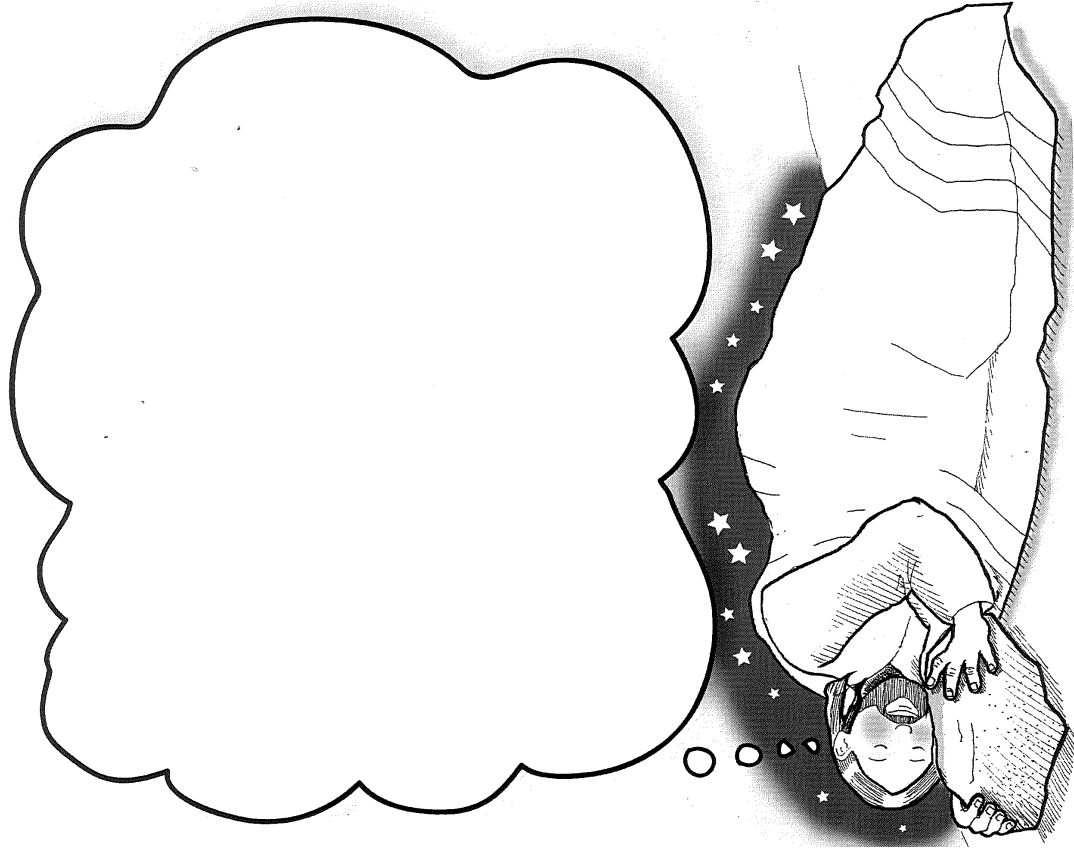


CREATE ART

Jacob received God's blessing in a wonderful dream. Draw Jacob's dream. As you do, think about your own dreams and how they make you feel.



STORY TIME

Jacob's Dream

Based on Genesis 28:10–19a

Jacob had been walking by himself all day. He was tired and hungry and lonely.

So Jacob stopped. He drank some water. He ate some food. Now it was time to sleep. There were no beds to sleep on. So Jacob put a large stone under his head and lay down on the soft grass to sleep.

During the night Jacob had a good dream. In his dream, Jacob saw a ladder. It went up, up, up into the sky, so high he couldn't see the top of the ladder. In his dream, Jacob saw angels climbing up and down the ladder. "What kind of ladder is this?" thought Jacob.

Then in his dream, Jacob heard a voice. "I am with you, Jacob," said the voice.

What was that voice!? Jacob wondered.

And then the voice said, "Jacob, I promise that you will live in this land and be a blessing to many people. This promise is for you and your children and your children's children. I have a wonderful plan for the whole world. And your family is part of it. Bless you, Jacob. You are not alone. I shall be with you always."

Jacob listened and listened. But the voice did not speak anymore. Jacob looked around. The ladder was gone. Jacob was awake now.

"Maybe it was just a dream," thought Jacob. But deep down and all around, Jacob knew. Jacob just knew that God had spoken to him. "This is a holy place," said Jacob.

Jacob still had to walk a long way. But he no longer felt alone. Jacob knew God was with him.



ACTIVITY

2 Jacob had an amazing dream about God. When he woke up he wanted to make sure he remembered everything about this dream – what he saw, how he felt, and where it happened.

How do you try to remember moments that are special to you? On the ladder below, there are some moments that some children like to remember. Some are blank. With the help of a grownup, add drawings or words about other special moments you like to remember. With markers, decorate the chart.

