

peacemakers. Esau hated Jacob, and wanted to kill him. (Why?) Where the class is divided, the story of Jacob getting the blessing instead of Esau may be told to the older children, if time permits.) Jacob goes away to his uncle Laban's. He feels sad and lonely as he travels along. Before him rise the hills of Bethel. He begins to climb a rugged, stony path. Night comes on. He looks about for a place to lie down and sleep. He has been a shepherd and is used to sleeping on the ground. He lies down with his head on a stone. Soon he is fast asleep. He dreams that he sees a ladder from earth to heaven.

Blackboard—Outline of ladder. "HEAVEN—GOD" at the top, "EARTH" below, "ANGELS" on ladder, a stone at the foot, "JACOB" above it.

God comforts Jacob—By means of this dream God spoke to Jacob to comfort and help him. (Verse 15.)

Jacob's Gratitude—Teach Golden Text. When he got up in the morning, did he forget God's kindness? No! What did he do?

(Verses 18, 19.) He also "made up his mind" to do something. (Verses 20-22.)

Our Thanks—God is with me, keeps me, gives me bread to eat and clothes to wear, etc. Am I showing my thanks as Jacob did?

"I've learned to put together
The figures on my slate;
The teacher calls it 'adding,'
And I like it first-rate.
There's one queer thing about it,
Whenever you get ten,
You have to 'carry one,' she says,
And then begin again.
That's what we do with pennies,
When I have ten, you see,
I 'carry one' to Jesus,
Who's done so much for me."
—The Children's Missionary Friend

Our Ladder—Jesus is the WAY by which we climb from earth to heaven.

Our Comfort—God is near us when we need Him. (Verse 2, Hymn No. 121.) Verse 15 is for each little boy and girl as well as for Jacob

Story Book—"The First Dream." Outline of a ladder, etc. (See blackboard.)

Hymn—Hymn No. 511, Book of Praise.

BLACKBOARD REVIEW

At the top THE LADDER Between At the foot

It is the "golden ladder" that, after all, holds the imagination of the children in this lesson. Let it therefore be used in the review. Plain lettering, as above, will answer the purpose; or a ladder (or sloping hill-side) drawn by a few strokes. Begin "At the foot." Jacob, the hard, bad man, now from home, and homeless and weary. God has, all unsuspected by him, been giving him on his lonely journey a more real view of his own heart and life, and thus preparing him for the vision. Oh, how God loves and cares for, and follows us when we are wayward! There is Jacob on the hard ground, an earthly man—at the foot. And "At the top"—in heaven—is God, the Lord (Describe His glory and power, and how He has shown His love and grace to Adam and Noah, and Abraham, and Isaac. His grace is like the sea—inexhaustible). And "Between," to make it easier for Jacob to understand how God will help and guide—the angels, God's messengers, the servants of God's people. It should be easy now to impress what the Lord said to Jacob and Jacob's response.