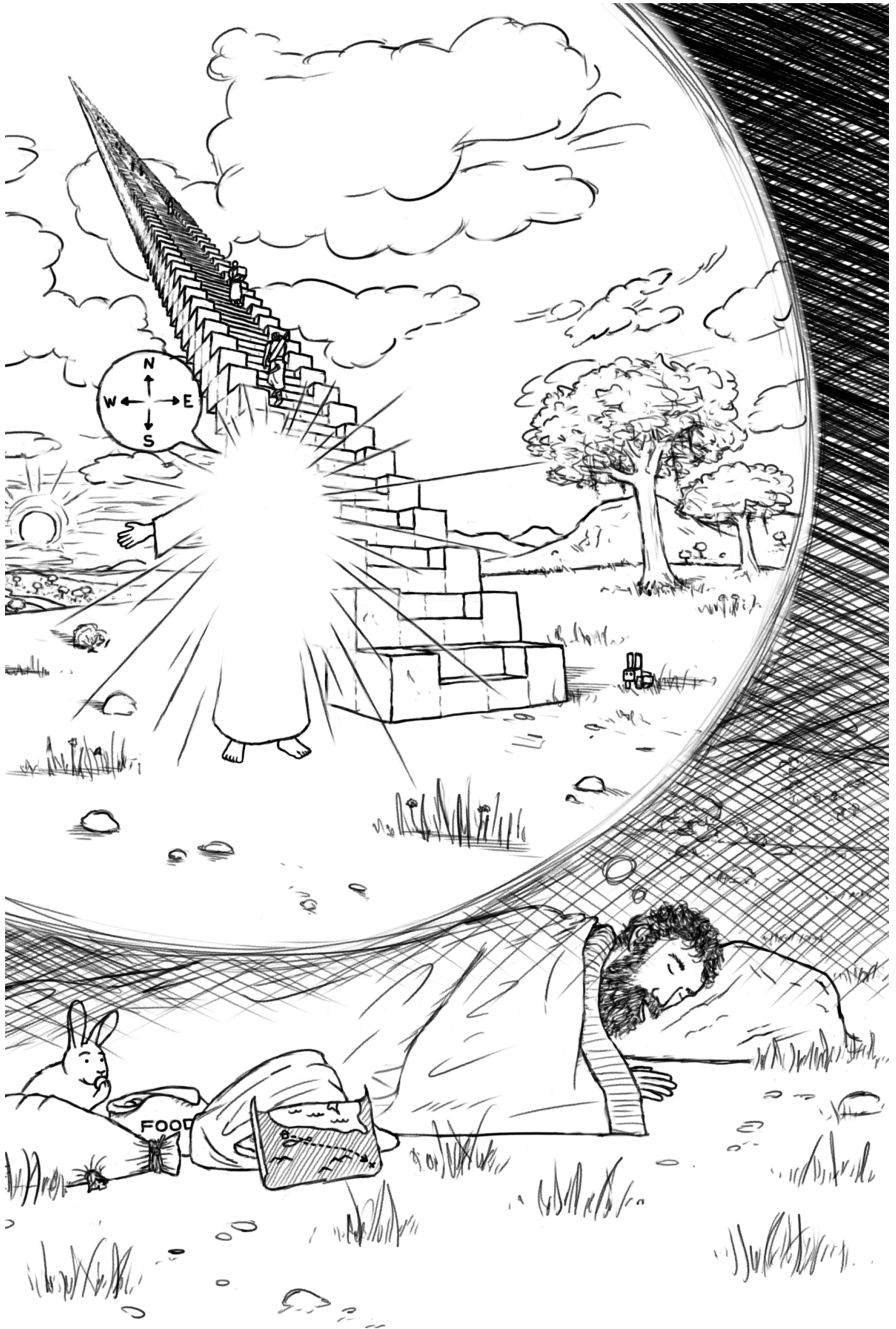




Lesson 2

Deuteronomy 31:6b

"The Lord your God will go with you. He will never leave you. He'll never desert you."

Jacob Leaves Home

Genesis 27:42–46, 28:1–9

^{27:42}Rebekah was told what her older son Esau had said. So she sent for her younger son Jacob. She said to him, "Your brother Esau is planning to get back at you by killing you. ⁴³Now then, my son, do what I say. Run away at once to my brother Laban in Harran. ⁴⁴Stay with him until your brother's anger calms down. ⁴⁵When he forgets what you did to him, I'll let you know. Then you can come back from there. Why should I lose both of you in one day?"

⁴⁶Then Rebekah spoke to Isaac. She said, "I'm sick of living because of Esau's Hittite wives. Suppose Jacob also marries a Hittite woman. If he does, my life won't be worth living."

^{28:1}So Isaac called for Jacob and blessed him. Then he commanded him, "Don't get married to a Canaanite woman. ²Go at once to Paddan Aram. Go to the house of your mother's father Bethuel. Find a wife for yourself there. Take her from among the daughters of your mother's brother Laban. ³May the Mighty God bless you. May He give you children. May He make your family larger until you become a community of nations. ⁴May He give you and your children after you the blessing He gave to Abraham. Then you can take over the land where you now live as an outsider. It's the land God gave to Abraham." ⁵Isaac sent Jacob on his way. Jacob went to Paddan Aram. He went to Laban, the son of Bethuel the Aramean. Laban was Rebekah's brother. And Rebekah was the mother of Jacob and Esau.

⁶Esau found out that Isaac had blessed Jacob and had sent him to Paddan Aram. Isaac wanted him to get a wife from there. Esau heard that when Isaac blessed Jacob, he commanded him, "Don't get married to a woman from Canaan." ⁷Esau also learned that Jacob had obeyed his father and mother and had gone to Paddan Aram. ⁸Then Esau realized how much his father Isaac disliked Canaanite women. ⁹So he went to Ishmael and married Mahalath. She was the sister of Nebaioth and the daughter of Abraham's son Ishmael. Esau added her to the wives he already had.

Questions

- 1 Did Rebekah find out about Esau's plan to kill Jacob? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 27:42)
- 2 Did Rebekah warn Jacob of Esau's plan to kill him? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 27:42)
- 3 What did Rebekah tell Jacob to do? Rebekah told Jacob to _____ away at once to her _____ Laban in Harran. (Gen. 27:43–44)

- 4 Why was Rebekah willing to send her favourite son away, even though she might never see him again? Rebekah didn't want to lose _____ her sons in one day. (Gen. 27:45)
- 5 How did Rebekah talk Isaac into letting Jacob go away? Rebekah told Isaac her life wouldn't be _____ living if Jacob _____ **d** a Hittite woman the way Esau had. (Gen. 27:46)
- 6 What did Isaac do after Rebekah had talked to him? Isaac called for Jacob and _____ him **n** _____ to get married to a Canaanite woman, but to go at _____ to Paddan Aram to find a wife there. (Gen. 28:1–2)
- 7 When Isaac called for Jacob, did Isaac curse Jacob? (Yes/No) _____. Isaac _____ Jacob. (Gen. 28:1, 3–4)
- 8 After Jacob left to go to Paddan Aram, did Esau find out where his brother had gone? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 28:7)
- 9 What did Esau do when he learned how much his father disliked Canaanite women? Esau married _____. (Gen. 28:9)
- 10 Who was Mahalath? She was the _____ of Abraham's son _____. (Gen. 28:9)

Jacob Has a Dream

Genesis 28:10–22

¹⁰Jacob left Beersheba and started out for Haran. ¹¹He reached a certain place and stopped for the night. The sun had already set. He took one of the stones there and placed it under his head. Then he lay down to sleep. ¹²In a dream he saw a stairway standing on the earth. Its top reached to heaven. The angels of God were going up and coming down on it. ¹³The Lord stood beside the stairway. He said, "I am the Lord. I am the God of your grandfather Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your children after you the land you are lying on. ¹⁴They will be like the dust of the earth that can't be counted. They will spread out to the west and to the east. They will spread out to the north and to the south. All nations on earth will be blessed because of you and your children after you. ¹⁵I am with you. I will watch over you everywhere you go. And I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

¹⁶Jacob woke up from his sleep. Then he thought, "The Lord is surely in this place. And I didn't even know it." ¹⁷Jacob was afraid. He said, "How holy this place is! This must be the house of God. This is the gate of heaven."

¹⁸Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head. He set it up as a sacred stone. And he poured olive oil on top of it. ¹⁹He named that place Bethel. But the city used to be called Luz.

²⁰Then Jacob made a promise. He said, "May God be with me. May He watch over me on this journey I'm taking. May He give me food to eat and clothes to wear. ²¹May He do as He has promised so that I can

return safely to my father's home. Then You, Lord, will be my God. ²²This stone I've set up as a sacred stone will be God's house. And I'll give You a tenth of everything You give me."



Questions

- 11 On the way to Harran, what did Jacob use as his pillow when he stopped for the night and lay down to sleep? Jacob used a _____, placing it under his head for a pillow. (Gen. 28:11)
- 12 What happened to Jacob while he slept? Jacob had a _____. (Gen. 28:12)
- 13 What did Jacob see in his dream? Jacob saw a _____ standing on the _____. The top of the stairway reached to _____, and on the stairway the _____ of God were going _____ and coming _____. (Gen. 28:12)
- 14 Where was the Lord in the dream? The Lord was standing _____ the stairway. (Gen. 28:13)
- 15 What did God promise Jacob? God promised Jacob that God would _____ to Jacob and his children after him the _____ he was lying on. (Gen. 28:13)



The Promised Land is the land reaching from the Nile River in Egypt to the Euphrates River in Syria. It is the land that God promised first to Abraham and his descendants (Gen. 15:18–21), then to Isaac and his descendants (Gen. 26:2–4), and now to Jacob.

- 16 Who would be blessed because of Abraham's descendants? _____ nations on earth would be blessed. (Gen. 28:14)
- 17 What else did God promise Jacob? God promised Jacob that God would be _____ him and would _____ over him _____ he went. God would _____ leave him. (Gen. 28:15)

- 18 Since you are also God's child and loved dearly by Him, what does God promise you? God promises me that He will be _____ me and will _____ over me _____. I go. He will _____ leave me.
- 19 What did Jacob do with the stone pillow after he woke up from his sleep? Jacob took the stone pillow, set it _____ as a _____ stone, and poured _____ oil on top of it. (Gen. 28:18)
- 20 Why did Jacob call the place Bethel? Jacob called the place Bethel because of his dream. Jacob saw that the Lord was surely _____ that place and that the place was **h**_____ and must be the _____ of God and the _____ of Heaven. (Gen. 28:16–17)



The name Bethel means “house of God.”

- 21 What did Jacob promise? Jacob promised that if God was with him and did as He had promised so that Jacob could return safely to his father's home, then the Lord would be **h**_____ (opposite of “her”) God and Jacob would give Him a _____ of everything He gave Jacob. (Gen. 28:20–22)

Hebrews 6:18b–19a

God made His promise and gave His word. These two things can't change. He couldn't lie about them. Our hope is certain. It is something for the soul to hold on to. It is strong and secure.

- 22 What two things cannot change? God's _____ and His _____ cannot change.
- 23 As a Christian, what is certain for you and is something your soul can hold on to? As a Christian, my _____ is certain, strong, and _____.



As a Christian, you know for certain that one day you will be in Heaven with your Lord and Saviour.

How did the Holy Spirit speak to you this week as you studied these Bible verses? In other words, what did you learn this week from reading God's Word?
