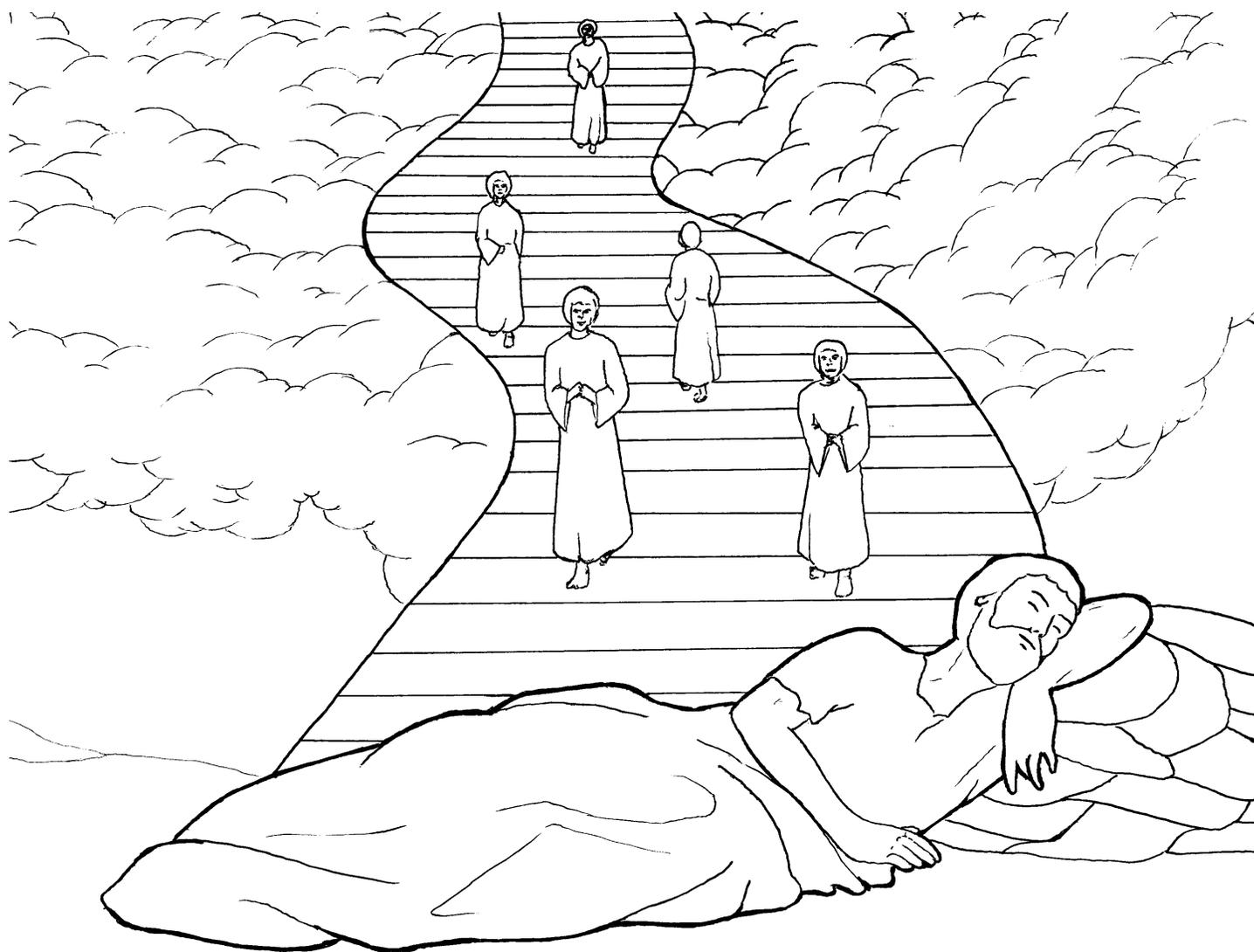


Jacob Flees From Esau & Jacob's Dream

Genesis 27:41 - 28:22



The Story

Esau hated Jacob, his brother. Why? Esau had first of all sold his brother his special birthright for a bowl of stew. Now their father had given the special blessing to Jacob and not Esau. God wanted the younger brother, Jacob, to have this blessing. Our last lesson shows how Jacob and his mother, Rebekah, tried to help God carry out His plan.

Because of the blessing and birthright Jacob got from his father Esau said, "When our father is no longer alive, I will kill my brother Jacob."

Rebekah heard about this hate Esau had for Jacob so she sent and called Jacob. "Esau wants to kill you. Go to my brother Laban in Haran. Stay with him a few days, until your brother is no longer angry. I will send for you when Esau is not angry any longer."

Rebekah and Isaac decided Jacob should leave and marry one of Laban's daughters.

Then Isaac called Jacob and blessed him, and said to him: "Go to get a wife from the land of Haran. May God Almighty bless you, and make your family many. I give to you the blessing of Abraham. To you and your descendants you will have this land of Canaan.

So Isaac sent Jacob away. Jacob walked many many miles to the land of Haran where his uncle Laban lived.

As Jacob went toward Haran, he came to a certain place and stayed there because it was night. He took one of the stones of that place and put it under his head, and he lay down in that place to sleep. Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven. There the angels of God were going up and down on the ladder. The LORD stood at the

top and said, "I am the LORD God of Abraham and Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants.

Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth. Your family will be all over the land. Some day from your family Jesus the Savior will be born. The whole earth will be blessed because Jesus will take away all sins. I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you."

Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it."

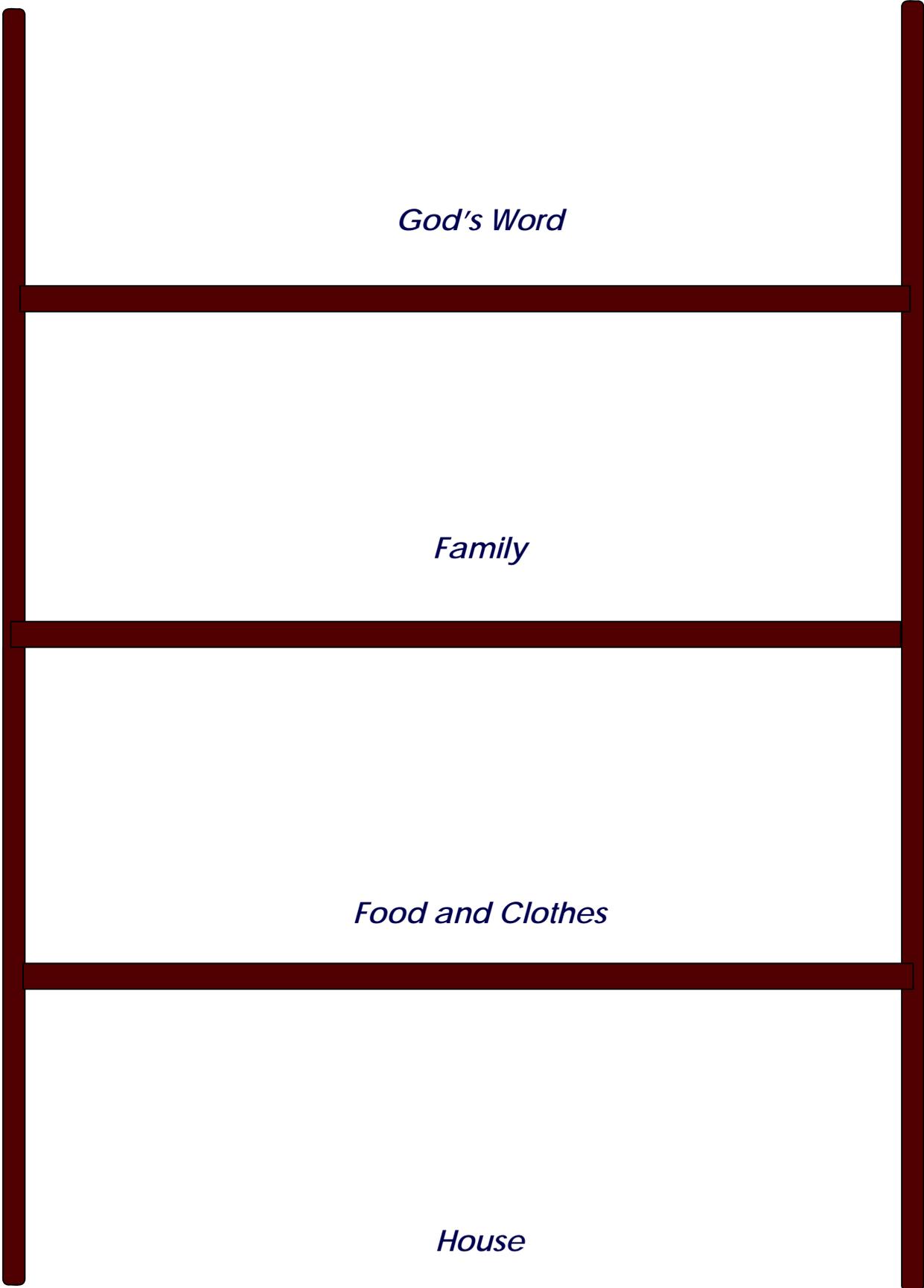
He was afraid and said, "How wonderful and special is this place! This is the house of God!"

Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put under his head, set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on top of it. He then called the place Bethel which means house of God.

Jacob made a promise that if God would keep him safe and let him return here some day, he would make this a special place and out of thankfulness for the Lord's blessings would give a portion of those blessings back to the Lord.

God stayed with Jacob and blessed him even when he had to flee from his angry brother.

Activity One - Draw some of your blessings from God in the ladder below.



God's Word

Family

Food and Clothes

House

God is always with us and blesses us with true faith.

Passages

Psalm 91:11 For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you
in all your ways.

Psalm 50:15 Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and
you shall glorify Me.

Hymn - TLH #425 v.1

All depends on our possessing
God's abundant grace and blessing,
Tho' all earthly wealth depart.
He who trusts with faith unshaken
In his God is not forsaken
And e'er keeps a dauntless heart.

Prayer

Dear Lord,
Please be with us and send your angels to us. Thank You for Your love in
sending Jesus to die and rise again for our sins. Amen.