

Parents, show photos of yourselves growing up, and tell stories to go with the pictures. List on this page ways your kids know about you as a child. (They see pictures; you and others tell them stories.) Compare that to how we know about God and about His plans. (We see His creation; He tells us in the Bible.)

## The Covenant Renewed

**Session Title:** The Promise Reaffirmed

**Bible Passage:** Genesis 25:19-26; 26:1-6; 28:10-22

**Big Picture Question for preschoolers:** How did people know God's plan? God told people His plan.

**Big Picture Question for kids:** How did people know God's plan? God communicated His plan in different ways.

**Key Passage:** Genesis 28:15

*Christ Connection: God's wonderful plan to Abraham extended well beyond his lifetime. The plan was shared with Rebekah, Isaac, Jacob, and eventually an entire nation leading to the birth of a baby boy named Jesus. Jesus fulfilled God's plan to provide salvation and redemption for all of God's people.*



Prepare a recipe together; talk about how a recipe is a plan. Sometimes people's plans work out, and sometimes they don't, but God's plans will always work out. Date and print the recipe on this page and comment on the result.

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**Session Title:** The Stolen Blessing

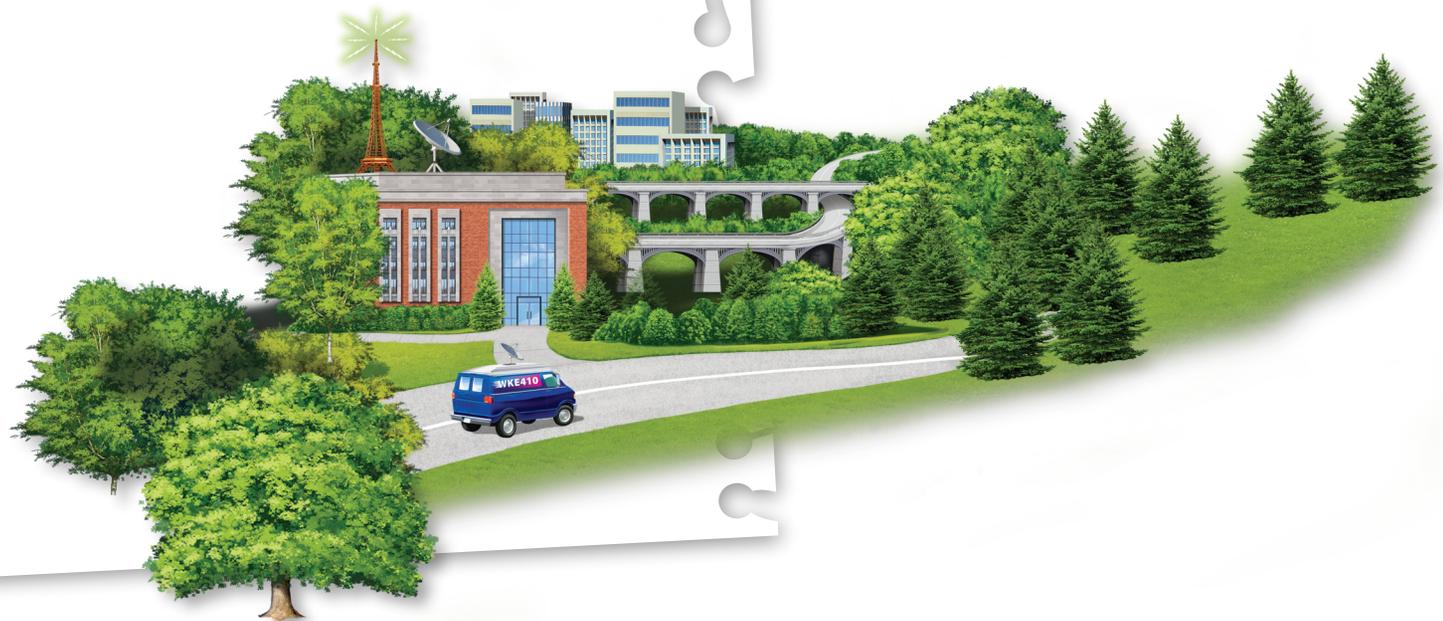
**Bible Passage:** Genesis 25:27-34; 27:1-45

**Big Picture Question for preschoolers:** What can stop God's plans? Nothing can stop God's plans.

**Big Picture Question for kids:** What can stop God's plans? Nothing can stop God's plans because they are always perfect.

**Key Passage:** Genesis 28:15

*Christ Connection: Jacob is a perfect example of why a Savior was needed. Like Jacob, we seek a birthright and blessing that is not ours, but we cannot lie, deceive, or trick to receive it. Instead Jesus shared His birthright and blessing with us when He paid for our sins on the cross and gave us His righteousness.*



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**Session Title:** Jacob's New Name

**Bible Passage:** Genesis 32–32

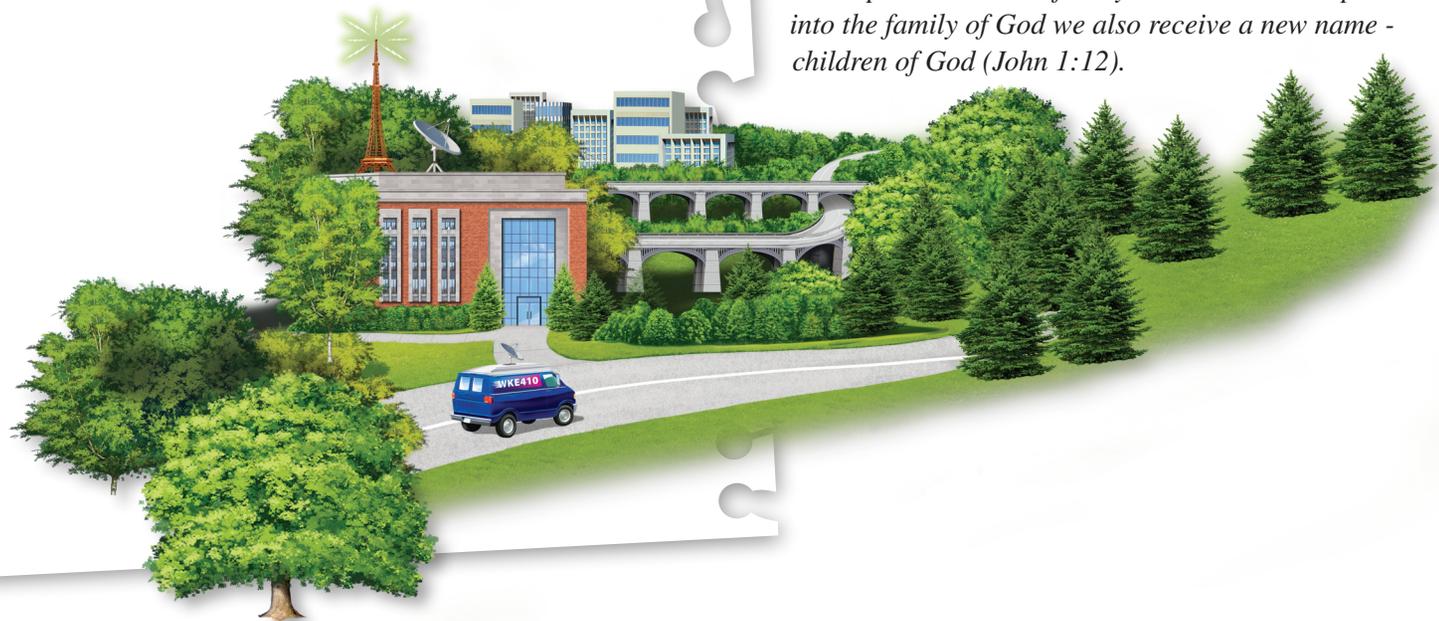
**Big Picture Question for preschoolers:** What new name did God give Jacob? God changed Jacob's name to Israel.

**Big Picture Question for kids:** What new name did God give Jacob? God changed Jacob's name to Israel, which became the name of God's covenant people.

**Key Passage:** Genesis 28:15

*Christ Connection: Jacob's meeting with God changed his life as reflected in his new name, Israel. Jesus came so that we might have a changed life, forgiven of sin (2 Cor. 5:17). Jesus' death and resurrection provided sinful people with the way to be adopted into God's family. When we are adopted into the family of God we also receive a new name - children of God (John 1:12).*

Look online or in a book to find the meaning of each family member's name. Write the meanings on this page. If there is a story behind choosing the name, tell it. If you named your child after someone, tell qualities about that person that you admire. Recall that God changed Jacob's name when Jacob met God and was changed on the inside.



Tell your family about something that happened in your life that God used, but you did not understand until later. Write in words or draw pictures of times that family members have been really aware that God is with them.

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**Session Title:** Joseph Sent to Egypt

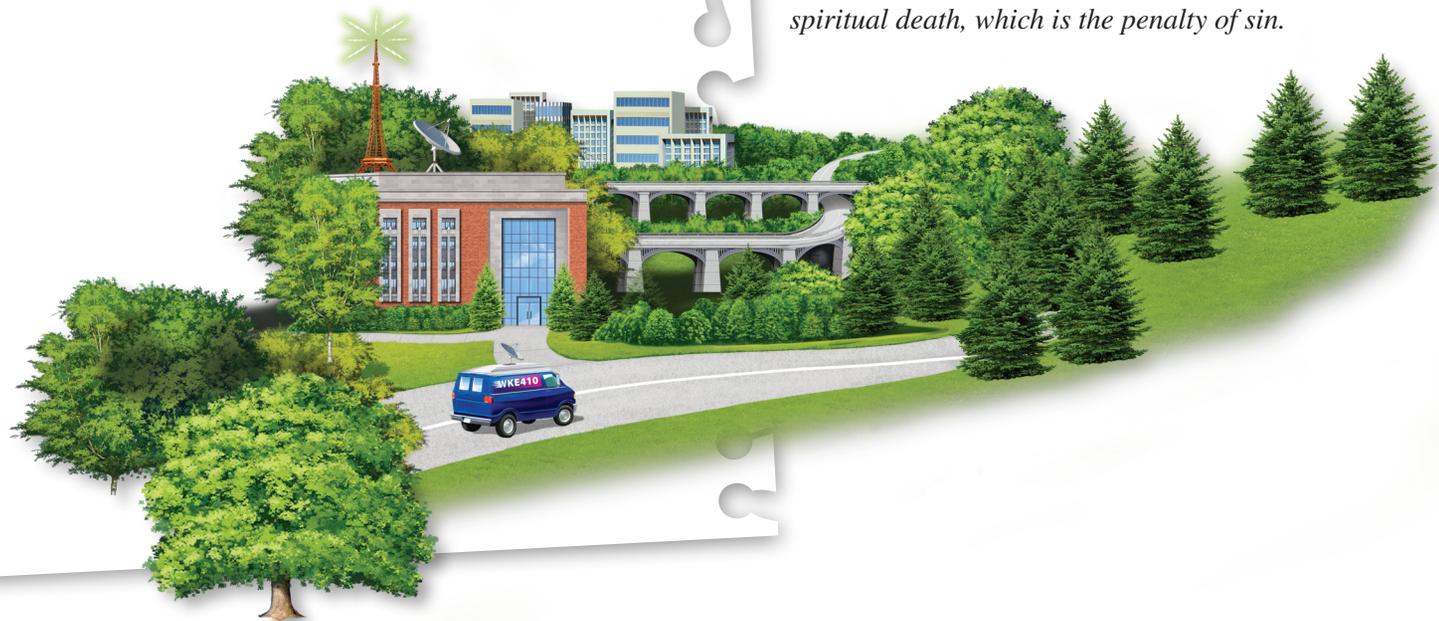
**Bible Passage:** Genesis 37:1-36; 39:1-41:57

**Big Picture Question for preschoolers:** Who is always with us? God is always with us.

**Big Picture Question for kids:** Who is always with us? God is always with us, even when things happen we don't understand.

**Key Passage:** Genesis 28:15

*Christ Connection: God sent Joseph to Egypt and blessed him, so that he rose to a position of great power. In that position, he was God's instrument for saving his family and many others in the world from death by starvation. Jesus gave up his position of great power to be God's instrument for saving people. Christ's life and death made a way to save people from spiritual death, which is the penalty of sin.*



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**Session Title:** Joseph's Dreams Came True

**Bible Passage:** Genesis 42:1–46:34; 50:15-21

**Big Picture Question for preschoolers:** Why did God send Joseph to Egypt? God sent Joseph to Egypt to save his family.

**Big Picture Question for kids:** Why did God send Joseph to Egypt? God sent Joseph to Egypt to establish a remnant.

**Key Passage:** Genesis 28:15

*Christ Connection: Joseph recognized that though his brothers intended evil, God planned his circumstances for good—to establish a remnant of God's people. (Genesis 45:7) Likewise, though those who crucified Jesus intended it for evil, God's plan for the sacrifice of His Son was for the good of all people. Through Jesus' death on the cross, God again saved a remnant of people.*

Ask each family member to draw a good dream they remember. Talk about whether they think those dreams will come true. Recall the dreams God gave Joseph that did come true because they were sent from God.

