. How tall can you create the ladder using blocks, before it falls over?

Who am I?

YOU'LL NEED...

- Celebrity Heads game (Hedbanz or similar)

SERIES

Genesis (Part 3)

BIBLE FOCUS

Genesis 28:10-22

TOPIC

The Promise-Keeping God

STEPS

1. Select 2-3 people to sit at the front of the group.
2. Each person is wear one of the headbands. Add one of the picture/word characters to each headband, ensuring that player does not see the character they are wearing.
3. Each player wearing a headband is to take turns asking the audience a question about their character. They can only ask closed questions (in other words, questions that the audience can only answer yes or no).
4. Continue until each person has correctly guessed the character they were given.

Photo source: Kmart



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God identified himself to Jacob so that Jacob would understand who he was. Can you identify the mysterious item/character that you have been given when it is your turn in this game?

Guess Who?

YOU'LL NEED...

- Guess Who game (Bible version or regular))

SERIES

Genesis (Part 3)

BIBLE FOCUS

Genesis 28:10-22

TOPIC

The Promise-Keeping God

STEPS

1. An alternative to Celebrity Heads is to play a game of 'Guess Who', where children play in pairs to guess the character of their partner by asking targeted questions about their appearance or qualities.



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God identified himself to Jacob so that Jacob would understand who he was. Can you identify the mysterious item/character that your partner has?

God's Presence

YOU'LL NEED...

- [Colouring Sheet \(from The Well Creative Children's Ministry\)](#)
- Pencils

SERIES

Genesis (Part 3)

BIBLE FOCUS

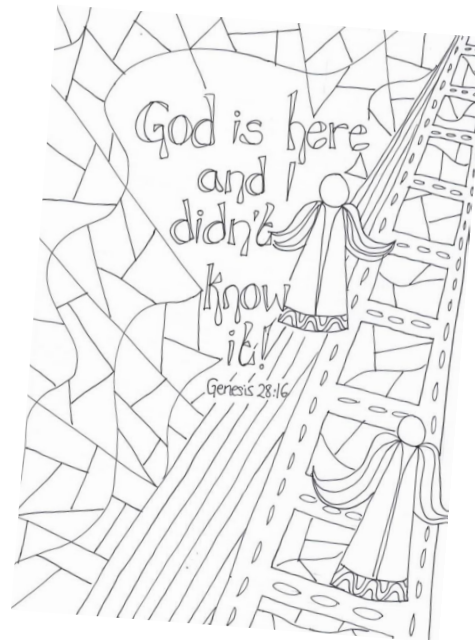
Genesis 28:10-22

TOPIC

The Promise-Keeping God

STEPS

1. Provide children with a copy of the colouring sheet.
2. As everyone is colouring, help navigate a conversation on the concept of God being with us, even when we don't realise or notice it.
3. Perhaps share a story of your own when this has happened in your life and then invite the children to share their own experiences.



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The story of Jacob's ladder in Genesis 28 helps us reflect on God's presence with us even when we don't see Him.

Closer to God

YOU'LL NEED...

- Mini whiteboards
- Whiteboard markers and erasers

STEPS

1. Have the children use a mini whiteboard each to draw a ladder. The ladder should include 10 rungs.
2. On each level, the children are to record different things they can do to get closer to God in their own life.



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When Jacob had a dream, God spoke to him. God told Jacob that he would always be with him. You can't get much closer than that!

GAME: Sleeping Tigers

YOU'LL NEED...

- N/A

STEPS

1. Choose 1 or 2 children to be the hunters (they are 'up' for this round of the game).
2. Get all of the children to lie down on the floor in sleeping positions (except for the hunters).
3. Once settled, the children are not allowed to move. They must freeze and pretend to be asleep.
4. The hunters walk through the room and try to make the sleeping tigers move by making them laugh, telling them jokes, and so on. But, the hunters are not allowed to touch or try and move the tigers.
5. Once any tiger moves (even via laughing, opening their eyes, smiling) they are tapped and get up and join the hunters.
6. The last sleeping tiger wins!



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Jacob was sleeping outside with a rock for his pillow. Even though Jacob was all by himself, God was with him. God promised Jacob, 'I am with you.' God is always with us too!

GAME: Fly

YOU'LL NEED...

- Pieces of rope

STEPS

1. Set up the ropes at equal intervals apart, in a line (approx 30cm is a good starting point). From above, it should look like rungs on a ladder!
2. Have the children line up behind a starting line. One at a time, they are to run in a straight line; jumping one foot (swapping between L and R) in between the markers until the end.
3. On each jump, the participant should call out the words "GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US" - saying one word at a time in each gap.
4. Once all have had a turn, separate the markers out a little further from each other.
5. Continue to repeat this process, eliminating players who cannot successfully hop between the markers with only one foot in each gap.



Link

As the children jump in the gaps of the ladder, they are recalling the truth that God is with us always.