

Genesis 28 : 1-5, 10-22—Memory Verses, 13, 14.

Golden Text—Behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest.—Genesis 28 : 15.



- 15 And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land ; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.
- 16 And Ja'cob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place ; and I knew it not.
- 17 And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place ! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.
- 18 And Ja'cob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it.
- 19 And he called the name of that place Beth-el : but the name of that city was called Luz at the first.
- 20 And Ja'cob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,
- 21 So that I come again to my father's house in peace ; then shall the LORD be my God :
- 22 And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house : and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

THE LESSON RETOLD

When Rebekah knew that Esau wished to kill Jacob, she planned to send Jacob away. But she did not want to tell his father of the quarrel between the brothers. So she went to Isaac one day, and said, "Is it not time that Jacob was married ? Let us send him away now to look for a wife." At once Isaac agreed, and calling Jacob said to him. "Do not marry one of the heathen women of this land, but go instead to Padanaram, where your uncle Laban lives, and ask for one of his daughters as a wife."

Then Isaac prayed to God to be with Jacob, to bless and take care of him, and give him many children to inherit the land which God had promised Abraham should one day belong to him and his descendants.

After his father had blessed him, Jacob set out on his journey. He was alone. The journey was very long and tiresome, and there was no tent nor house to sleep in on the way ; so, when night came, he took a stone for his pillow and lay down in a lonely place to sleep on the hard ground.

But God was watching over Jacob, and sent him a beautiful dream to comfort him. In this dream, Jacob saw a ladder reaching up to the sky, and on the steps were bright angels going up and coming down ; and at the top was God Himself. And God spoke to Jacob, saying, "I am the Lord God of Abraham and of Isaac, and I will be with you to take care of you wherever you go ; and I will bring you safely home again, and