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WBS Kids' Lesson #20
Genesis 34-36

Hook: There are several ways that we can give a message to others. We can use our voice and speak to them. We can write down words. We can express ourselves with our hands and even our body. My face can give you a message right now, telling you whether or not I'm sad or happy!

Book: Did you know that God sends us messages? He tells us important information through His Word, the Bible. His Holy Spirit speaks to our spirit, sometimes reminding us to do or not do something! In the book of Genesis in the Bible, we read: **"Then God said to Jacob, 'Go up to Bethel and live there. Build an altar there to honor me...'"** God gave Jacob a message to move his family to a place called Bethel. We don't know if God told him this in a dream or if Jacob heard His voice or if God simply put that message into his brain, but Jacob was wise enough to obey. After Jacob arrived at Bethel, God said: **"I am the Mighty God. Have children so that there will be many of you. You will become the father of a nation and a community of nations. Your later family will include kings. I am giving you the land I gave to Abraham and Isaac. I will also give it to your children after you."** Wow! What a special message!

Look: This wasn't the first time God told Jacob that He would bless him. God had a plan for Jacob in Bethel. He had a plan for his whole family and all the children who would be born into that family for years to come. Because of Jesus, when we belong to Him, we belong to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob's family and we share in God's promises to them. That's a message to get excited about!

Took: Are you careful to listen to and obey God's messages? When the Holy Spirit speaks to your heart and tells you, "Don't be selfish—share what you have with others," do you listen and obey? When He tells you in the Bible that He wants you to honor your mom and dad, do you do it? Do you let His message that He is always with you and will never leave you comfort you? God gave a message to Jacob and He gives messages to us, too! Think about God's messages to you today and "listen" to them!

Bible Verse: "Then God said to Jacob..." Genesis 35:1a

Prayer: "Father God, Thank You that You speak to us—through the Bible and through Your Holy Spirit. Help us to listen to Your messages and obey them, knowing that You love us. Amen."

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**what we
learned**

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**memory
verse**

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**parent/child
activity**

Tell your child to give you a message. He can whisper it into your ear, or write it on paper (in words or pictures) or say it loud and clear... there are lots of ways to tell someone something. Then, take out your child’s Bible and thumb through the pages. Ask him something like: “Did you know that God gives us messages through His Word? We won’t know what He’s saying to us unless we read it or listen when we’re being taught. Our verse says, “...God *said* to Jacob...” and He also ‘says’ things to us. He wants us to obey what He says and to love Him and His Word because He loves us!”



daily prayer

**“Father God, Thank You that You speak to us—
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