

## Jacob's Ladder Children's Talk (sorry the video talk was not available this week)

**Theme:** Jacob's dream about a ladder

**Object:** A paper Jacob's Ladder chain (see below); Paper cut into 1X20 strips (2 per child); Clear Tape

**Scripture:** Genesis 28:16

For each child and yourself, you'll need to complete the first step of the "Jacob's Ladder (Paper Chain)."

- Lay the strips perpendicular to each other and overlap at one end.
- Tape these ends together.

Raise your hand if you dream at night when you sleep. Who remembers a dream they have had recently? *(Briefly share about a dream you've had.)* Today's Bible lesson includes a really crazy dream, so pay close attention so you don't miss it.

I have something really amazing to show you. This is a wonderful little toy called a Jacob's Ladder. It's a toy that has been around for many, many years. Watch and see what it does. *(Demonstrate the finished Jacob's Ladder.)* I told you it was amazing! Now this looks really complicated and I must confess that I don't understand exactly how it works, but you're going to make one of these today as you learn about the Bible lesson. *(Give each child the overlapped strips of paper that have the first two ends taped together.)*

This Jacob's Ladder got its name from a man in the Bible named Jacob, who had a dream about a ladder that reached up to heaven. Jacob had started on a long journey to a town called Haran for two reasons, to find a wife and to escape his angry brother Esau. *(Demonstrate how to fold over the paper and have children do the same.)* When Jacob reached a certain place, he stopped to spend the night. *(Demonstrate how to fold over the paper and have children do the same.)* Jacob took a large stone and rested his head on it and went to sleep. Does that sound like a comfortable pillow to you? Not me! *(Demonstrate how to fold over the paper and have children do the same.)*

As he slept, Jacob had a dream. *(Demonstrate how to fold over the paper and have children do the same.)* In Jacob's dream, there was a ladder that reached from the ground all the way up to heaven. *(Demonstrate how to fold over the paper and have children do the same.)* There were angels running up and down the ladder. *(Demonstrate how to fold over the paper and have children do the same.)* Jacob looked and saw God himself standing at the top of the ladder. *(Demonstrate how to fold over the paper and have children do the same.)* God spoke to Jacob and told him

that He was going to bless him and his people and that He would watch over him and keep him wherever he went. (Demonstrate how to fold over the paper and have children do the same.)

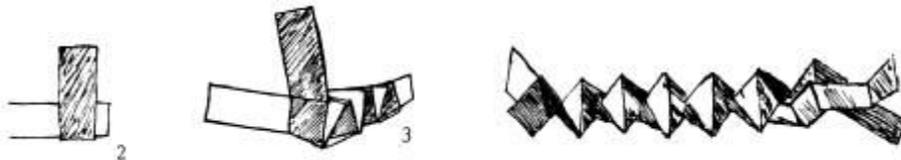
When Jacob woke up he said, "Surely the Lord is in this place." (*Demonstrate how to fold over the paper and have children do the same.*) Then Jacob took the stone he had used for a pillow and poured oil on it. He named the place Bethel, which means the house of the Lord. (*Demonstrate how to fold over the paper and have children finish folding all the way.*)

*(Give children a piece of tape for taping the top of their Jacob's Ladder. Then have them pull the ends of the ladder to expand it.)*

This is a wonderful story of how God blessed Jacob, but it is much more than that. It is also a picture of what Jesus has done for you and me. Jesus came down to earth to make a way for you and me to get to heaven. Jesus is like that ladder to heaven. Jesus is the way, the only way, for us to get to heaven.

**Dear God, thank You for providing a way for us to get to heaven. If there are some here today who have not found the way, we pray that they will find Your way today. In Jesus' name, amen.**

### Jacob's Ladder Paper Chain



1. Cut two strips of paper 1" wide and about 20" long. You can make the strips 2" x 36" and you can use two different colours for a better effect.
2. Lay the strips perpendicular to each other and overlap at one end and then glue or staple these ends together.
3. Taking the strip at rear, fold it over the front strip. Then take the second strip and fold it forward over the first. Continue folding until the entire length is folded according to the illustration. To finish the chain, glue the ends.
4. Pull the ends to open the ladder.

### Link to the Five Finger Prayer

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# Stairway to Heaven

## Group Activities

Sermon Title: ["Stairway to Heaven"](#)

Scripture Reading: Genesis 28:10-19

### SING A SONG:

**Song: " Climbing Jacob's Ladder"**

( wiggle toes on right foot) **Climbing the ladder up one rung x3 One is just for fun.**

(wiggle toes on both feet) **Climbing the ladder up 2 rungs x3 Two is fun with you.**

( lifting right foot wiggling toes) **Climbing the ladder up three rungs x3 Three is you and me.**

(lifting both feet alternately) **Climbing the ladder up 4 rungs x3 Four is better with more.**

(reaching up with right hand and both feet) Climbing the ladder with 5 rungs x3 with 5 I feel alive

(reaching with both hands and both feet) **Climbing the ladder up 6 rungs x3 I am in a real fix!**

( both hands, feet and nodding head) **Climbing the ladder up 7 rungs x3 I'm on my way to heaven. Hooray!**

### STAIR CLIMBING:

If there are stairs available for children to climb, bring the children to those stairs and let them begin the "climb" at the bottom of the stairs, finding taped pieces of paper on each stair (that the teacher has placed there) as they climb, that will later be brought back to the classroom to place on a stairway picture on a poster board. The word slips of paper that the children will find on the stair climbing could be words from our Bible verse or the "prayer" at the end of the lesson today, or other key phrases for children's learning the

lesson today.

### **PILLOW TOSSING:**

Children will join hands in a circle and then sit down. A child can be placed in the middle of the circle with a pillow and will toss the pillow to classmates in the circle, trying to surprise someone with the pillow toss. If the child does not catch the pillow, then that child will change places with the child in the middle and will then become the tosser. Tell children that they should be very happy their pillow is not a rock and that they will learn about how a pillow is part of our lesson today.

### **STONE PAINTING:**

Let children find a stone of their choice and provide paints for the child to paint their stone with special words or ideas from today's lesson.

### **PILLOW PUFFS:**

Each child could be given 2 pieces of felt that has holes punched around the edges, so children could use markers to write their names and special words from today's lesson. Use colorful yarn to "sew" around the edges of the felt. Leave one side open to stuff with fiberfill stuffing and then continue to "sew" the felt pillow closed.

### **CHAIN LADDER:**

Give children small strips of paper that they can loop together to make a chain "ladder". Each team could be given a certain short amount of time and see how LONG their "ladder" can be in that allotted time.

### **STAIR WALL:**

Suggestion #1 A large poster board can be hung on a classroom wall and children will line up and ONE line of a stair way will be drawn with a colorful marker by each child, so one line will be sideways (horizontal) and the next child will attach a line up and down (vertically),

Or suggestion #2. Use a stairwell wall and mimic the direction of each stair, Give each child a strip of construction paper ten inches long and two pieces

of stick tac or painters tape so one line will be sideways (horizontal) and the next child will attach a line up and down (vertically),

The next children will attach a horizontal line, the next in line will attach a vertical line with a colorful marker, and continue as a staircase will be drawn or attached. Title the colorful staircase with special words from today's lesson about climbing Jacob's ladder and GOD providing all that we need.

Angels, sleep, dreams, ladder, heaven, Bethel, Jacob, stone pillow, blessing,

### **COLORS AND LADDERS:**

Provide children with a piece of paper and several various bright colors of crayons. ( esp yellow, pink, light green, orange) Children will makes colorful areas of crayons and then color over all the top of the colors with a black crayon. Give children a toothpick or pencil to DRAW Jacob, the stone pillow and the ladder and all the colors will show through to make a picture of today's Bible story.

### **PLAY ACTING:**

Let children pretend they are Jacob and will get a pillow and lay down and then as the story is told by their teacher and then jump up and pretend to CLIMB as well. Sing their song about today's lesson.

[Continue on for more activities.](#)

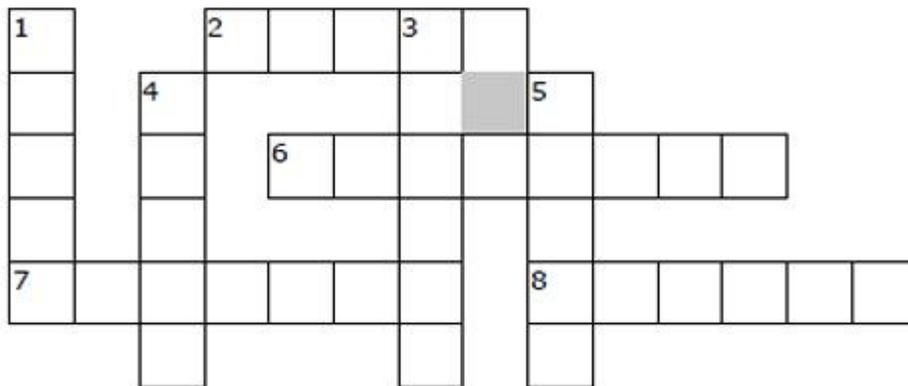
# Jacob's Dream Coloring Page



# Stairway to Heaven

"I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying." Genesis 28:13b (NIV)

Puzzle is based on Genesis 28:1-19



## ACROSS

2. The time of darkness from sundown to sunrise
6. A series of steps going up and down
7. To tell someone that you will definitely do something
8. Spiritual beings that serve as messengers of God

## DOWN

1. To rest your mind and body by closing your eyes
3. The place where God is
4. The son of Isaac and brother of Esau
5. Images that appear in your mind while you are asleep

HEAVEN	JACOB	SLEEP	DREAM
STAIRWAY	NIGHT	ANGELS	PROMISE



Jacob had a dream. In his dream, the LORD said, "I will give to you and your family the land on which you are now sleeping."

Can you find your way through the "maze of clouds" to Jacob's stairway to heaven?

"The Lord said... I will watch over you wherever  
you go, and I will bring you back to I!"  
Genesis 28:15

