

# Everyday FAITH Family Page

## Old Testament 1

### Law/Gospel

I sin when I think God does not care for me or has left me alone.

**God promises in His Word never to leave me. His gracious love for me, revealed through His Son, Jesus, moves my heart to worship and praise Him.**

### Bible Words

[God says,] "I am with you and will keep you wherever you go."  
Genesis 28:15

### Fun Facts: Angels

- *Angel* means "messenger" and describes what angels do. God sends angels to serve His people and do His perfect and holy will (Hebrews 1:14).
- Angels are spirits without physical bodies. Scripture often reports that they appear in human, or at least recognizable, form.
- Angels are not human. And people do not become angels when they die.
- Although angels are powerful and intelligent, they are not divine, all-knowing, or all-powerful. Only God is, and we pray only to Him, not to angels.
- God sends angels to protect believers (Psalm 91:11–12).
- Jesus said angels do not marry (Matthew 22:30). They do not die.

## Jacob's Dream

Genesis 27:41–28:22

The Lord God cares for His children even when we experience the consequences of sin, as we see in this account about Jacob. Escaping the ire of Esau, his twin, Jacob traveled to Haran to take shelter in the home of his mother's brother Laban.

Stopping to sleep, God appeared to Jacob in a dream. Jacob saw a ladder set up on earth with its top in heaven. Angels ascended and descended on the ladder.

At the top of the ladder, the Lord Himself appeared and reaffirmed the promises first made to Abraham: He will give the land of Canaan to Jacob and his offspring and bless all the families of earth through Jacob's offspring. God also promised to watch over Jacob and bring him back home to this land.

When he woke, Jacob felt awestruck. He marked the place with a pillar and called it Bethel, which means "house of God." With thankfulness, He vowed to trust the Lord as His God and rely on Him to care for him.

Jesus referenced Jacob's dream when speaking to Nathanael. He said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man" (John 1:51).

The ladder in Jacob's dream showed a bridge between heaven and earth. Jesus, as true God and true man, is the bridge between God and humankind. By His suffering, death, and resurrection, Jesus reconnected sinners to God. He provides eternal blessings for all who trust in Him.

### Prayer

*Lord Jesus, be with us wherever we go. Help us keep our eyes on You, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before You endured the cross. In Your name we pray. Amen (Hebrews 12:2).*

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