

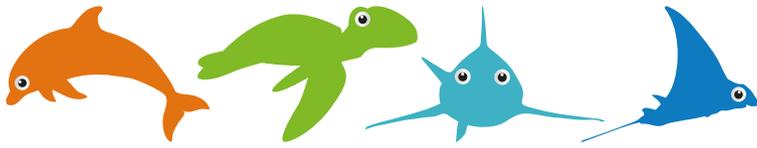


# Junior Church

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# Family Fun

(All Ages)

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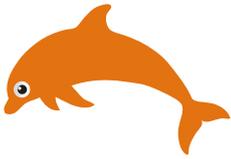
## Shadow fun

**Activity time:** 5–10 minutes

**Aim:** to appreciate that God is always with us

**You will need:** a bright light

1. Set up the bright light in a darkened area so there are strong shadows.
2. Have fun experimenting with the different shadows the children can make with their hands and bodies.
3. Have a competition to see who can get the furthest from their shadow. Say that, just as in the bright light we always have our shadows next to us, so God is always next to us – not just in bright light, but all the time!



# Dolphins

(Age 3, F1 & F2)

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## Using Bubbles

**Activity time:** 10 minutes

**Aim:** to learn about how God was with Jacob when he was on his own

**You will need:** Bubbles Sheet 5a from page 42

1. Set the scene for the children. Say that Jacob and Esau were twins: brothers born on the same day. But one day they had a quarrel. Jacob decided to leave home and get away from Esau. He went to his Uncle Laban's house. Today's Bible story is about something that happened when Jacob was on his way there.
2. Give each child a copy of Bubbles Sheet 5a. Ask the children if they can point to Jacob in the picture. What is he doing? While Jacob was asleep he had a dream and God spoke to him in the dream. God told Jacob that he would give him that land to live in. Give out the crayons and ask the children to draw a picture of the good land in the dream bubble.
3. God also told Jacob in the dream that he would have a big family. Ask the children to draw a picture of Jacob's big family in the dream bubble.
4. Jacob realised that, even though he was on his own, far from home, God was with him, looking after him. What about when we are on our own? Do the children think God is with us then?

## Jacob's dream

When this Bible story begins, Jacob has had to go away from home.

He is on his way to his Uncle Laban's house. God sends him a dream and promises him a land to live in and a big family.

Assure your child that God was with Jacob – and that Jacob was pleased. Sometimes things go wrong, but God is still with us. God is always with us!

Say these words together to God

"Thank you, God, that you are here with us now. Thank you that you are always with us."

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

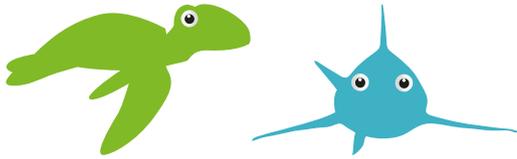


God told Jacob he would give him a good land to live in. Draw Jacob's dream land.



God told Jacob he would have lots of people in his family. Add lots of people to Jacob's dream.





# Turtles Sharks

(Year 1 & 2)

(Year 3 & 4)

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## Puzzles

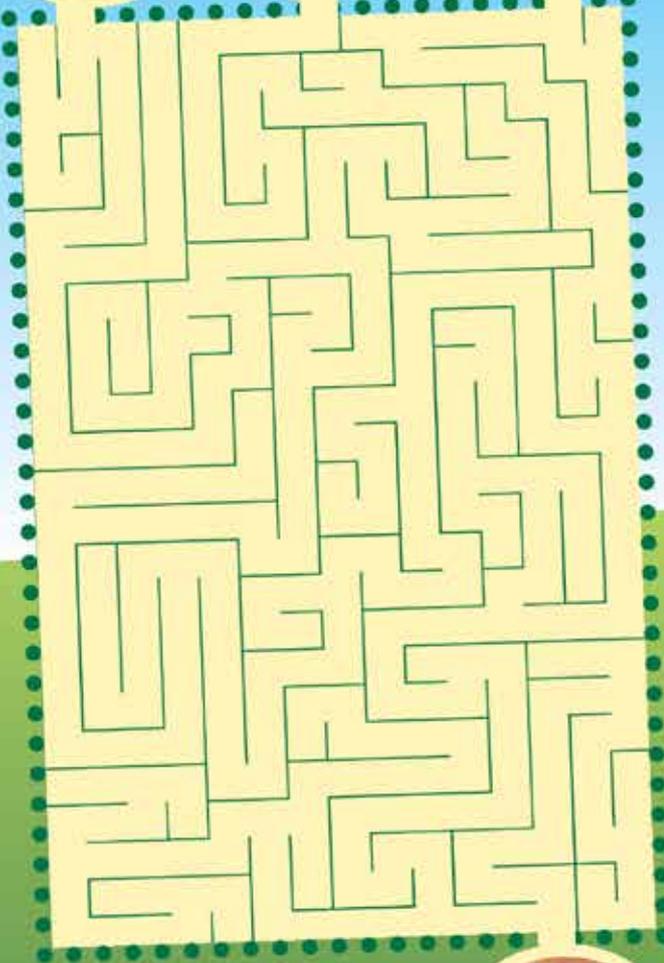
**Activity time:** 10–15 minutes

**Aim:** to discuss with the children that God is with them

**You will need:** copies of the Splash! sheets from pages 41 and 42

1. Make copies of pages 41 and 42, ideally so that they are back to back on one sheet of paper; you will need one copy per child. Give each child a copy of the Splash! sheet and challenge them to complete the puzzles.
2. Spend time chatting with the children about any situations when they felt alone or perhaps were with other people but felt afraid or worried. Reassure them that, just as he was with Jacob, God is with us, even if we are alone. Say short prayers for them individually, asking God to let them know how much he cares for them and thanking him that he is always with them.

light

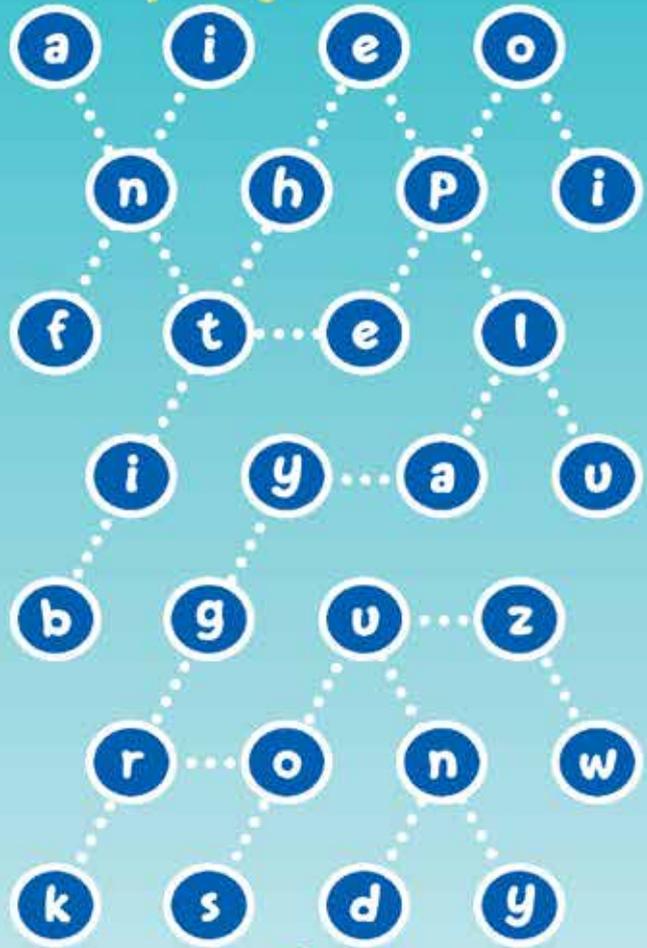


Follow the maze.

Find out how many things you could play on at the park before going home.

# Splash!

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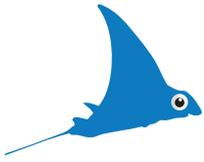
finish

Find out where else God is with you by writing down the letters that lead to the finish.

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# Stingrays

(Year 5 & 6)

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## Xstream

**Activity time:** 5–10 minutes

**Aim:** to remember the story

**You will need:** copies of the Xstream sheets from pages 40 & 41

1. Give each child a copy of the Xstream sheets from pages 40 and 41, and help them complete the quiz and puzzles based on the story of Jacob so far.
2. While they are doing the different puzzles, chat with them about times this week when they think they might forget that God is with them. Encourage them to think instead of some ideas of how they could remember God's promises to them.

# Story

## Joined up

Can you join up the sentences to make the story? You could check Genesis 28:10-22 if you get stuck.

Jacob left

Jacob camped

Jacob rested

Jacob dreamt about

Jacob named

God said

Jacob woke

Jacob thought

Jacob said

Jacob got up

Jacob set up

Jacob promised



his head on a large rock.

early.

his pillow-rock and dedicated it to God.

his home.

a ladder with angels going up and down on it.

"This is a fearsome place!"

at sunset.

"Wherever you go, I will watch over you."

"The Lord is in this place, and I didn't even know it!"

to give God a tenth of everything God gave him.

The place Bethel.

Suddenly.

# Down words



can you find these words from today's story in the staircase?

- jacob
- dream
- head
- stone
- stairway
- heaven
- earth
- angels
- descendants
- dust
- sleep
- bless
- nations
- bring back
- land
- lord
- house
- god
- memorial
- worship
- tenth
- give

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e t t n c v l g n i r b e  
d u s t a i r w a y b a c k  
l a n d j g l a i r o m e m a  
h t n e t v e w o r s h i p y o u

Write out the leftover letters and find out two things that God promised Jacob.

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