

Child's Name: _____

Genesis 28:10-22

¹⁰ Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Haran. ¹¹ When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. ¹² He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ There above it stood the LORD, and he said: "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. ¹⁴ Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. ¹⁵ I am with you and will watch over you wherever 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."

¹⁶ When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it." ¹⁷ He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven."

¹⁸ Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. ¹⁹ He called that place Bethel though the city used to be called Luz.

²⁰ Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear ²¹ so that I return safely to my father's house, then the LORD will be my God ²² and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God's house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth."



LESSON 40



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION

What happens when we trust God completely?

MEMORY VERSE

Proverbs 3:5-6

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Thinking It Through

Level 3—Parent Notes:

- **Daily Reading:** Depending on the age and ability of the child, or parent preference, the child may do the work in this journal independently or read with and dictate an answer to the parent. After reading the day’s rhyme and the Bible verse, the child should draw a picture that relates to that day’s reading and answer the question at the bottom of the page. Have the child answer questions about the day’s reading from the **Daily Reading Questions** at the back of the booklet. Personal ideas and additional questions from the parent can also be included.
- **Lesson Verse:** The lesson verse which answers the week’s big question should be practiced daily. One way to do this is to black out words in the verse each day and say the verse inserting the correct word. By the end of the week the whole verse would be blacked out and recited by memory. Depending on the age and/or ability of the child, either the whole verse or the part of the verse between brackets on the cover can be memorized.
- **Concluding Lesson:** The parent should discuss with the child the **Thinking it Through** questions: What important truth did you learn this week? How can you apply that truth in your life? After discussing the questions the child should write down (or dictate to the parent) the answers and a prayer at the end of the booklet. The child can then complete the other activities.
- **Completion:** If the student brings this booklet back to the teacher on Sunday, with each day’s work completed and the lesson verse memorized, the student will receive acknowledgement of a job well done.
- **Way to go, parents!** Your faithfulness in teaching your children the deed and statutes of the Lord isn’t always easy, but it honors God and will have an eternal impact. Keep up the good work! Remember Galatians 6:9, *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

The important truth I learned this week is:

I can apply that truth by:

My prayer to God is:

Daily Reading 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?

Concluding Lesson

Review: Why did Jacob have to leave his home? What did Jacob's parents send him off to do? What happened in Jacob's dream? What was the promise passed on to Jacob? Why didn't Jacob deserve God's blessing?

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.

Application: What are ways you show that you trust God? What are ways you show that you don't trust God?

Thinking It Through: Have the child write or dictate what important truth was learned from the lesson, how he/she can apply that truth, and a prayer to God.

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What happens when we trust God completely?



God makes our paths straight.

Day 1

Draw a 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.

What does the verse mean?

Genesis 27:42-44: ⁴² When Rebekah was told what her older son Esau had said, she sent for her younger son Jacob and said to him, "Your brother Esau is consoling himself with the thought of killing you." ⁴³ Now then, my son, do what I say: Flee at once to my brother Laban in Haran. ⁴⁴ Stay with him for a while until your brother's fury subsides.

Day 6

Draw a picture of you 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.

What does the verse mean?

Genesis 28:20-21: ²⁰ Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear ²¹ so that I return safely to my father's house, then the LORD will be my God."

Day 5

Draw a 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.

What does the verse mean?

Genesis 28:16-17: ¹⁶ When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it." ¹⁷ He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven."

Day 2

Draw a picture of Jacob sleeping.

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.

What does the verse mean?

Genesis 28:1-2: ¹ So Isaac called for Jacob and blessed him and commanded him: "Do not marry a Canaanite woman." ² Go at once to Paddan Aram, to the house of your mother's father Bethuel. Take a wife for yourself there, from among the daughters of Laban, your mother's brother.

Day 3

Draw a 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.

What does the verse mean?

Genesis 28:12-13: ¹² He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ There above it stood the LORD, and he said: "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying.

Day 4

Draw a 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.

What does the verse mean?

Genesis 28:14-15: ¹⁴ Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. ¹⁵ I am with you and will watch over you wherever 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."