

Roots
WBS Kids' Lesson #17
Genesis 28:10-22

Hook: Raise your hand if you've had a dream lately. We all have dreams, but many times we can't remember them by morning. When we wake up and start our day, we've forgotten all about the dream we had the night before!

Book: In today's section in Genesis we learn about a dream that Jacob had... and didn't forget. After he left Esau and his parents in Beersheba, he traveled toward his uncle's house in Harran. It was a long journey so when it was getting started dark, he set up camp. He must have been tired, maybe even sore from all his travels and sad that he had to leave home, but he laid down for the night, using a stone for a pillow. As Jacob slept, God encouraged him by visiting him in a dream. This is Jacob's dream: There was a stairway from the ground and leading up all the way to heaven. Angels were there going up and down the stairs! **"The Lord stood beside the stairway. He said, "I am the Lord. I am the God of your grandfather Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your children after you the land you are lying on...All nations on earth will be blessed because of you and your children after you'."**

Look: Remember: Abraham was Isaac's dad, Isaac was Jacob's and, we'll learn, that Jacob was Joseph's dad. After Joseph there will be many other children from Abraham's family and finally there will come one whose birth we still celebrate today—Jesus! That's why in Jacob's dream God told him **"all the nations on earth will be blessed because of you and your children after you."** Jesus came from Jacob's family line and He has blessed us all because He brought salvation. So, do you see? God's promise to Jacob came true.

Took: God is good to His people. Jacob needed encouragement and God provided it through a dream. And, when God makes a promise, He keeps it. Think about all the ways you know that God has been good to you and your family. Can you share with us one way God has been good to you? (He has even been good to you and your family in ways you don't see yet.) Now, let's pray and thank God for His faithfulness and blessings AND that He's a promise keeper.

Prayer: "Dear Lord, Thank You for keeping Your promise to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Thank You for blessing us with Your promise because it brought forth Jesus. In His name we pray, Amen."

Bible Verse: **"All nations on earth will be blessed because of you and your children after you." Genesis 28:14b NIRV**

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what we learned

God encouraged Jacob by visiting him in a dream: There was a stairway from the ground and leading up all the way to heaven. Angels were there going up and down the stairs! **“The Lord stood beside the stairway. He said, ‘I am the Lord. I am the God of your grandfather Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your children after you the land you are lying on...All nations on earth will be blessed because of you and your children after you’.”** We know that Jesus came from Jacob’s family line and He has blessed us all because He brought salvation. So, God’s promise to Jacob came true—even for us today!



memory verse

“All nations on earth will be blessed because of you and your children after you.” Genesis 28:14b NIRV



parent/child activity

Take out some paper and pens and help your child draw and fill in your family tree (as much as you can). Review Abraham’s family tree (Isaac, Jacob and soon we’ll learn about Joseph...). Then, talk about some of the ways you recognize that God has been good to your family and give your child time to come up with his own answers. Remind him that we can trust God to care for us and our family and thank Him for the gift that is ours through Jesus. Pray the prayer below.



daily prayer

“Dear Lord, Thank You for keeping Your promise to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Thank You for blessing us with Your promise because it brought forth Jesus. In His name we pray, Amen.”