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session 8

## DIRECTION & IDENTITY

### as you go

These are simple questions to ask your student as you go home from church or go about your weekly activities.

- .01** What is something you have needed to give up in the past? How did it make you feel to give it up?
- .02** If you could instantly travel anywhere tomorrow, where would you go? Why?

### family DEVOTION

Consider following up with your student later in the week with the following summary and discussion questions.

### summary: GENESIS 35:1-15

In response to Jacob's son's violence at Shechem, God gave Jacob four imperatives: "get up," "go," "settle," and "build." Jacob obeyed God and prepared his family to move. The preparations started with getting rid of anything related to foreign gods. Jacob knew they could not honestly worship God if there was anything related to foreign gods in their midst. After arriving safely to Bethel, Jacob built an altar just as God had instructed, and he worshiped. The Lord once again appeared to Jacob and reaffirmed two things: Jacob's new name and the covenant He made with him.

### discussion QUESTIONS

- .01** Why was it necessary for Jacob and his family to remove anything related to foreign gods before traveling to Bethel? What does this tell us about true worship?
- .02** Where do you see God's presence with Jacob in this story?

**PRAY:** Express your gratitude to the Lord for His presence in your life and for giving you the power to walk in your new identity as a child within the family of God. Ask for the grace to surrender any idols in your life to Him.

### memorize: GENESIS 35:11



### CENTRAL truth

God's presence helps us to live out the identity He gives us.

### LEADER challenge

Challenge your student to use the Daily Devotions provided in the *Daily Discipleship Guide* to study God's Word this week. These are the passages covered in this week's devotions.

**DAY 1** GENESIS 35:1-4

**DAY 2** GENESIS 35:5-8

**DAY 3** GENESIS 35:9-15

**DAY 4** 2 COR. 5:17-19

**DAY 5** 2 COR. 5:20-21

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the Bible