



JACOB'S DREAM

BIBLE PASSAGE (GENESIS 27-28)

Summary: God made the same promise to Abraham's son, Isaac, that He made to Abraham. Isaac and Rebekah had twin sons, Esau and Jacob. Isaac intended to bless Esau, but Jacob deceived him and received the blessing instead. Esau was angry, so Jacob fled. On his journey, Jacob dreamed of a ladder reaching heaven and heard God reaffirm the covenant. Despite Jacob's deceit, God revealed His plan and faithfulness through His promises.

Today's Brite Idea is: God never changes.



MONTHLY Memory Verse

*Jesus Christ is the
same yesterday and
today and forever.*

(HEBREWS 13:8)



BIG QUESTION

Does God ever change? No!



God doesn't
change.



He keeps His
promises to us.



He keeps His
promises to me.

LEADER TRAINING: SAFETY OF OUR SAVIOR

Preschoolers learn about God long before they can describe Him. They learn through how they're treated, the tone of the room and the way adults make them feel. By creating safe spaces, we're giving kids a small but powerful picture of our safe Savior.

- **Safety Shows Love.** A clear hallway or a clean space might seem like small details, but they speak volumes. Each element of care tells kids, "You matter to us, just like you matter to Jesus."
- **Predictability Builds Trust.** Consistent check-in, familiar routines, visual schedules and known faces help kids feel secure. When things feel safe, hearts can open up to being truly disciplined.
- **Boundaries Create Freedom.** Don't think of boundaries as barriers. They're so much more! Instead, think of barriers as invitations for preschoolers to explore safely. Just as God's commandments protect and bless us, rules and structure help kids flourish.

NAVIGATING A BROKEN WORLD: LONELINESS

Loneliness is pervasive in our culture. One survey reveals 28 percent of Gen Z reported that they frequently feel lonely.* Our kids are growing up in a very lonely culture. Many have siblings who grew up isolated from others during the COVID-19 pandemic. In today's lesson, Jacob is very much alone after having to flee his family. You can help your group be a place where kids do not feel lonely. Be intentional in connecting kids together. Watch for kids who tend to isolate and work to build relationships with them. Utilize the "Belong" activities to get to know kids and pay attention to things they share about themselves. Help kids feel known. Most importantly, emphasize that God is always near to them, loving them, helping them and dwelling with them.

PRESCHOOL GLOSSARY:

Blessing: a special gift from God

Covenant: a special promise

Ladder: two long sidepieces with steps in between to be used to climb up and down

*For more resources on this topic, check out: britecurriculum.com/resources

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BELONG

Small Group (15 MINUTES)

GOAL: For kids to experience God's love through a welcoming community

MY DREAM IS...

SUPPLIES: Ball

OR

RED LIGHT, GREEN LIGHT

SUPPLIES: Red, yellow and green colored paper, scissors (prep), painter's tape

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BIBLE TEACHING

Large Group (20 MINUTES)

JACOB'S DREAM

(GENESIS 27-28)

SUPPLIES: Bible, teaching slides, teaching pictures (printed/shown from teaching slides), video player, music player, heart stickers (3 per kid)

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BELIEVE

Small Group (10 MINUTES)

GOAL: For kids to discover who God is by engaging with the Bible

MEMORY VERSE HOPSCOTCH

SUPPLIES: 5 index cards, marker, painter's tape

OR

THUMBS-UP, THUMBS-DOWN

SUPPLIES: None

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BECOME

Small Group (15 MINUTES)

GOAL: For kids to learn to follow Jesus by applying faith to their lives

JACOB'S LADDER

SUPPLIES: Take-Home page, coloring supplies, printable page, craft sticks (4 per kid), glue sticks

OR

ROLL THE DIE

SUPPLIES: Take-Home page, coloring supplies, die



MY DREAM IS...

SUPPLIES:

Ball

PREP:

None

ACTIVITY INTRO:

Welcome, everyone! My name is _____. Can each of you tell us your name? *Welcome each kid by name and welcome any new kids to the group.*

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. *Gather kids to sit in a circle.*
2. **Say:** We will roll the ball to each other and share a fun dream!
3. **Say:** A dream could be two things. Can you hold up two fingers? First, it could be something you imagine or hope for—like “I dream I’ll be a firefighter one day,” or “I dream I’ll be super strong!” Second, it could be pictures or stories you see when you’re sleeping.
4. **Say:** We will name things that you dream or hope for. I’ll go first! I dream I’ll fly in a rocket!
5. *Roll the ball gently to the first kid.*
6. **Say:** Your turn! When you get the ball, tell us something you dream about.
7. *Continue until each kid has had a turn. Encourage them along the way.*
8. **Ask:** What dream was your favorite to hear?



ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:

I loved hearing all about your dreams. In our Bible story today, Jacob had a very special dream when he was sleeping. God spoke to him during the dream. Let’s find out what God said to Jacob!



RED LIGHT, GREEN LIGHT

SUPPLIES:

Red, yellow and green colored paper, scissors (prep), painter's tape

PREP:

Cut out one red circle, one yellow circle and one green circle from colored paper. Designate a starting line and finish line in your space using painter's tape.

ADAPTATION FOR DIFFERENT LEARNERS: Allow kids with physical limitations to hold the stoplights for the group.

ACTIVITY INTRO:

Welcome, everyone! My name is _____. Can each of you tell us your name? *Welcome each kid by name and welcome any new kids to the group.*

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Say:** Let's play a fun game called, "Red Light, Green Light"!
2. **Say:** When I hold up the green circle, we walk. When I hold up the yellow circle, we will walk in slow motion. When I hold up the red circle, we stop and freeze! Let's try it together!
3. *Hold up the green circle and say, "Green light—go!" Walk with the kids.*
4. *Hold up the yellow circle and say, "Yellow light—slow motion!" Walk slowly with the kids.*
5. *Hold up the red circle and say, "Red light—stop!" Freeze in place.*
6. *Repeat several rounds.*
7. **Ask:** Do you like walking slowly or fast?



ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:

That was so much fun! Today we will learn about a man named Jacob. He ran away from home. Do you think he ran super fast? God showed Jacob that He does not change and He always keeps His promises. The lights that hang above streets may change from green to yellow to red, but God never changes!

INTRO:

Play the Countdown Video and guide kids to sit together for large group teaching time.

WELCOME:

Say: Welcome! I am so glad you are here today, and I'm excited to learn about a true story from the Bible with you.

RECAP FROM *Last Week*

Say: Last week we learned about the great promises God made to Abram. He left his family and land and traveled with his nephew, Lot.

Show teaching image: Abram.

Say: Today we will learn a true story from the Bible about Abram's grandson, Jacob.

Say: Let's take a look at this month's Big Question. Can you help me do a drumroll? Ready? One, two, three... drumroll!

? BIG QUESTION

Show Big Question Teaching Image.

Say: Does God ever change? We will find out more in today's Bible story!



PLAY FIND IT IN THE *Bible Song*

Play the "Find It in the Bible" song.

Hold up a Bible.

Say: Who can tell me the name of this book? Allow kids to respond.

SUPPLIES:

Bible, teaching slides, teaching pictures (printed/shown from teaching slides), video player, music player, heart stickers (3 per kid)

PREP:

None

LEADER TIP:

Select the leader who will help pass out the heart stickers ahead of time.

Say: Yes! This book is called the Bible. The Bible is the most important book of all. The Bible is full of true stories about how God takes care of His people and loves them. Today we will hear a story from the Old Testament in the book of Genesis. The Old Testament is filled with lots of stories about God's creation, His people and the things that happened before Jesus came to Earth.

JACOB'S DREAM

(GENESIS 27–28)

Say: God made a very special promise, or **covenant**, with Abraham. God promised Abraham that he would have a really big family and a great land. His really big family would be a great **blessing** to the whole world. I'm going to put a heart sticker on everyone's shirt. This reminds us of how God loved Abraham and made a special promise. *Have another leader help you quickly pass out stickers.*

Say: Abraham had a son named Isaac. God made the same promise to Isaac. Isaac would have a big family and a great land, and one day the whole world would be **blessed** by his family. Let's get another heart sticker since God made the same promise to Isaac! *Have another leader help you quickly pass out stickers.*

Show teaching illustration: Isaac with His Twins

Say: Isaac had twin boys named Jacob and Esau. Isaac grew very old and wanted to give his special **blessing** to Esau before he died. But Jacob was sneaky. He pretended to be his brother! Everyone say, "Oh no!"

Say: Jacob's plan worked. Isaac gave Jacob the **blessing**. Esau was very mad. Can you make a very mad face? *Demonstrate for the kids.* Jacob was afraid and ran far away from home. Everyone say, "Oh no!" again!

Say: Jacob was far from home and stopped to camp for the night. He was all alone. He had made a wrong choice and now he was far from his family. He laid down to sleep. He used a stone for a pillow! Everyone say, "Ouch!"

Show teaching illustration: Jacob's Dream

Say: Jacob had a dream. He saw a **ladder** that reached to the sky. Reach your hands up as far as you can. Angels were going up and down, up and down, up and down the **ladder**.

Say: Then God spoke: "I am God, the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac. I'm giving you the land you're sleeping on. You will have a very big family. Your family will **bless** the whole world. I am with you wherever you go."

Say: That was the exact same promise God had made to Abraham and Isaac! We get another heart sticker! *Have another leader help you quickly pass out stickers.* Jacob had made bad choices. He tried to do things his own way instead of God's way. But God didn't change. God still loved Jacob and God still kept His promises!

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POINT TO JESUS

Say: Many years later, God would keep His greatest promise of all. Someone very special would come through the family of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—our Rescuer, Jesus.

Say: Let's close in prayer as we wrap up our Bible story time together. Reach your hands up really high.

Reach hands up high.

Say: Now clap them together like this.

Clap hands together.

Say: Let's pray.

Pray: Dear God, thank You for never changing! Help us to always trust in You. Amen.



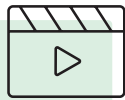
BIG QUESTION

Say: Now it's time to answer our Big Question. Can you all help me do a drumroll?
One, two, three ... drumroll!

Show the Big Question Teaching Image.

Say: Does God ever change? No!

Say: That's right! The Bible teaches us that God will never change and will always be there.



VERSE VIDEO

*Play Memory Verse
Motion Video after the
verse is read.*

MEMORY VERSE MOTIONS:

Help kids recite and retain the memory verse by teaching it with motions. Before you teach the verse, be sure to explain what it means.

- Jesus Christ (*point to the palms of your hands*)
- is the same (*clap your hands*)
- yesterday (*point backward*)
- and today (*point down*)
- and forever. (*point out*)
- Hebrews 13:8 (*open hands like a book*)



MONTHLY *Memory Verse*

*Jesus Christ is the
same yesterday and
today and forever.
(HEBREWS 13:8)*



REVIEW:

Say: It's been so great being with you today, friends! Before we end our teaching time, let's review what we have learned. Let's all point up really high and say, "God doesn't change."

Have the kids point up and say, "God doesn't change."

Say: Now let's reach our hands out to the side and say, "He keeps His promises to us."

Have kids reach out and say, "He keeps His promises to us."

Say: Now let's point to ourselves and say, "He keeps His promises to me."

Have kids point to themselves and say, "He keeps His promises to me."



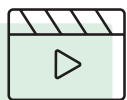
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* Consider showing the Bible Review Video as kids eat snack, are waiting for pick-up, or another time that fits your church's schedule.



MEMORY VERSE HOPSCOTCH

SUPPLIES:

5 index cards, marker, painter's tape

PREP:

Write out 2-3 words from the memory verse on index cards. Use painter's tape to create a simple hopscotch path on the floor (about 5-6 squares). Tape the memory verse index cards in the squares of the hopscotch path.

ADAPTATION FOR DIFFERENT LEARNERS:

Make a tabletop version of the path for kids who have limited mobility. They can use their hands to "hop."

ACTIVITY INTRO:

The Bible teaches us true stories about God. Today we learned God never changes. God made a promise to Jacob—the same promise He made to Abraham and Isaac! Even when Jacob tried to do things his own way, God did not change. He kept His promise.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Say:** Today we will hop and jump as we practice our memory verse together!
2. *Show kids the hopscotch path.*
3. **Say:** We will hop down the path while we say our memory verse. Our verse teaches us that God never changes! Let's say it all together first.
4. **Say:** *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.* (Hebrews 13:8)
5. **Say:** I'll go first! *Hop on each square, saying one part of the verse as you go:* Jesus (hop) Christ (hop) is (hop) the same (hop) yesterday (hop) and today (hop) and forever! Hebrews 13:8.
6. *Invite each kid to take a turn hopping through the path while you help them repeat the verse.*
7. **Ask:** Who stays the same forever?



ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:

Great job hopping and saying our verse! Jesus never changes—He was, He is and He always will be the same!



THUMBS-UP, THUMBS-DOWN

SUPPLIES:

None

PREP:

None

ADAPTATION FOR DIFFERENT LEARNERS:

Review the meaning of “true” and “not true” with the kids. Give a few simple examples for those who might need to build their knowledge.

ACTIVITY INTRO:

The Bible teaches us true stories about God. Today we learned that Jacob made some wrong choices and didn’t follow God’s way. But God still loved Jacob and had a good plan for him. God never changed. He kept His promises!

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Say:** Let’s play a game to see what you remember from our story! If what I say is true, give me a thumbs-up. If it’s not true, give me a thumbs-down.
2. *Practice thumbs-up and thumbs-down with the kids.*
3. **Bible story review:**
 - God made a promise to bless Abraham and his family. *(thumbs-up)*
 - God did not make a promise to Issac. *(thumbs-down)*
 - Jacob tricked his father into giving him the blessing. *(thumbs-up)*
 - Jacob stayed at his home. *(thumbs-down)*
 - Jacob slept on a rock for a pillow. *(thumbs-up)*
 - God forgot about Jacob. *(thumbs-down)*
 - Jacob had a dream, and God spoke to him. *(thumbs-up)*
 - God kept His promise to Jacob. *(thumbs-up)*
 - God always keeps His promises. *(thumbs-up)*
 - God will change. *(thumbs-down)*
 - God never changes! *(thumbs-up)*
4. **Ask:** What was your favorite part of today’s story?



ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:

Today’s Bible story teaches us that God never changes. He will always keep His promises. God is the same each day and will always be faithful to do what He says He will do.



JACOB'S LADDER

SUPPLIES:

Take-Home page, coloring supplies, printable page, craft sticks (4 per kid), glue sticks

PREP:

Print the Take-Home page (1 per kid). Print the printable page (1 per kid) on cardstock.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Say:** Today we will make a ladder craft to remember Jacob's special dream.
2. *Give each kid a printable page and coloring supplies.*
3. *Lead kids to color in their pictures.*
4. *Pass out four craft sticks to each kid.*
5. **Say:** Jacob dreamed about a ladder that reached up to heaven. Let's use our sticks to make the ladder on our pages!
6. *Help kids glue the craft sticks onto their papers, forming ladder steps.*
7. **Say:** Whenever you go to sleep and think of Jacob sleeping and dreaming, you can remember that God never changes. God will always keep His promises!
8. *Write each kid's name on their paper and set aside for parent pickup.*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What did Jacob dream about?
- What was going up and down the ladder?
- Who made a promise to Jacob?
- Does God always keep His promises?



PRAY TOGETHER:

Dear God, thank You for always keeping Your promises. Thank You for always being the same and being with us everywhere we go. In Jesus' name, amen.

ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:

Give each kid a Take-Home page. With remaining time, kids can play in centers or color the Take-Home page.



ROLL THE DIE

SUPPLIES:

Take-Home page, coloring supplies, die

PREP:

Print the Take-Home page (1 per kid).

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Say:** Let's play a game! We'll roll the die and do an action that reminds us of a promise God makes us!
2. *Let each kid take a turn rolling the die. After they roll, lead the whole group in the matching action as you read the spoken statement to the group.*
3. **Actions guide:**
 - **1:** God is always with us (*jump up and down*).
 - **2:** God loves us (*give yourself a big hug*).
 - **3:** God helps us (*give someone a high five*).
 - **4:** God comforts us when we are sad (*smile at a friend*).
 - **5:** God takes care of us (*point up to the sky*).
 - **6:** God does what He says He will do (*thumbs-up*).
4. **Say:** God never changes. God had a plan for Jacob. Even when Jacob made wrong choices, God still loved him. God never changes and always keeps His promises!

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CENTERS:

Set up 3-4 centers around the room for kids to explore and learn as they play. While kids explore the centers, leaders can work with individuals or small groups to make the craft. Set up each center in a separate part of the room, making sure all kids are visible at all times. Show the whole group what is in each center and give simple instructions of what kids should do in each center.

- **Sensory Bin:** Fill the bin with cotton balls and stars. Have kids search through the bin to find all the stars. Share how Jacob had a dream in the Bible story.
- **Building Blocks:** Set out building blocks and have kids try to make a bed out of the blocks.
- **Modeling Dough:** Set out modeling dough and butcher paper. Have kids create a pillow or rocks out of the modeling dough on top of the butcher paper.

BONUS SCRIPT:

Preschoolers learn best through repetition. Use the script below to review the story at any opportunity. You could review the story while kids play in centers, while they work on their craft, during snack time, or while waiting for parents.

Say: Jacob made a wrong choice and ran far away. One night, he slept on a rock for a pillow. In a dream, Jacob saw a big ladder reaching up to the sky with angels going up and down it. God told Jacob, "I love you and will keep My promises." God promised to always be with him. God will always be faithful and keep His promises.



BIG QUESTION

Does God ever change? No!