

## **Sparklers @ Home Week 20.**

### **God blesses Jacob Genesis 35:1-15**

Hi Sparklers,

This week is our final week learning about Jacob. In this session we hear how God blesses (makes him very happy) Jacob. The promises God makes to Jacob tell us how God wants to be part of our lives.

#### **Activity One – Painting yourself**

Get a sheet of plain paper and some paints (you could also use crayons or pencils).

On the paper draw a picture of yourself. You could draw just your head or your whole body! You might want to prop up a mirror so you can see yourself while drawing.

When you have finished under the picture get a grownup to help you write.

“God wants to be with” and then write your name.

Now when you look at the picture it will remind you that God wants to be with you.

#### **Bible Story.**

Jacob had been on a difficult journey. Now he was back home again and was friends with his brother Esau once more. God wanted to make Jacob happy.

God said to Jacob:

“I am God and this is what I will do”

“Now your name is Jacob. I will give you a new name. Your name will be Israel.”

“You will have many children and grandchildren.”

“Some of your family will even be kings.”

“I will give you lots of land. It will belong to you and your family for ever.”

God gave all these things to Jacob. God made Jacob very happy.

Jacob wanted to remember the very special things God had done. Jacob put a large rock on the ground to remember what God had done. He always remembered how God had made him happy.

What do you think Jacob said to God?

### **Activity sheet**

Print out the activity sheet at the back of this pack.

You can find pictures of all the things God said to Jacob. Can you draw Jacob in the middle of the pictures.

### **Activity Two – Banners**

Print out the sheet with the banners. You can now decorate these.

Point out the words and what they say.

When finished decorating with a grown-ups help you can cut these out into 3 strips.

In the story Jacob wanted to tell everyone that God had made him happy, so he put a big rock on the ground to show that God was with him.

Just like Jacob you can put your 3 signs to show people that you are happy because “God is here” with you, choose where you would like to put them or perhaps add a lolly stick to them to make flags you can wave. It doesn’t matter where you choose to put them as God is with us wherever we are.

### **Prayer Time**

We are going to continue with the prayer we have been building up over the past few sessions.

Say this prayer:

Thank you (Thumbs up), God (Point up), that you are with me (Point to yourself) when I am on my own (hug yourself).

Thank you (Thumbs up), God (Point up), that you are with me (Point to yourself) when I am in new places (open your arms out wide and turn around, once, on the spot).

Thank you (Thumbs up), God (Point up), that you are with me (Point to yourself) when I am with my family and friends (Point to each other in the room)

Now we are going to add:

Thank you (Thumbs up), God (Point up), that you always want to be with me (Point to yourself)

You can repeat the whole prayer.

Next week we are going to learn about Joseph.

Do you know who is was?

He was Jacobs son !

## God made Jacob happy

The story of God blessing Jacob reminds us to pause and remember God himself and all that he has done.

Jacob put a large rock in the ground as a physical reminder of his encounter with God, but he carried God's promise with him, too. And he became known as "Israel". So, every time anyone said his new name, Israel would think about what God had done in the past and what he promised for the future.

We soon lose our way if we forget God and all he has done. So **Bubbles** is written and designed to help you and your child develop biblical memories together. Our hope is that you will take away a vivid memory of God himself and of the truth about him. Like Jacob, we can be people who are constantly being shaped by God's word: learning, remembering and carrying the truth with us all the time. It sounds ambitious – but Jacob's rather shaky story shows us that God will always be with us. Does that make you happy?!

The Bible story can be found on **Bonus Sheet B**.

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Look at all the things God said to Jacob.



"You will have a new name – Israel."



"You will have many children and grandchildren."



Draw Jacob in the middle. Make him look happy!



"Some of your family will be kings!"



"This land will belong to your family always."

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