

HOME STUDY LEAFLET.

LESSON 10.

MARCH 11th, 1894.

1st QUARTER.

Jacob at Bethel. Gen. 28: 10-22.

GOLDEN TEXT: "I am with thee, and will keep thee." Gen. 28: 15.

COMMIT TO MEMORY VERSES 12-14. CHILDREN'S HYMNAL 107, 131, 160, 105.

PROVE THAT—Angels help the righteous. Heb. 1: 14.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Quest. 62. What is a sacrament? Quest. 93.
Which are the sacraments of the New Testament?

DAILY PORTIONS.

(The Selections of the International Bible Reading Association.)

MONDAY.	TUESDAY.	WEDNESDAY.	THURSDAY.	FRIDAY.	SATURDAY.	SABBATH.
Gen. 28: 10-22	Gen. 27: 41-28: 5	Gen. 35: 6-15	Gen. 41: 8-14	Ps. 91	Ps. 121	Ps. 116: 7-19

Instead of the annual examination for diplomas, prizes and medals, you are invited to come up at the end of each quarter on the lessons which you have just gone over. The first quarterly examination for 1894 will be held on Saturday, March 31st, at 2 o'clock, p. m., and the same rules will be followed as at the annual (see the Syllabus). Applications for question papers should be sent immediately to the convener of the S. S. Committee. Those who take this examination need not come up to the annual; diplomas, &c. will be awarded on the aggregate marks of all four.

HELPS IN STUDYING.

INTRODUCTORY.—Read the story in chapter 27. Who prompted Jacob to deceive his father? How did they guard against detection? Did Isaac seem suspicious? What did Esau say when he found that he had been cheated a second time? What revenge did Esau plan against Jacob? What did Rebekah propose to Jacob to do? How did she get Isaac to agree to her wishes?

LESSON PLAN. I. The Dream. vs. 10-12. II. The Promise. vs. 13-15. III. The Vow. vs. 16-22.

I. THE DREAM. 10. Point out Beersheba, Bethel and Haran on the map. People who resort to deceit are usually caught in their own craftiness. Jacob's dishonesty to his brother and his father is severely punished. He finds himself a fugitive from home and never sees his mother again. He started out alone with nothing but his shepherd's staff in his hand (ch. 32: 10). Yet that staff was a sign that he could do something well. You may have to earn your living some day. When the time comes for you to start out alone in life be sure you have the "staff" in your hand. Learn well the "staff" on which you are going to lean for a livelihood bye and bye, and by which you are going to glorify God and be a blessing to others. No doubt Jacob felt very lonely when he lay down on the hard ground with a stone for a pillow, and his prayers for pardon and guidance were very earnest (ch. 35: 3). We must take the consequences of our wrong-doing although we may be forgiven our sin. Jacob must reap what he had sown, but God is no longer angry with him, for he has shown himself really sorry, so he gives him a beautiful dream, altogether unlike ordinary dreams. Our dreams are but the shadows of our daily lives and are not worth telling over again except for amusement. But God sometimes sends comfort in dreams as well as in our waking thoughts, although he seldom gives such a glorious vision as Jacob saw. Ladder—rather "stairway." Try and tell in your own words what Jacob saw. Read John 1: 51, and show wherein the stairway resembles Christ.

II. THE PROMISE. Compare this with the blessing to Abraham, ch. 17: 4-9, and point out where they are alike. The God of Abraham . . . of Isaac—and bye and bye he calls himself the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. (Ex. 3: 6). If we have pious parents and grandparents we have more reason to be proud of our descent than if they were kings, and

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