



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

#40 – Jacob’s Dream Genesis 28:10-22

PICTURES NEEDED

40-1 Jacob’s dream

REVIEW

- **Big Question:** Why did Esau give up his birthright?

Esau was godless and lived for the moment.

- **Lesson Rhyme:** Review the lesson rhyme.

J—J	Make sign of “J”
Jacob	Hook pinkies together
Took the birthright	Extend R hand palm up out
of his brother	& draw it back closing it
J—J—Jacob	Same as above
Plotted more sin	Make evil face & put R hand
	to chin like thinking.
with his mother	Fists apart & brought together



LESSON CONTENT

- **Introduction:** Show visual (**picture 40-1**) What is this a picture of?

On his way to Paddan Aram to find a wife, Jacob stopped for the night and had a dream. In the dream was a stairway to heaven that led to God. There were angels who were going back and forth between heaven and earth.

God was at the top of the stairway and spoke to Jacob. God promised to give Jacob the same things he had promised Abraham. He promised to bless him and make him a blessing to all people on earth. Jacob took the stone he was lying on and set it up as a pillar to remember what had happened. Jacob said God would be his God if he watched over and protected him.

The big question for this week is: What happens when we trust God completely?

Listen as I read the lesson book and see if you can answer the question afterwards.

- **Lesson Book:** Read the book. Refer to the attached daily discussion questions.

Title: What was Jacob's dream?

Page 1—Genesis 27:42-44

(picture of Jacob saying good-bye)

Jacob had to leave his home
because he had done wrong.
The birthright he had stolen,
which to Esau did belong.
Esau planned to kill him
as their father soon would die.
So Jacob had to hurry off,
to his parents say good-bye.

Page 3—Genesis 28:12-13

(picture of Jacob's dream)

In his dream were angels
coming down from high,
On a staircase reaching
from the ground into the sky.
God spoke to him from heaven
and said Jacob shouldn't fear,
As God would be his God
and with him would stay near.

Page 5—Genesis 28:16-17

(picture of the pillar Jacob made)

God did say through Jacob
that all nations would be blessed.
And God would never leave him
as he traveled east and west.
Then Jacob made a pillar
to honor God on high.
It was a lasting monument
to people passing by.

Page 2—Genesis 28:1-2

(picture of Jacob setting out)

His parents sent him off to find
a wife from Rebekah's clan.
Coming back again one day,
was part of Jacob's plan.
While he was on his journey,
he stopped to spend the night.
A dream it gave him comfort
in the middle of his flight.

Page 4—Genesis 28:14-15

(picture of Jacob waking up)

The vow God made to Abraham
to Jacob now belonged.
Though he had tricked his father
and his brother he had wronged.
God passed down to Jacob
the promise of the land,
Saying his descendants
would be as numerous as the sand.

Page 6—Genesis 28:20-21

(picture of Jacob praying)

God is faithful to us,
even though we sin.
He will take care of us
when we put our faith in him.
God is good and holy
as he always does what's right.
And he will be our God,
if to him we do hold tight.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Day 1: Why did Jacob have to leave his home?

Day 2: What did Jacob's parents send him off to do? What was Jacob's plan?

Day 3: What happened in Jacob's dream? What did God say to him?

Day 4: What was the promise passed on to Jacob? Why didn't Jacob deserve God's blessing?

Day 5: What did God say he would do for Jacob? What did Jacob do in response to what God said?

Day 6: Why does God take care of us? What should we do to God? What does mean to put your faith in God and hold tight to him?

Review: Select a couple questions from above to ask the students again.

- Prayer: Thank God that he is good and blesses us even though we don't deserve his blessing. Thank God for all the ways he watches over you and takes care of you.
- The Big Question: **What happens when we trust God completely?**
God makes our paths straight.

ACTIVITIES

Any age appropriate activity can be included which fits into the club time. The activities with a star are included on the class notes handout sheet.

★ Lesson Rhyme: Practice the lesson rhyme with movements.

D—D	Make sign of "D"
Dream	Put hands to side of head like sleeping
A stairway	Move hand up like climbing stairs
to the sky	Look up at hand lifted up really high
D—D—Dream	Same as above
God spoke down	Lift arms up above head
from high	Tilt head down



★ Coloring: Color in the lesson picture.

★ Activity: Tracing
Trace over a pillar as a reminder that Jacob set up a monument.

★ **Letter/Sound Recognition:** Say the sound of and trace over each letter in the boxes.
With which sound does Jacob begin?

★ **Song:** We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder
We are climbing Jacob's ladder
We are climbing Jacob's ladder
We are climbing Jacob's ladder
Sisters, brothers, all.

Every rung goes higher, higher
Every rung goes higher, higher
Every rung goes higher, higher
Sisters, brothers, all.

Sinner, do you love my Jesus?
Sinner, do you love my Jesus?
Sinner, do you love my Jesus?
Sisters, brothers, all.

If you love Him, why not serve Him?
If you love Him, why not serve Him?
If you love Him, why not serve Him?
Sisters, brothers, all.

- **Craft:** Ladder and angels
As a reminder of Jacob's dream and the stairway to heaven, make a ladder with angels.
Materials: cover stock paper, regular and small craft sticks, glue, colored pencils
Preparation: Run off craft 40 on cover stock paper.
Instructions: Color in the picture and glue craft sticks on it to make a ladder. Cut out the angels and glue them on the ladder.

JOURNAL

The journal is passed out at the end of class for the students to complete at home. It has six poetic readings and related Bible verses. It would be beneficial for the teacher to read through and be familiar with its content.