



BIG IDEA

God is with us wherever we go.

GOD STORY

Jacob and the Stairway to Heaven (Genesis 28:1–22)

KEY VERSES

Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding. In all your ways remember him. Then he will make your paths smooth and straight. (Proverbs 3:5–6, NIRV)

1 | Conversation Starter

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. To lead into Jacob's story, chat about:
 - Has your family ever gone camping? If so, what did you take with you? Have you ever forgotten something important?
 - Have you ever had a really strange dream?
 - Have you ever dreamed something that came true later?
- b. Introduce this week's Big Idea: **God is with us wherever we go.**

2 | Watch

SUPPLIES

- Media player

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Watch this week's video from the Now Playing Kids playlist on the One Story YouTube channel.

3 | Discuss & Pray

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Review the video teaching together:
 - What happened in today's God Story?
 - What was the Life Story about?
 - How does Willem's story relate to Jacob's story? How was God with them both?
- b. Pray that each member of your family would know that God is with them wherever they go.

4 | Activity

SUPPLIES

- True sign
- False sign
- Elastic bands

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Place the signs on the floor about one to two metres (3–6 feet) apart.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Stand close to the two signs.
- Give each person an elastic band.
- Explain that you're going to read a series of true-or-false statements. After each one, everyone should vote by shooting their elastic bands onto the true sign or the false sign. (For multiple players) If the statement is false, the first person who gets their elastic onto that sign gets the chance to say the true answer.
- Read aloud the statements listed below, pausing to vote and get the correct answer when needed:
 - You can hide from God. (False; God is with us wherever we go)
 - Today's story was about Moses. (False; it was about Jacob)
 - Jacob slept with a rock as his pillow. (True)
 - In Jacob's dream, angels went up and down an elevator. (False; it was a stairway)
 - God spoke to Jacob in his dream. (True)
 - God promised Jacob that he was going to be a doctor. (False; God promised to be with Jacob wherever he went)
 - We never have to worry about being alone. (True; **God is with us wherever we go**)
 - God wants you to leave him alone sometimes. (False; God wants to be with us all the time)
- To wrap up, thank God for being with us wherever we go!

5 | Key Verses

SUPPLIES

- Key Verses activity page
- Craft supplies (e.g., ribbons, small craft sticks, heart stickers)
- Glue
- Colouring supplies (e.g., markers, crayons, etc.)
- Sample photo

INSTRUCTIONS

- Give each person an activity page.
- Set out the other craft supplies where everyone can share them.
- Encourage the kids to decorate their page. Show them the sample photo to give them ideas if needed.
- Read aloud the Key Verses printed on the page, then repeat them together.
- Discuss what these verses mean for us.
- Hang up each completed craft and use it to learn Proverbs 3:5–6.

