



JACOB'S DREAM



Genesis 28

Jacob traveled for many miles. His Uncle Laban lived far away. One night, he lay on the ground, using a stone for his pillow. Jacob fell fast asleep.

Jacob dreamed of a stairway to heaven. Angels walked up and down. God said, "I am watching over you, Jacob. Someday, all of this land will belong to you and your family."

The next morning, when Jacob woke up, he said, "The LORD is in this place!" He took his stone pillow and set it up as a reminder of his dream. Jacob praised God. Then he continued on his way.



Who keeps His promises? God keeps His promises.



PRESCHOOL



WELCOME

Prepare tables with the opening activities. Greet kids by name as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families.

TABLE #1 - Coloring sheet,
TABLE #2 - Paint or sharpie color rocks,
Floor - cars, trains, tracks and roads



INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Invite children to yawn and stretch like they are preparing to go to sleep as you gather for group time. Tell preschoolers that Jacob used a rock for a pillow one night. **Today, we will hear about Jacob and his special dream.**



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Options: 1) Read the story from the Beginner's Bible story book, page 63; or 2) Play the story video on the TV

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SONG

Lead preschoolers in singing one or more songs found in the March 2025 file.



PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Have preschoolers lay down on the backs and point out the stars on the ceiling. Have preschoolers recite the key passage while pointing to the appropriate star with the words printed on them. **God made a promise to Abraham that his family would one day fill the earth with people - as many as there are stars in the sky. That's a lot of people!**

Psalm 100:5

The LORD is good, and His love lasts forever.



ACTIVITIES

PAINT ROCKS

- Display the rocks and sharpie markers on the prepared table surface. Allow interested preschoolers to choose a rock. Have them do a quick wipe with a paper towel. Place a painting apron or smock on the preschooler to protect clothing.
- Hand each preschooler a small paper plate with their name written on it and have them set the rock onto the plate. It will be an extra layer of protection to the table surface.
- Allow preschoolers to decorate their rock with the markers and then sit them on the plate to dry.
- Remind preschoolers about the story of Jacob. **In our Bible story today, Jacob used a rock for a pillow. Do you remember the dream Jacob had? [allow for responses] God promised Jacob He would give him the land he was sleeping on. Jacob praised and honored God by building a memorial so he would remember God's promise.**

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SPELL WITH ALPHABET TILES

- Place the prepared index cards and alphabet tiles on a table. Show interested preschoolers the cards and tiles. Have them select a word card. Read the card have them find the letter on the blocks to spell the word on the card. As children spell, make a statement about the word he is spelling such as: "God changed Abram's name to Abraham"; "The Lord is good and His love lasts forever"; "God promised Abraham his family would be as many as the stars in the sky;" and so forth. After spelling a word, invite preschoolers to use the blocks to build.
- **I am so glad that you are here today to learn about Jacob with me. What word did you spell? [Allow responses.] We have been learning about Abraham and his family. Abraham loved and obeyed God. God made promises to Abraham, and we have been learning that God keeps His promises.**



Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers.

Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.