

Dreaming with Yaakov

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Small Group Activity

Think about the symbolism in Yaakov’s Dream.

Why did God show Yaakov the following:

1. A ladder
2. The ladder grounded on earth with its top reaches the heavens
3. God’s angels
4. Angels going up and down the ladder

Choose one of the items above and explain why it is part of the dream. What does it symbolize? What does it represent?

Read explanation # \_\_\_\_ below and prepare a skit to demonstrate your answer to the class.

1. The ladder is grounded on earth and its top reaches the heavens to show Yaakov that there is a connection between heaven and earth and that God protects him from above.	2. God shows Yaakov angels to make sure Yaakov knows that the land God promises him and his descendants is a special land in which God’s angels reside.
3. The angels go up and down the ladder to show Yaakov that God protects him wherever he goes. The angels who ascend the ladder protect Yaakov in Canaan and the angels who descend it protect him outside of Canaan.	4. God shows Yaakov a ladder with angels going up and down to show Yaakov that God always protects him: when he feels well – in his “ups” and when doesn’t feel as well, in his “downs”.

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