

## LESSON 38

# JACOB MEETS GOD AT BETHEL

*Genesis 28:10-22*

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A Time for **Assembly**: *Introduction* to gather together through ice breaker (10 minutes)

For Starting Communication:

Share briefly a personal experience of getting stuck in an elevator.



A Time for **Adoration**: *Inspiration* to worship God through invocation, thanksgiving, and reading the Scripture (25 minutes)

Suggested Songs:

*We Will Worship the Lamb of Glory*, by Dennis Jernigan

*Here I am to Worship*, by Tim Hughes

Scripture Reading: Genesis 28:10-22



A Time for **Admonition**: *Instruction* to communicate one's investigation of the story (content), interpretation based on the setting (context), and integration of the two for the spiritual truth (concept) (50 minutes)

1. In Jacob's dream, what does the ladder that reached up to heaven symbolize (28:3-4)?
2. In the New Testament what did Jesus claim to be the real meaning of the ladder that reached up to heaven (sometimes called "Jacob's ladder")? Read John 1:51.

3. What did God reveal to Jacob as He appeared to him for the first time (28:13-15)? Read Genesis 25:23; 27:27-29; 28:3,4.
4. How did Jacob respond to God’s revelation of Himself at Bethel (28:16-19)?
5. Jacob appeared to have bargained with God when he told Him that he will obey Him only after God proves Himself faithful to His promises (28:20-22). Did God accommodate Jacob’s bargain—if indeed it was a bargain?



A Time for **Accountability**: *Invitation* to apply the implication of the Scripture (connect), implementation of a specific action (conduct), and intercession for the saints/seekers (concern).  
*(about 35 minutes)*

1. Make plans to meet with God in your own “Bethel” this month (e.g., go to the Prayer Mountain, hold a Growth Group retreat).
2. Make plans to respond to God in worship and renewed faith during your personal devotion/quiet time.
3. Pray for one another in the group. Share your personal needs or concerns with your accountability and prayer partners. These may include attitudes that need to be changed and personal applications of God’s Word as studied in this lesson. Pray also for others outside the group who need to hear the Gospel.