

away toward Haran (map), where his uncle Laban lived. At sundown we see him walking along, weary with his day's journey. He comes to a place where he decides to spend the night. He takes a stone for his pillow and lies down on the ground to sleep.

Jacob's Ladder—Jacob dreamed. In a vision God showed him a ladder reaching from earth to heaven, and the angels of God going up and down, and the Lord stood above it and said, vs. 13-15 (read). Jacob was afraid, but he must have felt very happy when he heard the beautiful promises God made.

Jacob's Vow—Jacob rose early, and took the big stone he had used as a pillow and set it up like a pillar and poured oil upon it and called the place Bethel, "House of God" (sketch). Tell Jacob's vow to God, vs. 20-22.

Golden Text—Print and repeat the promise

I AM WITH THEE
WILL BLESS

Get some one to read you the rest of the story. You will see how God kept His promise and guided Jacob safely to his uncle's house, and took care of him all through his life.

God With Us—God's promises to those who loved Him in days of old are meant for each of

us to-day. If you are His faithful little follower, trying to please Him, God promises to be with you and bless you and make you a blessing.

The Ladder of Faith—Faith is a ladder by which we reach up to God. Prayer is faith speaking to God. We believe that God is watching over us; He is above the ladder.

A Missionary Thought—Verse 14 means that Jesus was to be born into one of Jacob's families, in years to come. We are to carry the news of His birth, etc., to all nations. Jacob showed his thanks to God by making a "Bethel." We may show our thanks by helping to make places of worship where none are.

Tenth-giving—Remember Jacob's promise, "Of all that Thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto Thee." Jack has earned ten cents. He divides it in two parts—nine in this pile, one in that. Mary has a garden and sells her vegetables. She has twenty bunches of lettuce ready for sale. How should she divide them so that a tenth may be set apart to sell for God's work (missions, Sunday School, church, charity)?

Something To Think About—God will make me good.

FROM THE PLATFORM

"Nearer, my God, to Thee"

Write on the blackboard, "Nearer, my God, to Thee," the first line of Hymn 223, Book of Praise, and have this hymn sung by the School. Then, while the scholars have their hymn books open, or, where a lantern is used, the hymn being kept on the screen, question about the references in the hymn to Jacob's experiences told in the Lesson. Thus: What word in the first line of v. 2 describes Jacob? What line in the same verse refers to the time when the Lesson begins? What did Jacob use for a pillow? What reference to this has the hymn (same verse)? What dream did Jacob have? Give the reference, still in the same verse of the hymn to that dream. Continuing, deal similarly with the references, "steps unto heaven," "angels to beckon me," in v. 3, and "with my waking thoughts," and "Bethel I'll raise," in v. 4. Now ask: Was God near to Jacob? Will He be near to us? Urge the blessings of God's nearness and the condition of enjoying these,—doing His will.