



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!



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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 (10 MINUTES)

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

**GOD NEVER
CHANGES**

SUPPLIES: Ball

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BIBLE TEACHING

Large Group (15 MINUTES)

**JACOB'S DREAM
(GENESIS 27-28)**

SUPPLIES: Bible, Bible story cards

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BELIEVE

Small Group (10 MINUTES)

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

**MEMORY
VERSE BUILD**

SUPPLIES: Blocks, music player, Memory Verse Song

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BECOME

Small Group (10 MINUTES)

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

**PROMISE
LIGHT**

SUPPLIES: Take-Home page, coloring supplies, clear plastic cup (1 per kid), yellow tissue paper, scissors (prep), glue, battery-powered tealight candle (1 per kid), marker



GOD NEVER CHANGES

SUPPLIES:

Ball

PREP:

None

ACTIVITY INTRO:

Welcome everyone! My name is _____. *Greet each kid by name as you welcome any new kids to the group.*

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. *Gather kids to sit in a circle.*
2. **Say:** Today we will learn about how God never changes. He always keeps His promises! We will roll this ball around our circle slowly. Then we'll do it faster and faster!
3. *Help kids roll the ball back and forth to each other slowly and then continue to pick up speed.*
4. *Make sure everyone has a chance to participate.*
5. **Ask:** Did you like it when the ball went slow or fast?

**ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:**

Many things in life change, like how fast the ball rolled in our game. But God never changes! Let's learn more about how God never changes in today's Bible story.

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Use the Bible story cards to teach the Bible story or read the script to the kids.

Say: God made a very special promise to Abraham. Abraham would have a really big family and a great land. Can you reach your arms out really wide? Abraham's really big family would be a great **blessing** to the whole world. Later, God made the same promise to Abraham's son, Isaac. Isaac had twin boys named Jacob and Esau. Can you hold up two fingers?

Say: When Isaac was old, he wanted to give a special **blessing** to Esau. But Jacob was very sneaky. He pretended to be his brother! Isaac gave Jacob the **blessing** meant for his brother. Esau was very mad. Can you make a mad face?

Say: Jacob was afraid and ran far away from home. He lay down outside to sleep, with a stone for his pillow. He had a dream. In his dream, he saw a **ladder** that reached to the sky. Reach your hands up super high! Angels were going up and down, up and down, up and down the **ladder**.

Say: Then God spoke, "I am God. 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." That was the same promise God had made to Abraham and Isaac!

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POINT TO JESUS

Say: God still loved Jacob and kept His promises! 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.

WRAP-UP:**BIG QUESTION**

Say: Now it's time to answer our Big Question. Can you all help me do a drumroll?
1, 2, 3... drumroll!

Show the Big Question Teaching Image.

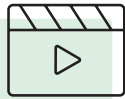
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**VERSE VIDEO**

*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**

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MEMORY VERSE BUILD

SUPPLIES:

Blocks, music player, Memory Verse Song

PREP:

None

LEADER TIP:

Encourage kids to work together to build the ladder. If you have a large group of kids, divide them into smaller groups to work with.

ACTIVITY INTRO:

The Bible teaches us true stories about God. Today we learned that God doesn't change. He keeps His promises and is faithful to do what He says. God promised to bless Abraham's family, and He did! Jesus the Rescuer came through the family of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Say:** Our memory verse teaches us that God will never change! We can always count on God. Our verse says, *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.* (Hebrews 13:8)
2. **Say:** While our Memory Verse Song plays, we will use our blocks to build a tower that was tall like the ladder from today's Bible story. Let's work together to see how high we can make it!
3. *Gather kids together and pass out a pile of blocks.*
4. *Play the Memory Verse Song for kids to listen and sing along to as they build.*
5. *Replay the song as many times as needed.*
6. **Ask:** Who will never change?

**ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:**

God will never change! He is the same each day. We can trust God to keep His promises and be with us always.



PROMISE LIGHT

SUPPLIES:

Take-Home page, coloring supplies, clear plastic cup (1 per kid), yellow tissue paper, scissors (prep), glue, battery-powered tealight candle (1 per kid), marker

PREP:

Print the Take-Home page (1 per kid). Cut the tissue paper into squares—2 inches by 2 inches (1 handful per kid).

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Say:** We learned God keeps His promises and never changes! God spoke to Jacob at night while Jacob was sleeping. Let's make a night-light to remind us of how God will always keep His promises.
2. *Pass out a plastic cup and a handful of tissue paper to each kid.*
3. *Help place glue on each kid's cup. Show them how to press the tissue paper onto the glue.*
4. *Put a battery-operated candle tealight into each kid's cup. Turn one on to show them how it lights up.*
5. **Say:** Whenever you use this light, you can remember that God keeps His promises to you!
6. *Once kids are done gluing the paper, use the marker to write their names on the cup and set aside for parent pickup.*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What did Jacob see when he was dreaming?
- Does God always keep His promises?
- What did God promise Jacob?
- Who will never change?



PRAY TOGETHER:

Dear God, You are a promise keeper! Thank You for always keeping Your promises. Help us to trust You each day. 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.

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 on what kids should do in each center.

- **Sensory Bin:** Fill a bin with cotton balls, putty and craft sticks. Encourage kids to make a ladder and act out the Bible story.
- **Coloring Station:** Provide paper, coloring supplies and star stickers. Lead kids to draw a picture from the Bible story of Jacob's dream. Then have them decorate their picture with the star stickers.
- **Musical Parade:** Provide musical instruments for kids to play as they walk around and celebrate that God always keeps His promises.

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.



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