



God spoke to Jacob in a dream.

Genesis 28



☆Let's Talk

ASK *What do you see in the picture? What else?*

SAY While Jacob slept outdoors, with his head on a stone for a pillow, he had a dream.

ASK *What did Jacob dream?*

SAY Jacob dreamt that there was a stairway reaching to heaven, with angels going up and down the stairway. God was standing there, and he told Jacob that he was the God of Abraham and Isaac. He promised to give Jacob, the son of Isaac and Rebekah, the land where he was sleeping, and said he would bless him with many children. God promised to be with Jacob, watch over him always, and keep all his promises to him!

ASK *When Jacob woke up, what did he promise to do?*

SAY Jacob made a promise to serve and worship God. And even though Jacob did not trust and obey God perfectly, God always cared for Jacob and blessed him, just as he said he would!

☆Let's Play and Say

Use **masking tape** to mark off a large ladder-shaped area on the floor. Let children line up at one end of the ladder. They can take turns "climbing" the ladder by stepping on each taped rung. As they climb from one end to the other, remind children that God watches over them all the time. Have them name things they do or places they go where God is with them. They might say God watches over them when they play or God watches over them when they go to the store with mom and so on.

☆Let's Rhyme

Teach your children the following rhyme. Emphasize the syllables that are capitalized.

1 God **WATCHES** Over **ME**,
EVERYWHERE I GO.
WHEN I REST or **PLAY**—
 He's **ALWAYS** **THERE**, I **KNOW!**

2 God **WATCHES** Over **ME**,
EVERYWHERE I GO.
 I'll **TRUST** him **AND** **OBEY**—
 He **CARES** for **ME**, I **KNOW!**