

## LESSON 7

### JACOB'S DREAM

Genesis 27:43-44; 28:10-22

Isaac and Rebekah had a son named Jacob. Jacob went on a long journey to his uncle's house. It took him many days, and each night he slept by the roadside. One night he lay down on the ground, and rested his head on a stone for a pillow. He fell asleep.

While Jacob was sleeping, he had a wonderful dream. He dreamt that he saw a ladder stretching up through the clouds to heaven. Angels were going up and down the ladder. God spoke to Jacob and told him that He would watch over him and care for him on his journey if Jacob would love and serve Him.

In the morning Jacob woke up, and took the stone he had used for a pillow and marked the place where he had slept. This was a very special place because he knew God was watching over him wherever he went.

### ACTIVITY

Trace over the dotted lines. Paint the whole page in a grey wash. Paste matchsticks or toothpicks onto the ladder. Use cotton wool for clouds. Cut a piece of sandpaper and paste onto the stone. Colour Jacob. Stick on stars in the sky and make a moon. Draw angels on the ladder.

### FURTHER SUGGESTIONS

Children draw their own picture of the story using wax crayons. Cover the picture with a black paint wash to indicate night.

Use playdough to make Jacob. Lie him on a small stone.

Make a mobile depicting the night. Hang stars and the moon, decorated in a variety of ways, from a large cardboard cloud shape painted black.

Depict Jacob's dream. Use a meat tray or paper plate base. Make a stone from playdough. Draw, cut out and paste on Jacob asleep. Use a piece of material to cover him. Cut a long thin strip of cardboard and fanfold to form a staircase. Attach at one end to base. Cut out cardboard angels and paste onto staircase. Add small pieces of bush.

God spoke to Jacob in a dream.

