

Jacob's Dream

Genesis 25:19-34, 27, 28

Isaac had two sons, twins Esau and Jacob. Jacob was a bit of a schemer, but one day after he'd cheated Esau and lied to Isaac, he fell asleep and had a strange dream. He dreamed he saw a ladder going from earth to heaven, with angels going up and down it. God spoke to him and told him that he would always be with him and that the promise that he had given to Jacob's grandfather Abraham God would fulfil through Jacob. He realised that even though he'd done wrong God still wanted to use him in his plan. He still had a lot to learn and he still got it wrong but he made the right decision to follow God. As well as the chapters above, Jacob's story continues in Genesis chapters 29-33 and 35 and you can read it in your Bible but listen to this story and a summary of what happened next here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T0ijtxKoh30>



1. Our sixth decoration for the Jesse Tree

Make a ladder and hang it on the Jesse Tree.

You can use:

matchsticks, lolly sticks, straws, twigs, pipe cleaners, old pencils, beads, pastry, strawberry laces, etc. Be imaginative!

Fasten the rungs onto the uprights using, glue, blue-tack, string, those little wire twisty things, thread, staples, nails, whatever is best, etc

2. Cryptogram

Below is a cryptogram. At the top is the key. Work out the code and fill in the blanks to reveal some of the Bible verses from the story

3. Bethel means "House of God"

Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. He called that place Bethel. Genesis 28:18-19

What kind of a pillow was that?! However, his **pillow** became a **pillar** – to remind him that that place was where he had met God.

Can you think of any particular times in your life when you have been especially aware of God's presence?

Find one or more smooth pebbles roughly the size of your palm, wash and dry them, and decorate them to remind you of God's presence. Paint (acrylic or oil) is probably best for this, but you can use permanent markers or wax crayons. (They don't have to be green!)



BIBLE CRYPTOGRAM

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