



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua
Unit 7, Lesson 37

Life of Jacob: The Promise

Lesson Aim: To see God keeps His promise to be with us
and watch over us wherever we go.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is the best dream you have ever had?

GAME: Family Olympics

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO KEEPS HIS PROMISES

Read Worship Scripture: Psalm 135:3-4.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform High Seas Adventures script or read storybook.

THE WORD GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISE TO JACOB

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God had a plan for Jacob and Esau.

Point to Jacob and Esau (Circa 1900 B.C.). **Today, we will find out what happened after Jacob ran away. One night, Jacob stopped to rest for the night in the town of Bethel.** Point to Bethel. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Genesis 28:11-19; 33:4, 8-10; 35:3. Pray. Read.

Listen for the four promises God made to Jacob in his dream. Read Genesis 28:11-19. **Afterward, Jacob went to Haran to work for his Uncle Laban. He married Leah and Rachel and had many children. Twenty years later, he headed back to live in the land God had given to his family. He sent a message to Esau because he was sorry for what he had done. The messenger returned saying Esau was coming to meet him with four hundred men! Jacob was very afraid Esau was still angry, so he sent him gifts. Let's read what happened next.** Read Genesis 33:3-4, 8-10.

God sent Jacob to Bethel to make an altar to remind him God kept His promise to be with Jacob wherever he went. Jacob brought his family along. Read Genesis 35:3.

THE WAY GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES

How would you describe Jacob's dream? (Angels going up and down the ladder to heaven. God spoke from the top.) **What were the four parts of the promise God made?** (To give Jacob the land, to give him many descendants which are future grandchildren, to bless all people through him, and to be watching over him wherever he went.) **If you were Jacob, which of these would be most important to you?**

Twenty years later, Jacob sent gifts because he was afraid Esau would still be angry. What did Esau do when he saw Jacob? (He ran to hug and kiss him.) **What did Jacob say about seeing Esau's face?** (It was like seeing the face of God.) **Esau didn't want the gifts from Jacob because he had plenty, but Jacob wanted Esau to take the gifts as a sign he was no longer angry. Did Esau finally agree to take the gifts?** (Yes.) **Esau no longer wanted to hurt Jacob; all was forgiven.**

When God sent Jacob to make an altar in Bethel, did he obey? (Yes.) **He built the altar in the same place where he had the dream. In that dream, God said He would be with Jacob wherever he went. Had God kept that promise for the past twenty years?** (Yes.)

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Nearly 1900 years later, Jesus made a promise. Reveal John 14:16-17. Read. **Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit as the Counselor who would live in the hearts of believers. The Holy Spirit is with everyone who believes in Jesus. Jacob remembered times when he knew God was with him. Do you remember times when you felt God was especially near to you?** If time allows, spend time focusing on the Unit 7 Bible Memory Verse. **What are God's promises in this verse?**

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Small stone
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: The ladder to heaven from Jacob's dream
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Promise Pudding

GAME: Jacob's Family Find

CRAFT: Promise Balloons

DISCUSSION: Jacob's Tithe

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Scrambled Promise, Understanding the Promise

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW