

Ebi's

Story time



I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you

- Genesis 28:15

Ebi and David met again. David asked Ebi if he had ever had a special dream – one that he wished was not only a dream but would come true in real life.

Ebi smiled and immediately remembered some really good dreams that he wished were true when he woke up. But he also remembered some not-so-good dreams, and he was glad to wake up and realise they weren't true at all!

Then David told Ebi about a wonderful dream that someone called Jacob in the Bible had – and how everything in his dream actually became true!

Ebi was very excited and asked David to tell him about Jacob's dream.

"Jacob was the son of Isaac and the grandson of Abraham. One day, Isaac sent his son Jacob to find a wife from their own family. He didn't want him to marry a woman from the land they lived in, because those people were their enemies. Jacob had to travel far, so when it got dark, he took a break and slept in a field. That night, he had a special dream. He saw huge stairs that reached all the way to heaven, and angels were going up and down those stairs."

"Wow, that sounds amazing!" Ebi was excited to hear about this beautiful dream. David continued with the rest of the dream.

"Then Jacob saw God standing at the top of the stairs. God spoke to him and said: 'I will give this land that you are lying on to you and your family forever.'"

Amazed, Ebi said, "That must have been so wonderful to hear."





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"Yes!" said David. "God promised that He would bring Jacob back to that land after he had found a wife. He promised that Jacob would have many children and grandchildren and that they would become a big nation."

Now Ebi was very surprised and wanted to know if this really happened.

David told Ebi that it happened exactly as God had said. Jacob found a wife, and he had 12 sons who became the leaders of this new nation – the Jewish nation. He and his large family moved back to the land which God had promised them. This land is called Israel.

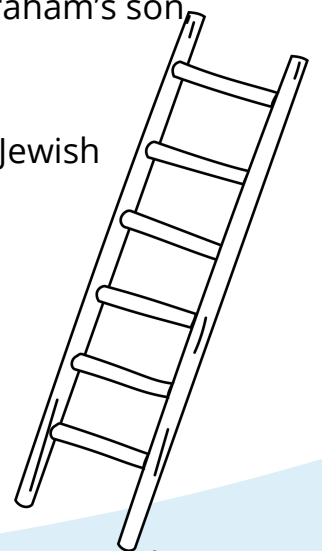
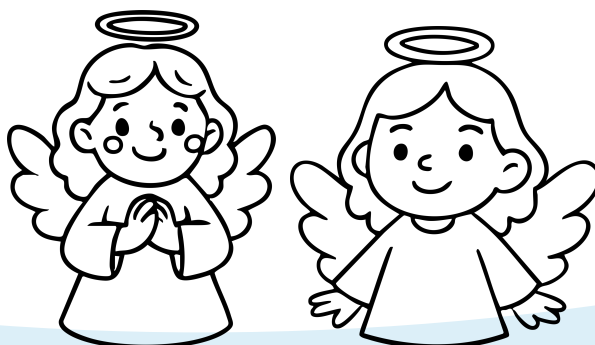
Ebi was a little surprised because he had heard that today there is also a country called Israel. He wondered whether the two were in the same place.

David told him that Israel today is the same Israel that God promised to Jacob. "Remember, God said he would give the land to Jacob and his family forever. He also promised to protect them from their enemies. And that is exactly what He is still doing today."

Ebi was surprised. "That is so interesting," he said.

David reminded Ebi that Jacob's grandfather was Abraham. When God first told Abraham to move to this new land, he had already promised that the land would be for him and his family. Then he also promised this to Abraham's son Isaac and now finally to Jacob in this incredible dream.

"You see, this means that if God promised the land of Israel to the Jewish people forever, nobody will be able to take it away from them."



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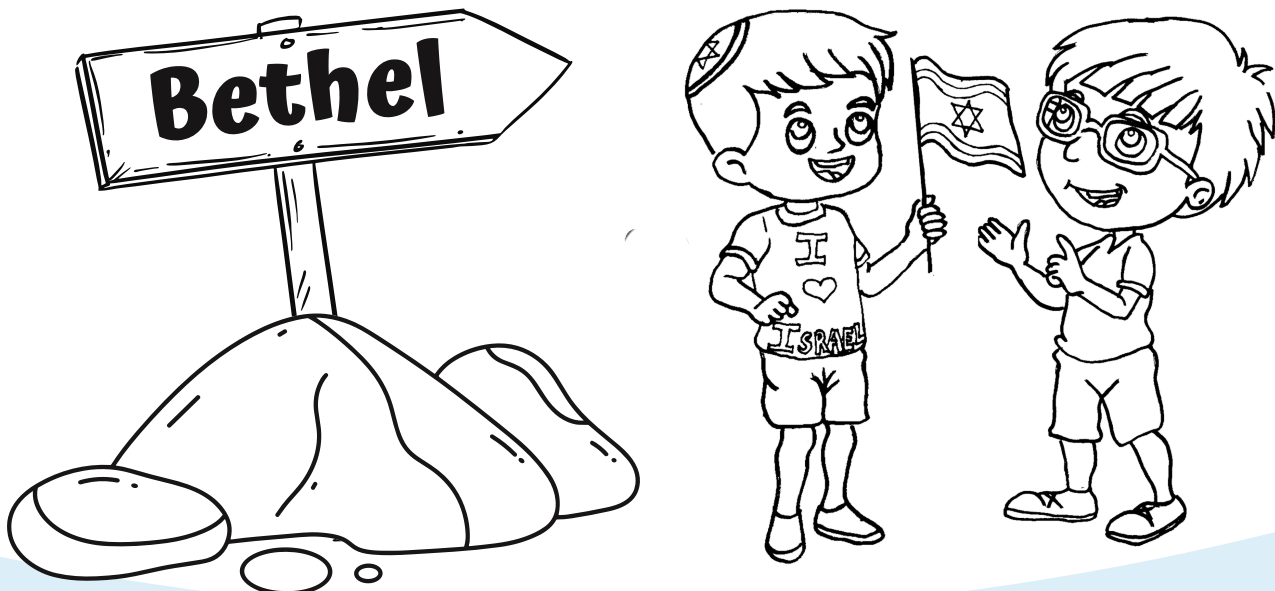
David continued to tell the story that when Jacob woke up from his dream, he knew that God had been with him while he was sleeping. He decided to call that place Bethel, which means 'house of God'. And even today, that place in Israel is still called Bethel.

Ebi was surprised that there was so much to learn about the Jewish people and Israel in the Bible. He never knew that God had made this promise so many years ago.

Now Ebi understood why so many Jews from different countries are moving to Israel to live there. It is because they know that God has given this land especially for them. And they know that there in Israel God will protect them from their enemies.

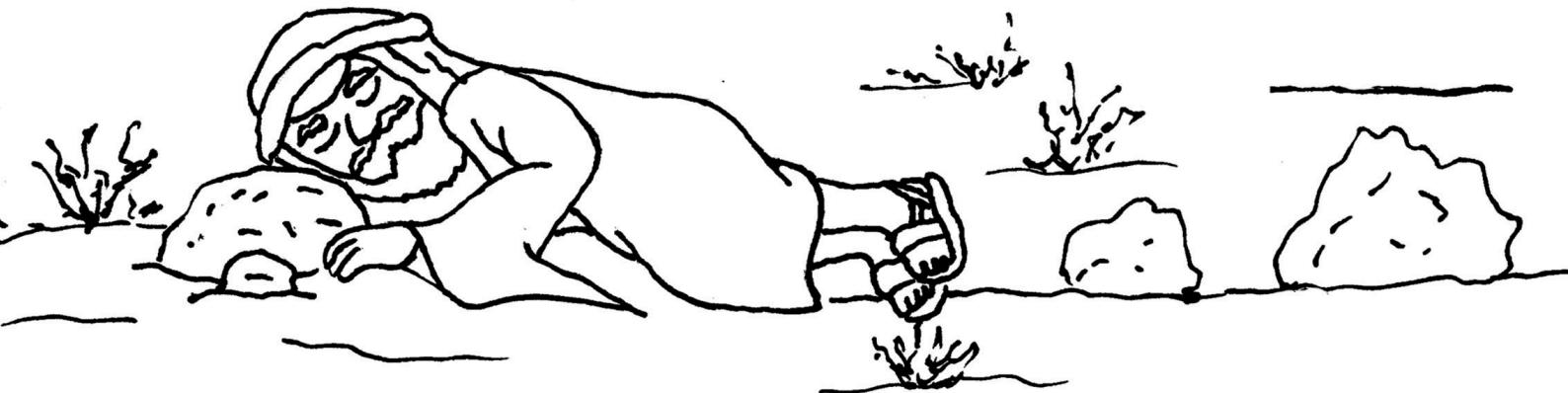
David also told Ebi that many people who are not Jewish help Jews to move to Israel because this is God's plan for the Jewish people. When Jews move to Israel, they call it "Aliyah".

Ebi thanked David because he had learned so much about Jacob's dream and how it all came true, just like God had promised in his dream.



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Colouring In



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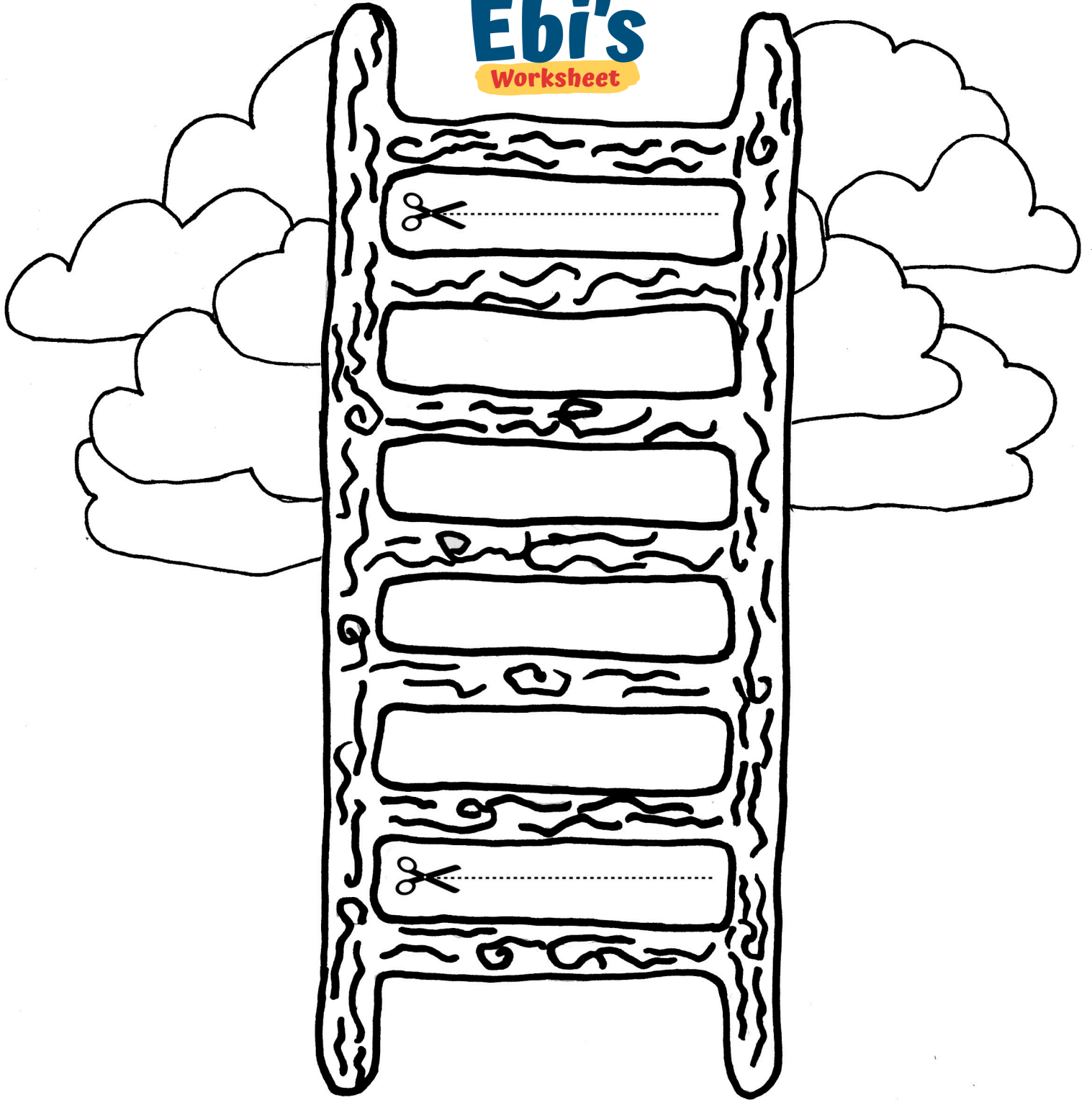
Worksheet

Instructions

1. Ensure you have both the ladder sheet and the angels sheet, then colour them both in.
2. On the Jacob's Ladder sheet, find the little scissors icons and put some blutak behind them. Then push a sharp pencil through the sheet. Then insert small, sharp scissors into each hole (nail scissors are good) and cut along both of the dotted lines.
3. Then cut along the three longest lines on the angel's sheet, but don't cut the short line
4. Lay the lowest end of the first column of angels over the top end of the second column of angels and glue them down.
5. You are then ready to insert the top of the long column of angels into the bottom slit of the ladder from the back of the sheet.
6. When the angels have been pulled through the lower gap, then pull them up and into the upper gap. Then you can move them back and forth.
7. You now have Jacob's dream of the angels going up and down the ladder!

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