

Jacob Sets Up a Sacred Pillar

Genesis 28:10 - 22

Devotional Reading: John 15:1 - 8

Background Scripture: Genesis 28:1 – 22; 33:17 – 20; 35:1 - 7

LESSON AIMS: the students will:

- **Locate** on a map the geographical locations mentioned
- **Analyze** Jacob's if-then statement in Genesis 28:20 – 22
- **Make a plan** to commemorate a particular time when God's presence and work was evidence in his or her life

INTRODUCTION: Jacob left his home in Beersheba, on the run, after he and his mother, Rebekah, deceived Isaac. He traveled alone toward Haran. As evening approached, in a place he had not been, Jacob looked for a place to spend the night. Using stones for pillows, Jacob tried to get some rest.

KEY VERSE: *¹⁸ And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it.*

¹⁹ And he called the name of that place Bethel: but the name of that city was called Luz at the first. *Genesis 28:18-19a*

LESSON:

Jacob's Journey

Genesis 28:10 - 11

Jacob's Dream

verses 12 - 15

Jacob's Reaction

verses 16 - 19

Summary: Sin has consequences. Because of Jacob's deceit, at the prompting of his mother, Rebekah, he was alone, isolated, and estranged from his family and the security of home. Through it all, God had not left him. God made Himself known to Jacob in spite of Jacob's foolishness. God had a plan for his life. With his encounter that night, Jacob began to understand that he was still a part of God's divine plan. He made a vow to God and set up the stone used for a pillow as a pillar.

Questions:

1. *What is one way to make yourself more available to God to be a blessing to the world?*
2. *What should you do to ensure that the promise of Hebrews 13:5 overrides any feelings of being forsaken by God?*
3. *What do the personal encounters with God in the Bible teach you about seeking such an encounter yourself?*

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DAY / DATE	SCRIPTURE	
<i>Mon., June 23rd</i>	Jacob's Return to Bethel	Genesis 35:1 – 7
<i>Tue., June 24th</i>	Abide in Christ, the True Vine	John 15:1 – 8
<i>Wed., June 25th</i>	Seek God with All Your Heart	Jeremiah 29:8 – 14
<i>Thurs., June 26th</i>	Christ Is Among His Gathered People	Matthew 18:15 – 20
<i>Fri., June 27th</i>	Christ Is with Us Always	Matthew 28:16 – 20
<i>Sat., June 28th</i>	Fullness of Joy in God's Presence	Psalms 16
<i>Sun., June 29th</i>	The Lord Is in This Place	Genesis 28:10 - 22