



Building Faith Brick by Brick: Jacob's Dream

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Week of July 19, 2020

These activities are designed to be used with LEGO bricks. However, if you don't have LEGOs at home, that's okay! Grab blocks, or boxes, or play dough, or anything else you can use to build a scene. Or, you can draw or color your response to the story on a sheet of paper.

Show us your creations by emailing photos to Victoria Hoppes at victoria@rlcindy.org. We might just share them with others!

PRAY: God, we find you in the world around us. Open our eyes to see you in all different ways. Amen.

READ: Genesis 28:10-19a (For younger children, you may want to read or tell the story using the story script below.)

RESPOND AND BUILD: I wonder what Jacob's dream looked like? Build a scene that shows what you think it looked like!

BUILDING QUESTIONS:

As you build, ask some of these questions to "wonder" together about the story. Pick and choose a few to guide your discussion!

- I wonder what it feels like to hear God's voice?
- I wonder if you've ever had a strange dream?
- I wonder how you felt when you woke up?
- I wonder how Jacob felt when he woke up?
- I wonder why Jacob was afraid when he realized what he dreamed?
- I wonder what angels look like? Sound like?
- I wonder why Jacob used a rock as a pillow?
- I wonder why Jacob built an altar?
- I wonder if you have ever been in a place that you thought was awesome?
- I wonder if you have ever noticed God in a special place?
- I wonder what it means to call a place House of God?

SHARE: Share your creations with each other. What did you build? You can also email photos of your creations to victoria@rlcindy.org and we will share them with the congregation!

PRAY: Dear God, thank you for holy places! Help us notice you and your love in the world around us. Amen.

Story Script

Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob set up camp for the night as the sun was setting. He found a stone and used it for a pillow. He dreamed that there was a ladder so tall that it reached up to heaven. Angels of God were using the ladder to go up to heaven and back. Then God stood right next to him and said, "Hi Jacob, I'm God, the God of Abraham and Isaac. I will give you and your children the land you're sleeping on right now. You will have so many children they will live as far as the eye can see—to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south. Because of you, all the families on earth will be blessed. That's my promise."

Jacob woke up all excited. He said, "Wow. I had no idea God was here! How awesome this place is." He was afraid when he realized what he just dreamed. "This is really the house of God and the gate of heaven."

He got up early in the morning, took the stone he used for a pillow, and made it into an altar. He poured oil on the stone and called it Beth-el, which means House of God.

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