

## GOD'S PROMISE TO JACOB



## TRANSITION/GROUP TIME

## SNACK

**1s–2s:** Place the snack on the tables.

**3s–5s:** Choose children to help serve the snack. Ask a volunteer to pray.  
Remind the preschoolers to clean their snack areas.

## MOVE TO GROUP TIME

**1s–2s:** Tell the Bible story as the children snack. Then allow the children to play in the room.

**3s–5s:** Guide the boys and girls to pretend to snore as they move to group time.

## INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

## GOD'S PROMISE TO JACOB—BASED ON GENESIS 28

- Ask the kids if they have ever had a dream. Encourage them to listen to hear about Jacob's dream. Open the Bible to Genesis 28.

## SUMMARIZE THE BIBLE STORY

(Use words in **bold** for babies–2s; all words for 3s–5s.)

- **Jacob was going on a trip** to visit his uncle, Laban. **He found a smooth stone to use as a pillow when he stopped to rest for the night.**
- As **Jacob** slept, he **had a dream**. In his dream, Jacob saw a stairway which reached from the earth up to the sky. Jacob saw angels going up and down the stairway. **Jacob heard God speak to him.**
- **God said, "I am God. I will give you this land. I will watch over you."**
- When he woke up, Jacob was afraid. He knew that God would be with him and help him.
- **Jacob took the stone** that he had used for a pillow **and set it in a special place to remember where God had talked to him. Jacob thanked God for being with him.**

## REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

- Who was Jacob going to visit?
- What did Jacob see in his dream?
- What did God say to Jacob?
- What did Jacob do with the stone when he woke up?

## EMPHASIZE THE LIFE POINT

- Mention that God is always with you.

## LIFE POINT

God is always  
with you.

ROOM

YOUR TEACHING  
PARTNERS

DATE OF USE



**GOD LEVEL OF  
BIBLICAL  
LEARNING**

God can do anything.

## UNIT VERSE

We have good news!  
God keeps His  
promises. Acts 13:32

## WEEKLY VERSE

I am with you  
everywhere you go.  
Genesis 28:15

## SING TOGETHER

Sing to the tune of “Happy Birthday”:

*God is always with you.*

*God is always with you.*

*God will always be with you.*

*God is always with you.*

## SAY THE BIBLE VERSE

Open the Bible to Genesis 28:15. Say: “I am with you everywhere you go.” Guide the kids to say the verse with you. Lead them to spin around in a circle as they say the verse.

## PRAY

Comment that God is always with you. Say that we can talk to God anywhere and at any time. Invite interested preschoolers to pray. Close in prayer. Thank God for always being with us.

## BIBLE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES

**Emphasize: God is always with you.**

1. **Build roads.** Lead the kids to use blocks to build roads. Challenge the preschoolers to see how long they can make the roads. Guide the boys and girls to use the toy vehicles to drive on the roads they build. Remark that Jacob went on a trip to visit his uncle. Say that God spoke to Jacob in a dream while he was sleeping. Remind the kids that Jacob knew God was with him and God is always with you.

**Adapt for Babies–2s:** Play with toy vehicles.

2. **Hop on a ladder.** Use painter’s tape to make the shape of a ladder on the ground. Tape 2 long vertical pieces of tape 12 inches apart. Tape several horizontal lines between the 2 vertical lines. Lead the preschoolers to hop up the ladder by jumping on each horizontal piece of tape. Suggest they move up the ladder in different ways (crawl, hop on one foot, or walk backwards). Mention that Jacob saw a stairway from the earth to the sky in his dream. Say that he saw angels on the stairway. Remark that he knew that God would always be with him.

**Adapt for Babies–1s:** Play with rattles or small manipulatives.

3. **Find a stone.** Place several matching boxes with lids on the table. Place a stone inside one of the boxes. Mix up the boxes. Invite a preschooler to lift the lids until the stone is found. Encourage the boys and girls to take turns hiding the stone inside a box for the other kids to find. Mention that Jacob used a stone for a pillow when he was on his trip. Review the Bible story. Say that God is always with you. Put the stone out of the reach of preschoolers when the activity concludes.

**Challenge 4s–5s:** Let the children hide the stone in the room to be found.

4. **Feel objects.** Gather hard and soft objects from around the room (crayons, blocks, doll clothes, doll blanket, cotton balls, tissue, toy people figure). Place one object in the bag without the kids seeing it. Invite the boys and girls to take turns touching the object in the bag. Ask them to state if the object is hard or soft. Remove the item from the bag. Continue with all the items. Explain that pillows are usually soft. Say that Jacob used a hard stone for a pillow. Remind the kids that Jacob set up the stone to remember that God had spoken to him. Say that God was with Jacob and God is always with you.

**Adapt for Babies–2s:** Let the children feel different textures (sandpaper, satin, corduroy, terry cloth, or bubble wrap).

## CLEAN UP

Lead the kids to clean the room.

## PLAY A GAME

Take turns whispering a bedtime task to a child. Lead her to play out the task for the other kids to guess. Mention tasks such as brushing teeth, eating a snack, reading a bedtime story, turning down the bed, washing your face, and sleeping. Comment that God is always with you.

## DISMISS

Help the kids gather their papers and belongings. Thank them for coming. Remind the parents to review the Bible story on the Kids Activity Page.