

# GOD'S PROMISE TO JACOB



## TRANSITION/GROUP TIME

### SNACK

Include the kids in the distribution of the snack. Ask for one or more volunteers to pray. Lead the boys and girls to clean up after the snack. Thank them for their help.

### MOVE TO GROUP TIME

Guide the boys and girls to pretend to snore as they move to group time. Explain that today they will learn how Jacob heard from God while he was sleeping.

### 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

- 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. We can talk to God anywhere and at any time. Invite any preschoolers who are interested to pray. Close in prayer. Thank God for always being with you.

## 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. God spoke to Jacob in a dream while he was sleeping. Jacob knew God was with him and God is always with you.
- 2. Hop on a ladder.** Use painter’s tape to make the shape of a ladder on the ground. Tape two long vertical pieces of tape 12 inches apart. Tape several horizontal lines between the two 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 such as crawling, hopping on one foot, or walking backwards. Mention that Jacob saw a stairway from the earth to the sky in his dream. He saw angels on the stairway. He knew that God would always be with him.
- 3. Find a stone.** Place three cups upside down on the table. Place a stone underneath one of the cups. Mix up the cups. Invite a preschooler to lift a cup until the stone is found. Encourage

the boys and girls to take turns hiding the stone under a cup for the other kids to find. Mention how Jacob used a stone for a pillow when he was on his trip. God spoke to Jacob while he was sleeping. Jacob knew that God would take care of him. God is always with you. (Put the stone out of the kid’s reach when the activity has concluded.)

- 4. Feel objects.** Gather some hard and soft objects from around the room. Include objects such as crayons, blocks, doll clothes, doll blanket, cotton balls, tissue, and plastic people figure. Place one object in the bag without the kids seeing it. Invite the boys and girls to take turns touching the object. 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. Jacob used a hard stone for a pillow. Jacob set up the stone to remember that God had spoken to him. Jacob knew God was with him and God is always with you.

## CLEAN UP

Set a one-minute timer on your phone or other device. Challenge the preschoolers to clean the room before the timer goes off. Reset the timer if more time is needed.

## 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 spoke to Jacob in a dream while he was sleeping. God wanted Jacob to know that he would take care of him. Jacob knew 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.