



Ages 4-5-K

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Series: God is There in Tough Times
Fall Year 2, Lesson 23

Jacob's Dream

Take Home Point: *EVEN IN TOUGH TIMES
...*God never leaves me alone.*

*Repeat this phrase throughout the lesson. The leader will say the first part of the phrase (*CAPS*). The children respond with the second part of the phrase (*italics*).

Bible Event: Genesis 28: 10-22

We will help children know:

- The Bible Event of God coming to Jacob in a dream.
- God was with Jacob on his journey Just like he is with us when we have troubles.
- Jesus promised to never leave us.

We will help the children feel:

- Confident that God is with them always.
- Comforted by the knowledge that God never leaves them alone.
- Thankful that Jesus promised to be with them always.

We will help the children do:

- Interact with puppet presentation to introduce the Bible Event.
- Participate in the Bible event.
- Craft: Jacob's Rock.
- Snack: Heavenly Stairs.
- Game: Staircase to Heaven Relay.
- Teach Albie the Take Home Point: EVEN IN TOUGH TIMES...*God never leaves me alone.*
- Sing and Pray.

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THIS LESSON'S ROADMAP

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<p>Large Group Wrap-up</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>11</p>	<p>Singing (Optional)</p> <p>Lesson Review with Puppet Skit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● your choice of music ● Albie puppet ● Example of craft ● Example of snack

Pre-Session Singing (10 minutes)

Purpose: *When all children are in one group singing, it is easy for children arriving later to join the group and immediately get involved.*

Large Group Opening (15 minutes)



Purpose: *The puppet demonstrates today's lesson. The children are introduced to the take home point and experience the Bible event.*

Puppet Presentation

Supplies: Judy puppet holding a blanket; Presenter holds a Bible

Presenter: **Boys and girls, let's call Judy.** *(Children call "Judy".)*

Judy: (says softly) Hi everyone.

Presenter: **Judy, what's the matter?**

Judy: I'm still scared.

Presenter: **Scared from what?**

Judy: I had a bad dream last night.

Presenter: **I'm sorry, Judy. It might help to tell us about it.**

Judy: I dreamed that I went to school. When I walked in, I was the only one in the whole school. I was all alone.

Presenter: **I'm sure that was scary.**

Judy: There's more. I was so scared, I ran home. No one was there! I was all alone again.

Presenter: **Oh, Judy.**

Judy: Then in my dream, I ran here to church. The door was locked and no one was here. I was so scared. I was sooooo alone. I started crying. (Judy clings to her blanket.)

Presenter: **Judy, I have good news for you.**

Judy: What good news?

Presenter: You are never alone.

Judy: What do you mean?

Presenter: In our Bible event today, Jacob has a dream. His dream is not scary.

Judy: What did he dream about?

Presenter: God came to him in his dream and told Jacob that he will be with him always.

Judy: Why is that good news to me?

Presenter: In the Bible, Jesus promises “I will never leave you” and “I am with you always.” When we are scared we can go to God to comfort us and help us not to be afraid.

Judy: I will remember that the next time I have a bad dream.

Presenter: Judy, you can remember that every minute of every day.

Judy: That really is good news.

Presenter: Would you like to learn more about this Bible event?

Judy: Yes I would.

Presenter: First, let’s practice the take home point. I’ll say the first part and you say the second part.

Judy: OK

Presenter: *EVEN IN TOUGH TIMES...now you say, “God never leaves me alone.”

Judy: God never leaves me alone.

Presenter: Do you think you can teach the boys and girls?

Judy: Sure.

Presenter: Okay everybody, *EVEN IN TOUGH TIMES...

Judy: (and everyone): God never leaves me alone.

Presenter: One more time. *EVEN IN TOUGH TIMES...

Judy: (and everyone): God never leaves me alone.

Presenter: Wonderful. Say “goodbye” Judy.

Judy: Bye everyone!

Bible Event: Visit from a Dramatized Character

Supplies: man dressed like Jacob; ladder standing up covered with sheet to look like steps; duffel bag; Bible; large bag stuffed with paper and tied or taped shut; microphone backstage with male person to speak; optional: spot light

Set up:

A ladder covered with a sheet to look like a staircase and a rock made from a bag are on stage. The rock should be front and center, the ladder towards the back.

Let's put on our thinking caps and pretend that today's visitor is the Bible character Jacob. The presenter opens his Bible. and explains that, **While the person is pretending to be Jacob, the Bible event really did happen. It tells about it right here in the Bible.** The presenter leaves the stage and someone dressed as Jacob and carrying a travel bag and walking stick comes on stage. Jacob begins:

Boys and girls, my name is Jacob. Some of you may remember me from last week. I did some bad things. I lied to my father and tricked him; and I stole my brother Esau's blessing. Now Esau is very angry at me and I must run away. When I learned that Esau wants to kill me, boy, was I scared.

Something happened last night, though, that changed my heart. Puts down walking stick and bag and lays up against rock.

I traveled all day and the sun went down. It was late and I was tired. I found a rock to lay my head on and I settled down for a good night's sleep.

I was still nervous and I was scared. It took me a while to fall asleep. Finally I fell into a deep sleep.

If possible, dim lights, but leave enough light for the children to not be frightened.

As I slept, I had a dream. *Optional:* Point a spotlight at the staircase. I dreamed that I saw a stairway on the ground. It went all the way up to heaven. Angels were going up the stairway and coming down the stairway. At the top of the stairway stood God. God spoke to me and said:

Voice backstage speaks God's words into microphone:

I am the Lord. I am the God of your grandfather Abraham and your father, Isaac. I will give you and your children the land on which you are sleeping. You will have children, many grandchildren, great-

grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. There will be so many people, they will be over the whole earth. All the peoples in the world will be blessed because of you and your family. I am with you. I will bring you back to this land and never leave you alone.

Jacob sits up and stretches. **When I woke up, I thought, “God is in this place and I didn’t know it.” I was afraid and I thought, “This place is awesome! This is the house of God! This is the gate of heaven!”**

Lights go back up. **When I woke up, I took the stone I was sleeping on and turned it up to be a monument, a place to remember what had happened. Turn stone. I named the place Bethel, because Bethel means house of God and I poured oil on it. Pretend to pour oil over the stone. I promised God that if he would be with me, he would be my God and I would give him an offering.**

Can you believe that? I was a sinner. I did bad things. Yet God came to me and said that he is with me always. You want to know something? God is also with you always! Remember that!

Jacob leaves stage and the large group presenter comes back on. He says:

Jacob is right. God is with us always, even in tough times. When we are scared, sick, lonely or hurt, God is right there with us. We are not alone. Jesus promised, “I will never leave you,” and “I am with you always.” What wonderful promises!

Boys and girls, let’s practice the take home point together. I will say the first part and you repeat the last part. *EVEN IN TOUGH TIMES...*God never leaves me alone.*

Let’s fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me.

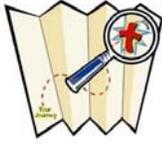
**Dear God,
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You never leave me.
Thank you, thank you, thank you.
In Jesus’ name.
Amen.**

Song:

Let’s sing our song of the week. (To the tune of *Farmer in the Dell*)
Capitalized letters indicate emphasis on that syllable when the rhyme is sung.

**GOD NEV-er lea-ves ME.
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HE IS al-WAYS WI-TH ME.
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Small Group Application (30 minutes)



Purpose: Children will break into small groups. Smaller groups enable children to develop closer relationships with adults and peers in the church. In your small groups you will reinforce the take home point with a fun hands-on activity and discuss the Bible event. Review questions help kids apply the take home point to their daily lives.

Activity 1: Craft “Jacob's Rock”

Supplies: Cardstock copies of Appendix A, one per child; gray or brown construction paper; glue sticks; crayons or markers.

Boys and girls, today we are going to name times God is with you. (For example, when you sleep, when you play, when you go to school, at the park, always, etc.) **Each time you name a time God is with you, tear off a small piece of paper and glue it to the rock. Tear off a piece of paper about the size of a quarter.** (About a 1” circle.) **When your rock is full, you may color your picture.**

Review the Bible Event.

Why was Jacob scared? (*He had to leave home. Esau wanted to kill him.*)

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Activity 2: Snack “Heavenly Stairs”

Supplies: napkins, cups, water or juice; straight pretzels or 3” carrot sticks

*****CAUTION: Be aware of food allergies children may have, before you give them anything to eat.**

Before we eat our snack, let’s fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me.

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In Jesus’ name.
Amen.

Boys and girls, today we are going to make a heavenly staircase like the one Jacob saw in his dream.

Put your stair steps on your napkin using four pretzels (or carrot sticks). Now put the sides on your staircase. You may eat your heavenly stairs.

Review the Bible event.

How was Jacob comforted? (*God came to him in a dream and told him he was with him.*)

Let’s practice the take home point. ****EVEN IN TOUGH TIMES...God never leaves me alone.**

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Activity 3: Game “Staircase to Heaven Relay”

Supplies: masking tape

Before class, make a four foot wide ladder on the ground using masking tape. It should have eight rungs.

Boys and girls, today we are going to play a game called, “Staircase to Heaven Relay”.

We will divide into two teams. Both teams will line up at the same end, but on opposite sides of the ladder.

When I say “go!”, the first child in each line must hop up the ladder and back.

Now the second child from each team will hop up the ladder.

We will keep going until all the children have hopped up the ladder and back.

The first team that finishes wins.

As time permits, play again, hopping on one foot or hopping backwards.

Review the Bible event.

What things scare you? (*Answers will vary but may include bad dreams, loud noises, scary movies and big animals, etc.*)

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Prayer Time:

Why can we be comforted when we are scared or have other problems?
(*God is always with us. Jesus promised to never leave us and that he is with us always.*)

Ask children for prayer requests and pray as a group for child's request.

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Large Group Wrap-Up (10 minutes)



Purpose: *The crazy bird puppet, Albie, struggles with learning the take home point. We try to teach him the take home point, but each time he confuses words or concepts. After three attempts, he finally gets it right.*

Singing: (Optional, two or three songs, as time allows)

Supplies: Albie the puppet, sample of today's craft and snack.

Lesson Review with Puppet Skit

Presenter shows Albie an example of each of the Activities done in small group. Then the kids attempt to teach Albie the take home point.

Presenter: We want to welcome all our guests today and thank them for coming. (If you give guests a gift for coming, do it now.)

Presenter: Albie, look at the craft the children made today. It is Jacob's Rock. The children are going to teach you our take home point. Listen carefully.

Presenter: (says to kids):

Kids say:

Presenter: (says to Albie):

Albie says:

***EVEN IN TOUGH TIMES...**

...God never leaves me alone.

***EVEN IN TOUGH TIMES...**

I don't want to lick a hippo!



Presenter:

Albie, look at the snack we ate. It looks like Heavenly Stairs. Now listen carefully to the take home point.

Presenter: (says to kids):

Kids say:

Presenter: (says to Albie):

Albie says:

***EVEN IN TOUGH TIMES...**

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I won't put pretzels up my nose!

Presenter:

Albie, today we played a game called Staircase to Heaven Relay. Now, please listen closely to the take home point.

Presenter: (says to kids):

Kids say:

Presenter: (says to Albie):

Albie says:

***EVEN IN TOUGH TIMES...**

...God never leaves me alone.

***EVEN IN TOUGH TIMES...**

I like to kiss my mommy!

Presenter says:

“Albie, listen one last time.

***EVEN IN TOUGH TIMES...**

Kids response:

...God never leaves me alone.

Presenter: (says to Albie): ***EVEN IN TOUGH TIMES...**

Albie's response: (Warms up his singing voice with "Mee, mee, mee, mee..." and sings in a silly dramatic opera-like voice)
***EVEN IN TOUGH TIMES...God never leaves me alone.**

Presenter says to Albie: Good job, Albie!

Albie can leave stage or join in the prayer and song.

Let's fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me.

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Goodbye boys and girls. Remember that God loves you and he never leaves you alone.

Even in Tough Times...God Never Leaves Me Alone.

