Jacob's Dream

(Based on Genesis 28:10-22)

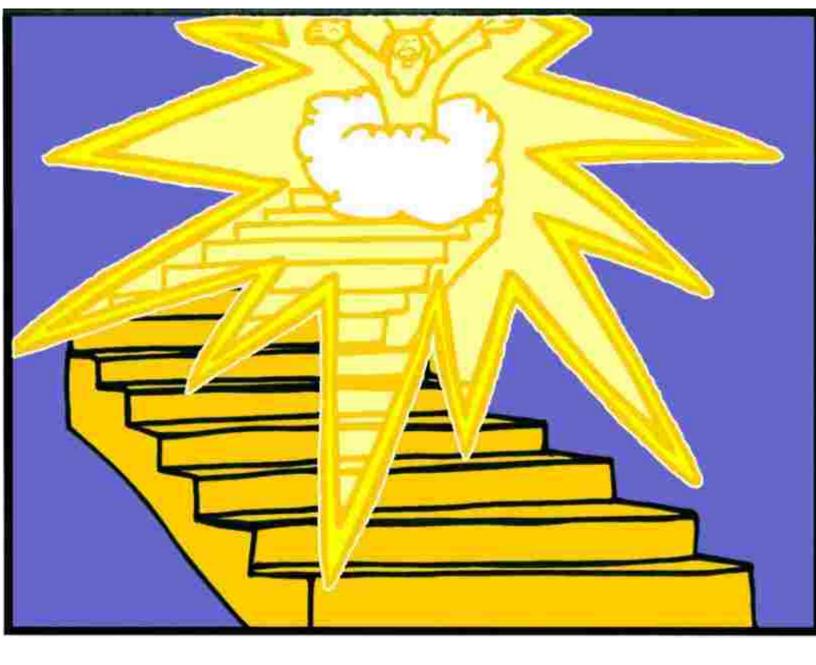
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As Jacob traveled to Uncle Laban's house, he decided to stop along the way because the sun had set. He took a rock and put it under his head. Then he fell asleep.



Jacob had a dream. In his dream he saw a staircase that reached all the way to heaven and the angels of God were going up and down on the staircase.



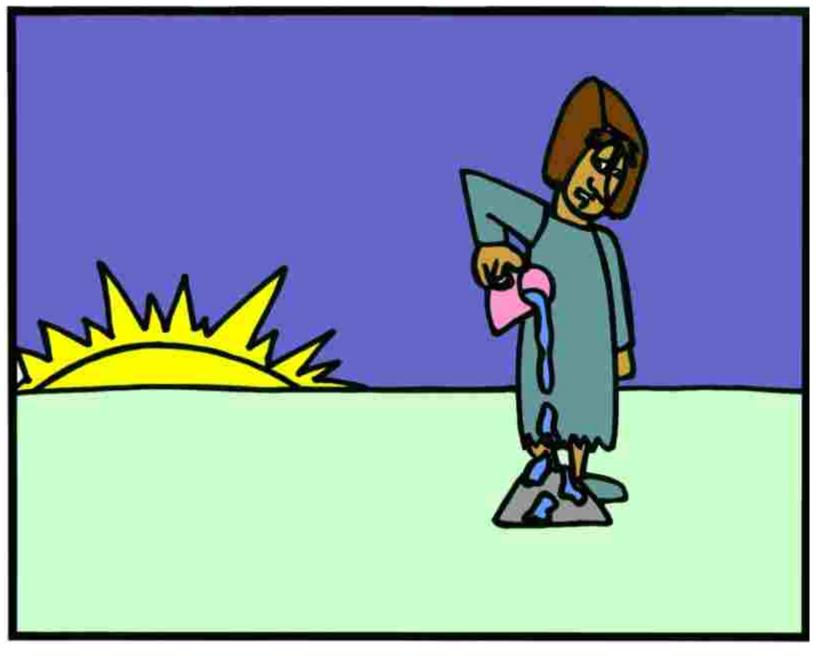
Then the Lord stood above it and said, "I am the Lord God of Abraham and your father Isaac. The land on which you lie, I will give to you and your descendants.



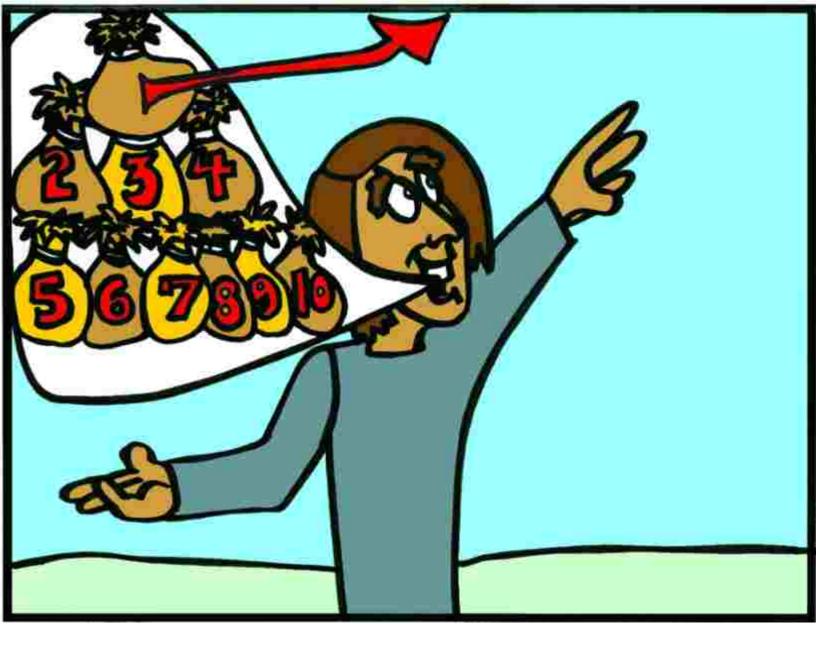
They will be as many as the dust of the earth. I am with you wherever you go and I will bring you back here. I will not leave you until I have done what I said I was going to do."



Then Jacob woke up. "God is in this place!" he gasped. "And I didn't even know it! This is the house of God and the gate of heaven."



Early in the morning Jacob took the stone he had used as his pillow and made a pillar out of it. He poured oil on it and he called the place, "Bethel" which means house of God.



Then Jacob made a promise. "If God will be with me, feed me and keep care of me so that I come back peacefully, then the Lord will be my God. And of all that you give me I will give ten percent to you for sure."



Lord, I have made the decision to serve you just like Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Help me to be faithful in giving and serving. I know you will do your part.