

August 2025, Week 4

Bible Story: Jacob's Dream • *Genesis 28:10-22 (supporting: Genesis 25:19-34; 27)*

Conversation Starter: What helps you remember that God is with you?

Bottom Line: You can trust that God is with you.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1 (NIRV)*

SLIDE: Theme

Host enters . . .

WELCOME

Host has lots of energy as he or she welcomes everyone to [Name of Environment]. Host is relatable and inviting. Host can talk about something that happened culturally throughout the week like a big sports game, movie opening, a viral video on YouTube, etc. Host tells them how excited he or she is that they're there and briefly runs through what they can expect. This is especially helpful for first-time guests to make them feel like they know what's happening.

OPENER

Leader: "Hey! I'm so glad that you're here today! This month we're in our series 'Origin Story,' where we're talking about how we can have faith in God because of what He has done.

It's time to get on your feet and tell God that we love Him in worship together!"

WORSHIP

LEADER: "Hey! I'm excited to worship with you today! One of the ways we worship is by giving honor to God through singing and dancing. Let's go ahead and worship together.

Video: "Goodbye Yesterday"

"Great job, everyone! Let's go ahead and sit down and hear our true story from the Bible today!"

Video: So and So Show

SLIDE: Week 4 Timeline Image

“This week we talked about Jacob!”

“When we think about Jacob, we can remember that though Jacob made mistakes, God was still with him. God promised that He would always be with Jacob, and it’s true for you too!

“We’ll talk more about this later in the big story God is telling in the Bible, but after Jesus’ resurrection, when He went to heaven, He sent His Holy Spirit to live inside of His followers. When you become a follower of Jesus, the Holy Spirit came to live inside of you too! So the promise God made to Jacob, is true of all Jesus-followers too! “I am with you.”

“So God is always, always, always with you! He is IN you! He is closer than close. So that is something you can trust—that God is always, always with you. That might be a brand-new idea to some of you, and that’s okay! We’ll chew on this idea more in our small groups.

“So as you go to your small groups, ask yourself this question:

SLIDE: Conversation Starter

[Conversation Starter] “What helps you remember that God is with you?” It could be that when you talk to other people who believe in Jesus, you can remember that God is with you. Maybe it’s remembering a promise God made to you in the Bible that He is with you. Take time to pause this week and ask God to help you remember that He is with you. Let’s go ahead and pray to God now!

SLIDE: Theme Background

PRAYER

Leader: “God, thank You so much for being with us. When we feel scared or we feel alone, please help us remember that You are with us. Help us learn to live aware that Your Holy Spirit lives in us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name.

SLIDE: God’s Big Story