

## BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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Unit 2, Session 3

### CONNECTION POINT:

Regularly studying God's Word keeps us firmly grounded.

### THE BIBLE MEETS

**LIFE:** Many of us have experienced the breakdown in communication that occurs when a single word is misunderstood or defined differently by the reader or hearer. That can happen as 21st century Christians read the Scriptures that were written thousands of years ago in a different time and culture. To avoid misinterpreting God's Word calls for diligence in studying the words, background, and context found in Scripture.

**LIVE IT OUT:** Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to take his or her faith and Live It Out.

# FAMILY CONNECTION

Use these discussion starters to help foster a spiritual conversation with your family.

## PRESCHOOL

**Scripture:** Genesis 28

**Live It Out:** Review the Bible story with your child. Say with your child, "God is with us," as you drive around town to church, the store, and so forth.

Jacob was going to visit his uncle. Jacob was tired from walking all day. Jacob found a place to stop and rest for the night. He found a smooth stone to use as a pillow.

Jacob had a dream. In his dream, he saw a stairway, from the earth to the sky. Angels were going up and down the stairway. Jacob heard God speak to him.

God said, "I am God. I will give you this land where you are lying. You and your children will have this land. I will watch over you."

Jacob woke up and wondered what his dream meant. He knew that God would be with him and help him.

Jacob set the stone pillow in a special place. The stone would help Jacob remember God's promise.

## KIDS

**Scripture:** Genesis 28

**Live It Out:** Talk about the word *omnipresent*. Explain that this word means "present everywhere." Ask your child how he is comforted knowing that God is with him everywhere.

Isaac told his son Jacob to travel to a faraway land to find a wife. Isaac also reminded him that God's promise to his grandfather, Abraham, and to Isaac was also a promise to Jacob.

Jacob set out on the long trip. When he stopped for the night, he put a rock under his head and went to sleep. Jacob had a dream of angels going up and down a ladder all the way to heaven. God was standing right next to Jacob.

God told Jacob the promise He made to always be with him, and to make him part of a great family in the land where he was.

When Jacob woke up, he set up his stone pillow, poured oil on it, and gave the place a new name: Bethel, the house of God.

## STUDENTS

**Scripture:** 2 Timothy 2:14-19, 22-26

- What might get in the way of regularly studying God's Word?
- How can we make sure we're not deceived by false teaching?
- What are examples of irreverent and empty speech we should avoid?
- How has your life changed because of regularly studying God's Word?

**Live It Out:** Through the Bible, we know God Himself, and we know how He expects us to live in order to follow Christ and experience His blessing. In order to recognize unhealthy communication, we must first know God's Word deeply and measure what others would say against it.

Many people in our culture are somewhat familiar with the Bible and the things it teaches. However, many people buy into the world's distortions of biblical principles, and they don't understand what the Bible really says about specific issues. With your student, consider any mistruths the world may be trying to make you believe.