

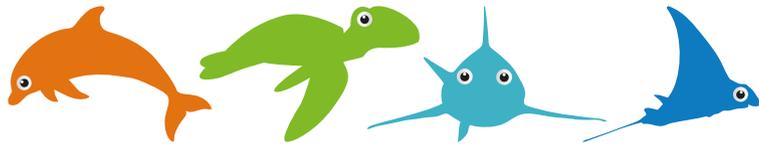


# Junior Church

**LESSON PLANS: 28-02-21**

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# Family Fun

(All Ages)

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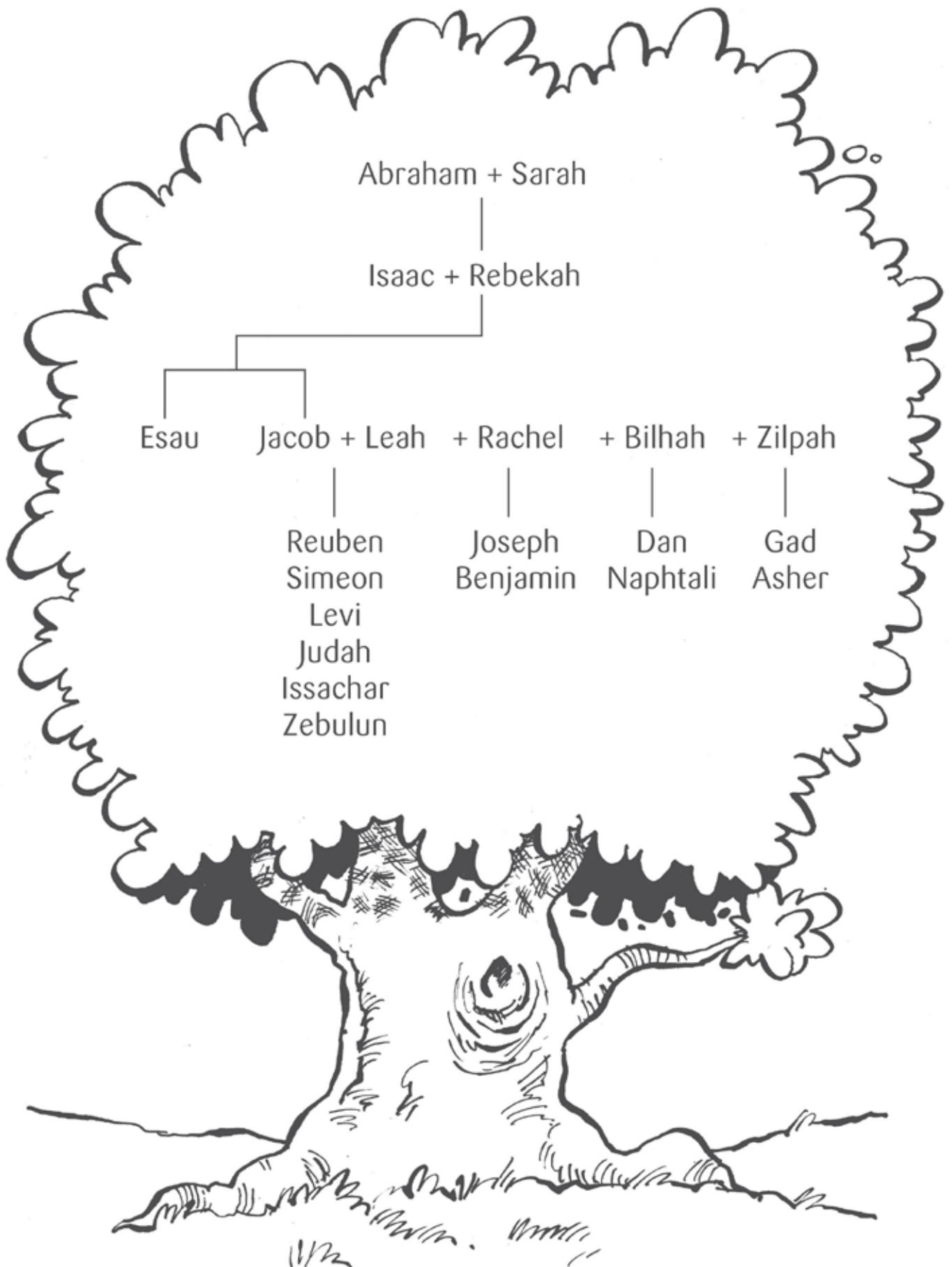
## Passed down

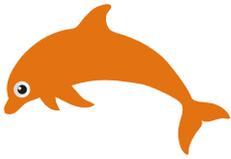
**Activity time:** 5–10 minutes

**Aim:** to think of things being passed down through families

**You will need:** your family tree or photos of relatives, Jacob's family tree from page 64

1. Show the children your family tree and point out your parents, grandparents, etc. Mention anything that has been passed down through the family, for example, names, hair and eye colour, physical characteristics, abilities and interests, or special items. If you have time, encourage the children to talk about their families.
2. Then show Jacob's family tree. Ask what was passed down through his family (God's promise to be with them and make them into a great nation).





# Dolphins

(Age 3, F1 & F2)

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## Mark the spot

**Activity time:** 10 minutes

**Aim:** to know that God is with us wherever we are

**You will need:** banner template from page 68, crayons and other art materials, sticky tape, child-safe scissors, short lengths of bamboo cane (if making flags), cover-up and clean-up equipment

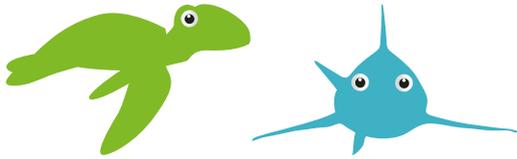
1. Give a copy of the banner template to each child (and have spares available too). Give them time to decorate the words and surrounding area. Does anyone know what any of the words say? Point to each word in turn as you read aloud, 'God is here'. Repeat three times, once for each time the phrase appears on the page.
2. Help the children to cut the page into three strips. What do the words say now? They still say, 'God is here.'
3. Explain that, in the Bible story, Jacob wanted to tell everyone that God had made him very happy, so he put a big rock on the ground to show that God was with him. Invite the children to use their paper signs to show that God is with them. Where would they like to place their mini-banners? They could turn them into flags, fix them to a wall, wear them, hang them on a tree: anywhere – because God is with us wherever we are.

God is here!

God is here!

God is here!





# Turtles Sharks

(Year 1 & 2)

(Year 3 & 4)

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## Splash!

**Activity time:** 10–15 minutes

**Aim:** to remember and think about God's promise to Jacob

**You will need:** copies of the Splash! sheets from pages 65 and 66

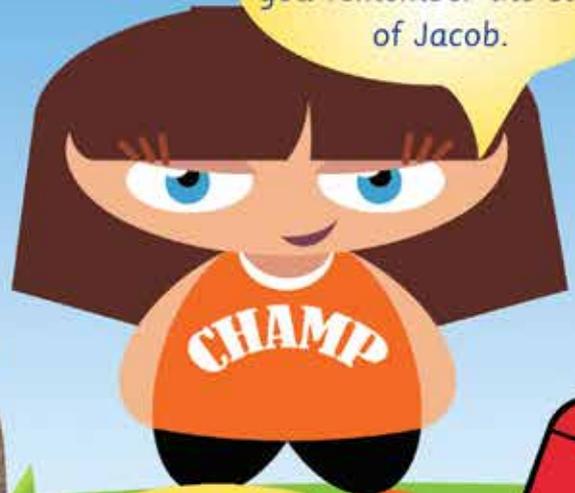
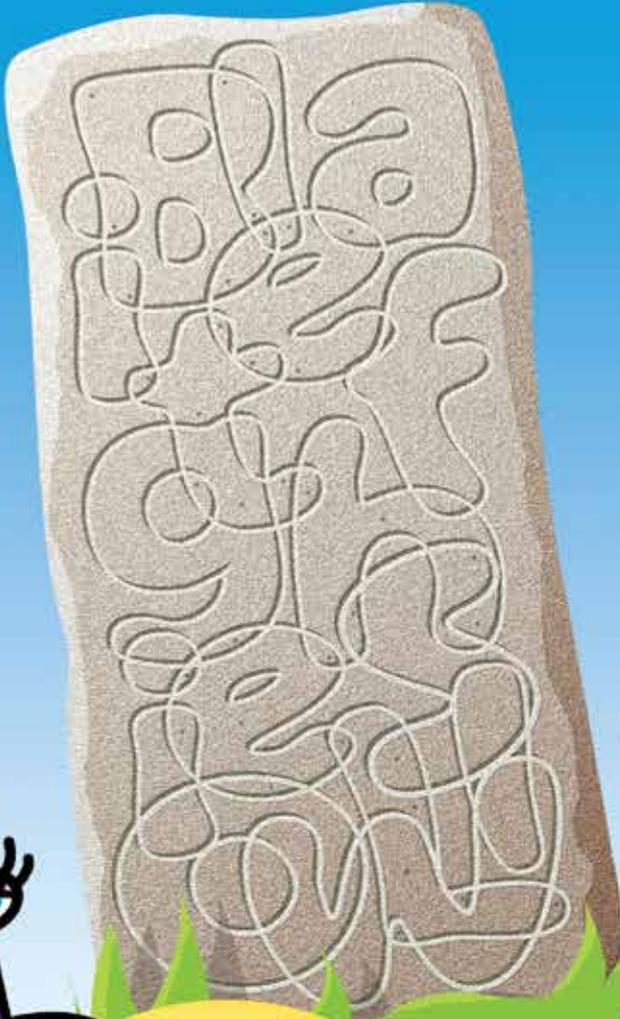
1. Tell the children that they are going to do some puzzles to help them remember the important things about the story of Jacob. Give each child a copy of the Splash! sheets and help them to do the puzzles on the sheet. Read them through with the children. Allow them to work through them at their own speed, helping those who are not so good at reading and writing.
2. At the end ask what word came up most often in the puzzles (promise). Discuss why this was such an important word and what it means for them.

# Splash!

Have a go at these puzzles to help you remember the story of Jacob.



Colour in the shapes with a dot to find out the place where God spoke to Jacob.



Fill in the grid with the correct answers to spell the most important word in today's story.



What did God tell Jacob to do at Bethel?

w

Who was Jacob's grandfather?

A

What did Jacob set up at Bethel?

s

What did God change at Bethel?

J

n

What did Jacob bury before going to meet God?

i

What did Jacob's name change to?

l

Where did God meet with Jacob?

B

Jacob's name, stone, Abraham, idols, Israel, Bethel, worship

Put vowels  
(a e i o u) in the  
spaces to complete the  
*Learn and remember*  
verse.



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Psalm 59:9  
a e i o u

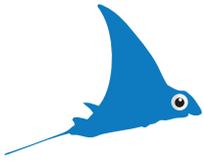
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s	p	r	o	m	i	s	e	p	r
i	r	i	e	s	i	m	o	r	p
m	o	e	s	i	m	o	r	p	r

Jacob had  
confidence in God  
because he knew that  
God would keep  
his promises.

How many  
promises can you  
find in this  
puzzle?



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# Stingrays

(Year 5 & 6)

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## Puzzle

**Activity time:** 5–10 minutes

**Aim:** to discover that God promises to be with his people

**You will need:** copies of the Xstream sheet from page 62

1. Invite the children to guess and secretly write down what God might have said to each of the people on copies of the Xstream sheet from page 62.
2. Invite them to do the wordsearch and write out the remaining letters to find out if they were right.
3. See if the children know what each character went on to do, knowing that God was with them.
4. Encourage the children that God often said this to his people, and Jesus said it to his followers just before he went back to heaven, so we know that he also says it to us! Ask the children what they would like to say to God knowing that he has promised to be with them always.

God said the same thing to Jacob, Moses, Joshua and Gideon. Can you guess what it was?



# What did he say?

Write your guess here:

I	A	M	M	W	I
J	A	C	O	B	T
A	U	H	S	O	J
G	I	D	E	O	N
H	Y	O	S	U	!

To find out, either look up the Bible verses or find each of their names in the wordsearch, then write out the remaining letters.

In Genesis 28:15 God said this to Jacob when he was running from his brother Esau who wanted to kill him.

In Exodus 3:12 God said this to Moses when he didn't want to go to the king and bring the Israelites out of Egypt.

In Joshua 1:8 God said this to Joshua when he took over as leader of the Israelites from Moses.

In Judges 6:12 the Lord's angel said this to Gideon when he told him to rescue Israel from their enemies.

Fill in your answer here:

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In Matthew 28:20 Jesus said this to his followers just before he went back to heaven.

And he says this to you too!

