



Lesson
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JACOB'S LADDER

GENESIS 28:10-22

GOAL

- ▶ **Jacob had an extraordinary dream where he was given both a glimpse into heaven and a promise that would ultimately affect the entire world.** God promised Jacob that through him, a great nation would be formed, and from that nation the Savior of the world would come. Jesus was the Messiah who came to bridge the gap between heaven and earth, between God and man. To help the children understand that God always keeps His promises. *Every promise God made Jacob, He kept. Likewise, every promise God makes to us in His Word. He will also keep.*
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CHARACTERS

- ▶ **Jacob:** He was chosen by God to inherit the family position of authority and future promise, and to be a part of the bloodline of Jesus the Messiah. His troubled relationship with his twin brother, Esau, is made worse when Jacob tricks Esau out of his father's blessing. Esau plots to kill his brother, so Jacob is forced to flee for his life. *While on his journey, God gives Jacob a vision in which he shows him a ladder between heaven and earth. This vision confirms to Jacob that he is truly the inheritor of the promise and blessing—the very same blessing given to him earlier by his father Isaac.*
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MEMORY VERSE

- ▶ **Genesis 28:13:** "And behold, the Lord stood above it and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring."
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MEMORY VERSE

- ▶ **Genesis 28:13:** God's promises to Jacob came true; therefore, we can be confident that God will keep all of His promises to us. Everything He says is true.
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MEANING



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 1



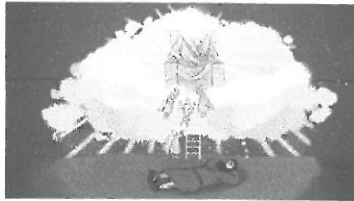
Q1a: What did Jacob trick Esau out of?

A1: Their father's blessing

Q1b: Have you ever pulled a prank on someone?

TN: Students may tell stories about funny things they've done. But what Jacob did to his brother and father wasn't over something little, and it was not funny. Jacob's trick had serious consequences; it changed the lives of Jacob and Esau.

SLIDE 2



Q2a: What did Jacob see in his dream?

A2: A ladder stretching from heaven to earth

Q2b: Have you ever had a weird dream?

TN: This question is an opportunity to point out that there is a difference between normal dreams and God-given dreams. Jacob's dream was a communication from God.

Extra Activity: Following God's way is the best path for us!

Make a balance beam with masking tape and see how good you are at staying on the balance beam path!

Can you: Walk forward slowly
 Walk forward quickly
 Walk backwards

Hop on one foot

Stand on 1 foot & touch the beam with 1 hand?

Make up some of your own!

SLIDE 3



QUESTION & ANSWER



Q3a: How great in number did God say Jacob's descendants would be?

A3: As great in number as the dust of the earth

Q3b: Have you ever jokingly offered to pay someone a million bucks if they'd do you a favor?

TN: Such offers are an exaggeration, but not so when God makes promises. This question is meant to get students thinking about how enormous the statement "as great in number as the dust of the earth" truly is. How much dust is there on the planet? Whether measured by particles, volume, or weight, the amount is staggering. To have God promise something that huge is amazing! And here's the kicker: While we cannot begin to comprehend how large a number of descendants Jacob was promised, God knows the exact number. Not only does he know the amount of dust of the earth, He knows the number of stars in the sky, grains of sand on the beach, individual strands of hair on our heads. He knows every tiny detail of creation. His promises are not empty exaggerations.

SLIDE 4



Q4a: Why was the land where Jacob slept no longer ordinary?

A4: Because God had been there, the land was now holy.



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 5



Q5a: What did Jacob use to set up a memorial to God?

A5: The stone he used as his pillow the night before

Q5b: Name some ways people remind themselves about things that occurred or important figures in history.

TN: There are lots of instances throughout the Bible in which create a memorial of some sort to commemorate something happening. Today, we do the same thing by naming parks after people, or setting up monuments, such as those found in Washington, D.C. Holidays are also ways we celebrate or remember, such as Christmas and Fourth of July.

SLIDE 6



Q6a: If God kept His promises, what did Jacob promise in return?

A6: He promised that the Lord would be his God.

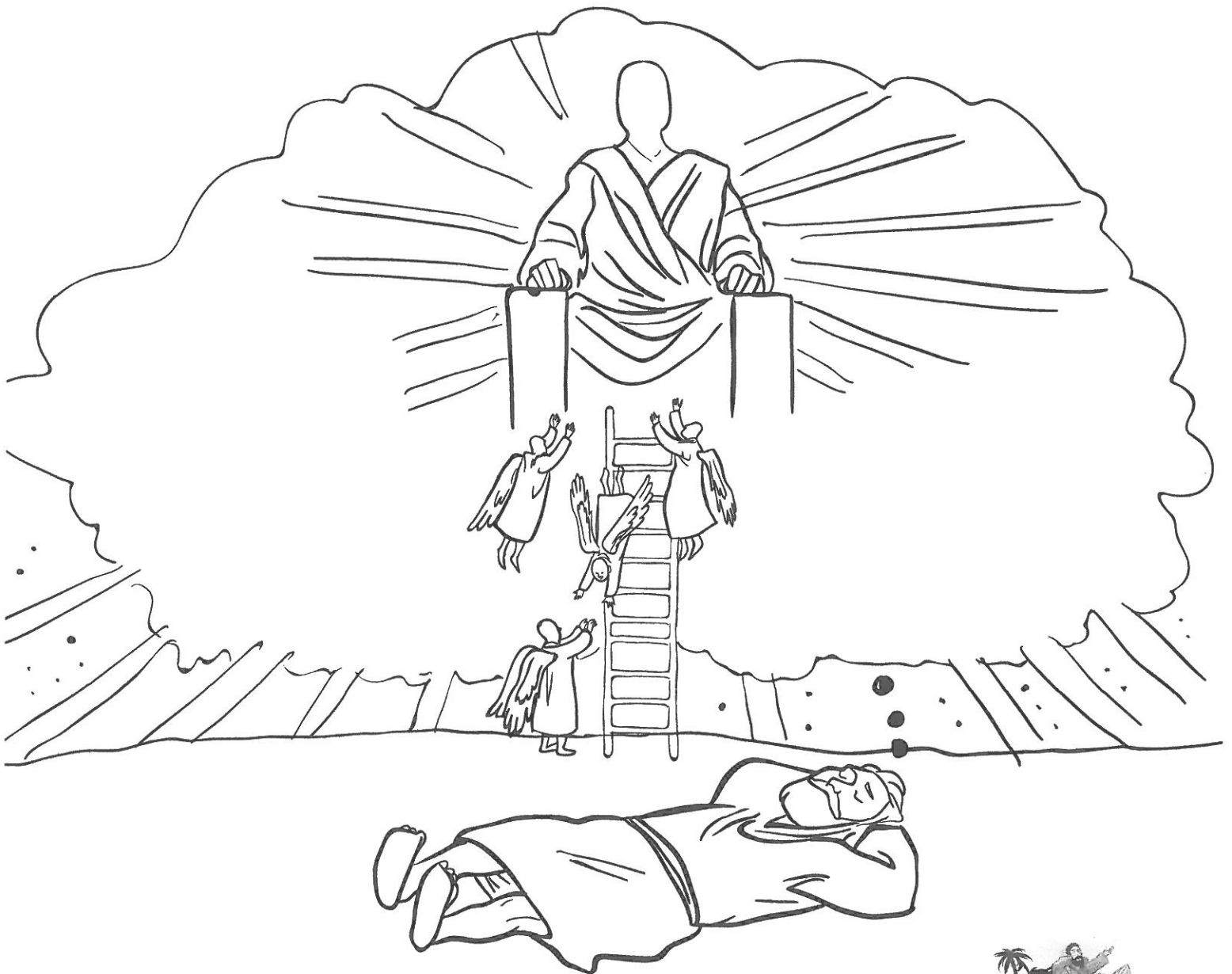
Q6b: Which of the promises God made to Jacob does God promise to us?

TN: God's promise to make Jacob's descendants a great nation that would bless the whole world is specific to Jacob, but the other promises are things God promises to us. God promises to be with us always, keep us safe, and give us everything we need. The last promise God made to Jacob, to return him to his father's house, may not seem like a promise that applies to us, but it does—and it's a promise God has already fulfilled. By sending Jesus to die for our sins, He has made it so that we can safely return to our Father in Heaven's house.

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2 Corinthians 1:20

For all the promises of God find their Yes in him.
That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.



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Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.

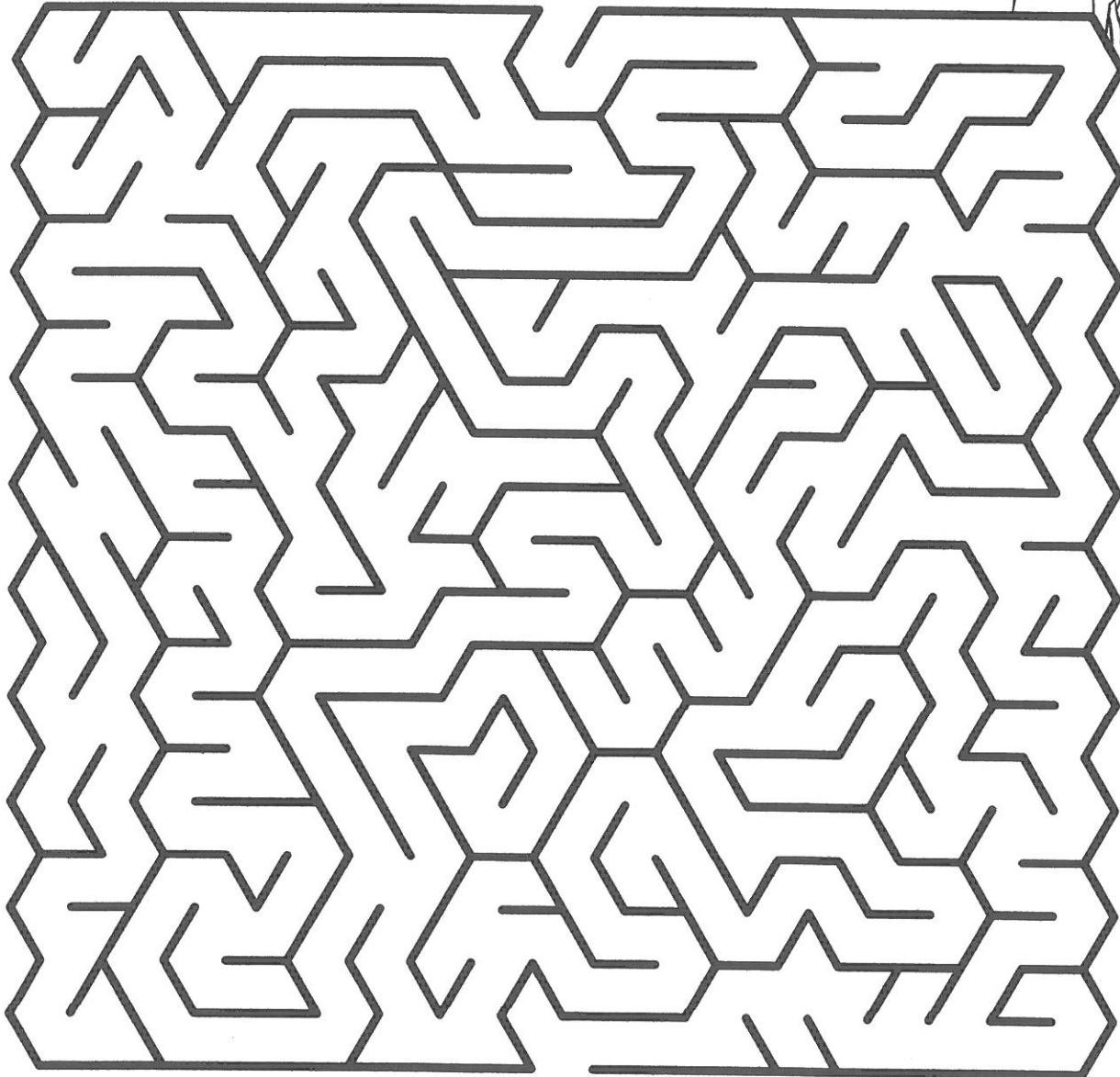


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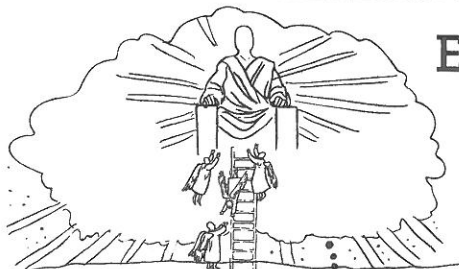
Help Jacob return to his father's house

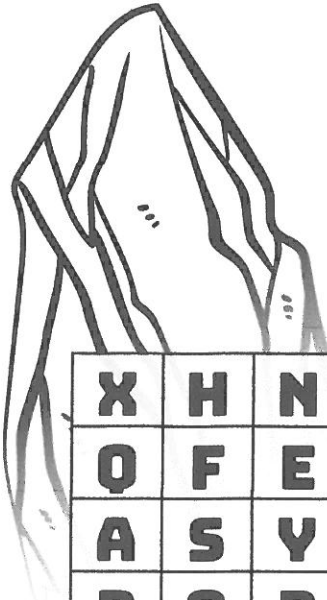


START



END





JACOB'S LADDER

Discover the hidden words.



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Q	F	E	E	U	A	L	O	R	A	J	L	P	T	R
A	S	Y	A	Z	R	I	S	U	D	W	A	F	P	E
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Word Bank

JACOB
LADDER
HEAVEN
PROMISE

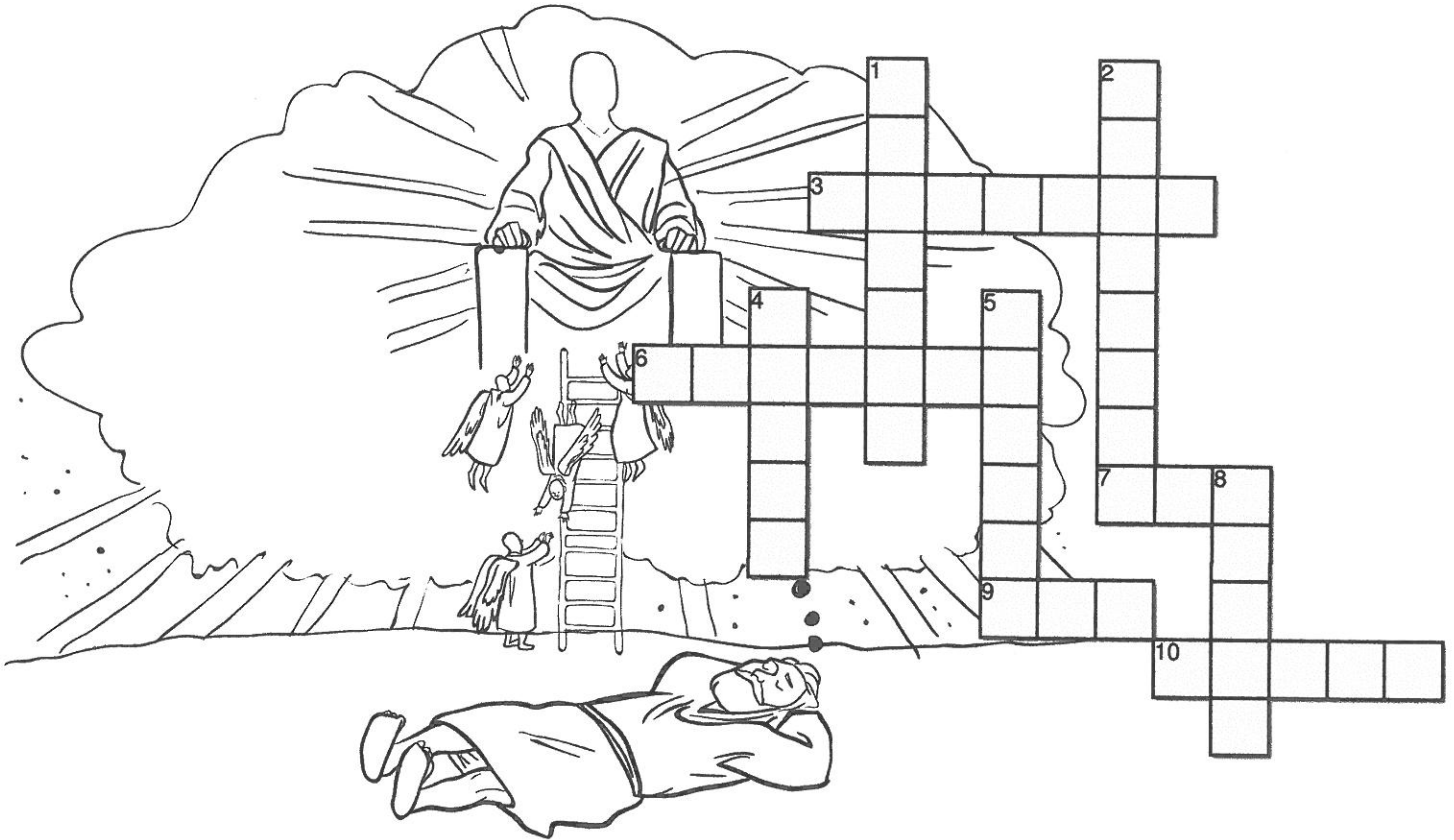
GOD
LUZ
WORSHIP
SLEEPING

WORLD
SALVATION
BETHEL
DREAM



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Genesis 28:10-22



Across

3. Jacob ran for his life from his twin _____ Esau.
6. God kept His _____ to Jacob.
7. ___ spoke directly to Jacob and promised that his descendants would become a great nation.
9. Jacob stopped to rest for the night in a quiet and lonely area called ____.
10. God also promised to take care of ____.

Down

1. Jacob set up a memorial in _____ and made a vow of gratitude to the one true God.
2. God promised Jacob that his descendants would someday own the land he was _____ on.
4. Jesus the Savior would come to bless the whole _____ with salvation.
5. Jacob renamed his land _____ meaning "House of God."
8. When Jacob woke up from his _____, he was awestruck by all that he had Witnessed

