



**Mustard Seed Sunday School Lesson for October 14, 2007
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"Jacob Had a Dream"

Lesson: Genesis 28:10—22.

Read: Genesis 27:41—28:22.

GOLDEN TEXT: "I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of" (Genesis 28:15).

SCRIPTURE LESSON TEXT:

Genesis 28:10—22.

10And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran.

11And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.

12And he dreamed, and beheld a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

13And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;

14And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

15And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.

16And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew it not.

17And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

18And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it.

19And he called the name of that place Bethel: but the name of that city was called Luz at the first.

20And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,

21So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the LORD be my God:

22And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

41And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob.

42And these words of Esau her elder son were told to Rebekah: and she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said unto him, Behold, thy brother Esau, as touching thee, doth comfort himself, purposing to kill thee.

43Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; arise, flee thou to Laban my brother to Haran;

44And tarry with him a few days, until thy brother's fury turn away;

45Until thy brother's anger turn away from thee, and he forget that which thou hast done to him: then I will send, and fetch thee from thence: why should I be deprived also of you both in one day?

46And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth: if Jacob take a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these which are of the daughters of the land, what good shall my life do me?

TEACHER'S NOTES ON THE LESSON

Jacob had taken Esau's birthright and then tricked Isaac into giving him the blessing intended for Esau. He thought only about himself and what he could gain. Esau was angry about what his brother had done. His bitterness was deep, and he spoke of killing Jacob one day.

Rebekah learned of the threat on Jacob's life, so she sent Jacob to stay with her brother, Laban, until Esau's anger subsided. Jacob began his journey, stopping at nightfall to rest. He used a stone for a pillow and tried to get some sleep. As he slept, God sent him a vision. He dreamed of a stairway that started on earth and reached to heaven. He saw angels ascending and descending on it.

The Lord God was at the top of the stairway. He spoke to Jacob about the covenant He had made with his father, Isaac, and grandfather Abraham. The covenant was

renewed with Jacob. God promised to be with Jacob. He promised him a great land and a mighty nation that would bless the world.

When Jacob awoke, he knew he had been in God's presence. He desired to honor the Lord and the place he was in. He took the stone he had used for a pillow and built a pillar to God. He named the place he was in Beth-el (house of God).

Jacob said that if God did what He said He would do, he then would serve the Lord and give a tenth of everything he would have to God.

God's promise to Jacob had no conditions. Jacob was assured of God's faithfulness. We can be thankful that God's faithfulness is not dependent on our goodness but on His unchanging love.

THE OBJECT IN VIEW:

God is faithful, and He watches over His people.

TRUTHS TO STRESS:

1. God is faithfully at work in the lives of His people.
2. God is with us no matter where we go.
3. We need to be thankful for His care.

PLANNING VISUAL AIDS:

For Telling the Lesson, find a picture portraying Jacob and his dream.

For Helping to Remember, bring craft sticks, construction paper, glue, and the golden text printed on 2x6-inch slips of paper for each student.

BEGINNING THE LESSON:

The Bible teaches that we should not hate. Hating someone is as bad as killing him! Of course, none of us would kill anyone, but how many times have we told someone else that we hate him? That is a terrible thing to tell someone. If we ever do tell someone we hate him, we should ask God and that person for forgiveness and then never say it again!

Esau hated Jacob for taking away his birthright and his blessing from their father. Esau planned to kill Jacob. Rebekah, their mother, found out that Esau wanted to kill Jacob. For his safety, she had Jacob sent away to her brother's home until Esau was not angry anymore.

Jacob should not have lied and hurt his brother. Having to leave must have been very sad for him, but God was with him and took care of him.

TELLING THE LESSON:

Jacob started out on his journey and traveled until it was dark. He needed a place to sleep. He was out in the wilderness. There was no place to stop to spend the night; so he slept outside. He found a rock to use for his pillow.

While Jacob was asleep, God sent him a dream. In the dream, Jacob saw a stairway that started on the ground and went up into heaven. There were angels going up and down it. (Show picture of Jacob.)

At the top of the stairway, Jacob could hear God talking to him. God promised Jacob that He would give him a large family and a mighty nation. He said that Jacob's family would be a blessing to everyone. We know the Saviour came to earth from Jacob's family.

God also promised to take care of Jacob. He promised to be with Jacob wherever he went, and He would make sure Jacob would get home one day.

When Jacob woke up, he realized that God had been there with him. He made an altar, a place to worship God, with the stone he had been sleeping on. He worshipped God and promised to obey God and give some of his future wealth back to God.

Jacob named the place where God had spoken to him "Beth-el." It means, "house of God." God had been with Jacob, and He would keep His promise to always take care of him.

TELLING HOW TO LIVE:

Through a special dream, God helped Jacob learn to trust Him. He showed Jacob that He had plans for him and had an important future for him. Jacob honored God for His promise.

We should thank God for taking care of us. He has given us the Bible to learn from. He sent Jesus to give us salvation, and He promised a home in heaven one day. We have the Holy Spirit to help us know how to live, and Jesus promised to come again someday. We have so much to praise God for!

HELPING TO REMEMBER:

Have your students make ladders out of the craft sticks and glue them to the construction paper. Also have them glue the slips of paper with the golden text that you have prepared to the bottom or top of their paper. Remind them that God takes care of His children.

EXPLAINING THE GOLDEN TEXT:

"I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of" (Genesis 28:15).

God is faithful, and He always keeps His promises. He has given us eternal life through His Son Jesus. One day Jesus will return and gather all Christians to Him in heaven. We can look forward to that day.

MUSTARD SEED LESSON ACTIVITIES:

Find and circle the words below in the puzzle.

**“Jacob Had a Dream”
(GENESIS 28:10—22)**

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**ANGELS
BETHEL
BLESSED
DREAMED
GATE**

**GIVE
HOUSE
JACOB
LADDER
LORD GOD**

**NIGHT
OIL
PEACE
PILLAR
SLEEP**

**STONES
TENTH**

**“Jacob Had a Dream”
(GENESIS 28:10—22)**

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

1. "Now Jacob went out from Beersheba and went toward Haran. So he came to a certain place and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. And he took one of the (**TREES, STONES**) of that place and put it at his (**HEAD, FEET**), and he lay down in that place to sleep." **GENESIS 28:10-11**

2. "Then he (**DREAMED, SNORED**), and behold, a (**LADDER, SLIDE**) was set upon the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it." **GENESIS 28:12**

TRUE OR FALSE:

3. "And behold, the LORD stood above it and said: 'I am the LORD God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants.' " **GENESIS 28:13 TRUE OR FALSE**

4. The LORD also said to Jacob, "Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you." **GENESIS 28:15 TRUE OR FALSE**

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

5. "Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the _____ is in this place, and I did not know it.' And he was afraid and said, 'How _____ is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!' " **GENESIS 28:16-17**

TRUE OR FALSE:

6. "Then Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put at his head, set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on top of it." **GENESIS 28:18 TRUE OR FALSE**

7. Jacob vowed, "This stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You." **GENESIS 28:22 TRUE OR FALSE**

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MEMORY VERSE:

"I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of" (Genesis 28:15).



In his dream, Jacob saw angels going up and down a stairway that stretched from earth to heaven.