



K - 2ND



CONNECT TIME

Greet kids by name and play table games as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families. Ask kids: **Do you have dreams when you sleep? Have you ever had a dream that was fun or exciting? What happened in your dream?**



STEP DOWN

Start by 9:20/10:45

Tell kids that they are going to climb down an imaginary stairway by answering some questions. Place a piece of painter's tape on the floor to represent the bottom of the stairway. Explain if kids answer the question correctly, they may "step down" the stairway by taking a step forward. If they answer the questions incorrectly they remain in place. Consider mixing up questions to include Bible story reviews and general questions all kids might know. For example, "Who created the whole world?" "What color is made when you mix blue and yellow?" "What did God command Noah to build?" "How many legs does a spider have?" etc. The winner is the first kid to reach the bottom of the stairway.

Today, we will see how God used a stairway in Jacob's dream to remind Jacob He was with him and He would keep the promises He made to Abraham.

START BY
9:30/10:55

REVIEW **3** BE, LISTEN, FOLLOW



LARGE GROUP

SMALL GROUP



BIBLE STORY REVIEW

Open a Bible to Genesis 28 to show kids where the story is in the Bible.

Did God leave Jacob when he made mistakes and had to leave home? No, God never left Jacob. God stayed with him and cared for him wherever he went.

What promise did God give Jacob? God promised to be with Jacob, to bring him back to the land He had promised and to bless the world through his family.

Can we trust God to always be with us too? Yes! God always keeps His promises. He never lies and is the same yesterday, today, and forever!



DISCUSSION

Can we mess up God's plans? No, we can't! Even when we make mistakes or disobey, God's plans still happen. God is in control of everything. He doesn't like it when we sin, but He can still use it for good. Jacob made wrong choices and had to leave his home, but God stayed with him and had a plan to bring him back.

God changed Jacob's name. How does God change us? When we believe in Jesus, God makes us new on the inside! He helps us want to love and obey Him. We start wanting to be more like Jesus. When we do something wrong, we feel sorry and want to do what is right.

Jacob went back home to Canaan, just like God promised. Do you know the home God promises to everyone who trusts in Jesus? God promises that we will have a home with Him forever! He will make a new heaven and earth where there is no more sin, sadness, sickness, or anything broken. God always keeps His promises, so we can be happy and excited knowing we will have our forever home with Him.



DOMINO REACTION

Form kids into groups of three or four and provide each group with a set of dominoes or small building blocks. Encourage groups to line up their dominoes one in front of another, being careful to not let any of them fall. Then tell kids to create a chain reaction by knocking the first domino into the one next to it. Challenge groups to build additional chain reactions and consider creating different designs like a spiral or a semi-circle.

What happened when you knocked the first domino into the one next to it? [Allow responses.] **The whole line of dominoes fell down. This reminds me of God's plans. When God sets a plan in motion nothing can stop it. It will continue until it is complete. God is in control of everything in heaven and on earth. Nothing is outside of God's good plan.**



Big Picture Question: *Does God keep His promises? Yes, God always keeps His promises because He is faithful.*



As time allows, pass out crayons and pencils for kids to work on the activity sheet.



Take prayer requests and allow kids to pray.



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.