



(8) Treaty with Abimelech, Jacob Gets Blessing, Flees to Laban, Vision of Ladder

Genesis 26-28
Kindergarten & 1st Grade

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4th & 5th Grade

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PRAYER: (5 minutes)

Help kids learn the value in talking to God. Ask for prayer requests. Write on the white board "Praise" – "Petition" – "Thanksgiving" – "Confession."

- Have kids give suggestions for **Praise** (ex: God is holy, amazing, awesome, our rock).
- Have kids give **Petitions** (needs/please help)
- Have kids give **Thanksgiving** (what are they thankful for)
- Remind them that in a public prayer, we typically pray that God forgives us, but we don't get specific in our **confessions**.
- Lead kids in prayer.

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE: (5 minutes)

Game: Bible Basketball. First person draws a book from the cup and reads to the class. They decided if it's in the Old or New Testament and race to find. Whoever finds it first gets a chance to make a basket in the appropriate basket for an extra point. Then, they chose the book. Continue (make sure to let each person have a turn making a basket). (You may use mini basketball net with balls for indoors-see Amazon or simply use two cups labeling Old and New along with a paper ball.)

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6. **Read Genesis 27:5-6, 10:** Jacob's mom loved him most so when she heard this, she came up with a plan! She sent Jacob to get a couple of goats while she prepared a meal.
7. **Read Genesis 27:11-12:** What was Jacob worried about? Esau was hairy and if his father caught on, he was afraid his father would curse him. So, Jacob followed his mother's instructions and got the goats. She covered his hands and neck with the hair and sent him with the food she'd prepared.
8. **Read Genesis 27:18-22:** Isaac noticed something was off, his voice, but the hair convinced him. Later, Isaac smelled him and it even smelled like Esau because Jacob was wearing his clothes. Then, Isaac blessed Jacob who he thought was Esau. He gave him the earth's bounty and authority over his brother. He also promised that those who blessed Jacob would be blessed, and those who cursed him would receive a curse just like God's promise to Abraham in [Genesis 12:3](#). When Isaac finished blessing him, Jacob left his father. Then, Esau came in ready to serve his father and receive his blessing.
9. **Read Genesis 27:33-34:** His dad was so angry that what happened? He shook all over. Could Isaac take the blessing back and give it to Esau. Apparently not. He said Jacob had "tricked" him and taken the blessing. And then we see Esau so upset he begs his father to bless him too.
10. How angry do you think Esau was? Let's see. **Read Genesis 27:4:** Rebekah heard this so she sent Jacob to her brother's house and gave Isaac a story so he blessed Jacob in this endeavor. On the way, he got tired so he stopped for the night and used a stone for a pillow.
11. **Read Genesis 28:12-13:** In this dream, this vision, God promises something to Jacob. He promised land to his children, promised that he'd have many, many family members, they'd be blessed and God would watch over Jacob. This was some dream! Jacob woke up and thought, "This is a holy place! This is the gate of heaven." So the next morning, Jacob took the stone and set it up as a *sacred* stone. Jacob made a promise to God. He promised that if God watched over him and returned him safely home that the Lord would be *his* God. And he promised he'd give God a 10th of everything God gave him.

