

Gem Seeking

LITTLE GEMS STORY

Parent/Teacher Preparation:

Please see the [Instructions for the Little Gems Story](#) on the YMTOI website. This will help you to understand how to prepare for the story.

Am I Dreaming?

Shalom children! A lot happened in our last lesson. Two brothers were born to Yitshaq and Ribqah - twins named Esaw and Ya'aqob. **(Place Esaw and Ya'aqob on board.)** They grew up having very different interests, and Ya'aqob ended up tricking Esaw out of 2 things. Do you remember what they were? **(Allow children to answer.)** That's right, he tricked him out of his birthright when he was hungry, and then out of his blessing while he was hunting. Now, Esaw may have let it go the first time, but when Ya'aqob took something from him the second time, that was it. He was so mad that he threatened to kill Ya'aqob. **(Place angry emoji on board.)** His parents were afraid for him **(place scared emoji on board)**, so they sent him to stay with Ribqah's brother Laban.

(Remove all characters from board except for Ya'aqob. Place sun on board.)

Ya'aqob left quickly, and he probably didn't have much with him. As the sun started setting, he stopped to rest and grabbed a stone to use for a pillow. **(Replace sun with moon.)** As he slept, he had a dream. He saw a ladder that went all the way into the clouds, and there were messengers going up and down the ladder. **(Place ladder dream scene on board.)** Ya'aqob heard a voice coming from way above the ladder. It was Yahweh. **(Place messenger above ladder dream scene.)** He talked to Ya'aqob, just as He did with his father Yitshaq and his grandfather Abraham. **(Place Yitshaq and Abraham on board.)** Yahweh gave him the same promises He had given to them. He would bless him and guard him and keep him safe, and Yahweh would give him the land where he was lying. Ya'aqob woke up feeling a little scared. He realized that the place where he had stopped to sleep was set-apart.

(Remove all characters from board and place Ya'aqob and sun on board.)

Ya'aqob got up early the next morning. He took the stone from under his head and stood it up. **(Place stone in vertical position on board.)** To thank Yahweh for taking care of him on his journey by providing him with bread to eat and a garment to wear, Ya'aqob then made a vow which is like a promise to Yahweh. **(Place robe and bread on board.)**

He vowed that if Yahweh would be with him and bring him safely back to his father's home in peace, he would return to this spot and give back to Yahweh a tenth of all Yahweh had given him. Ya'aqob also changed the name of the place where he had stopped to rest. He called it Beyth El, which means 'House of El'. He said that this place would be Elohim's house.



Children, do you remember who else gave a tenth in a previous parsha lesson? (**Allow children to answer.**) Abraham gave a tenth of what he had to King Malkitsedeq of Shalem after he had rescued Lot from the battle of the 4 kings against the 5 unfaithful kings. (**Place Malkitsedeq on board next to Abraham.**)

(Place 9 baskets and single basket next to each other on board.)

Children, can you help me count to 10 and set aside 1 part for Yahweh? (**Count 9 baskets with children and separate single basket.**) That's great, children! Let's always remember to put Yahweh first so that He can bless us, guard us, and keep us safe!

Well children, we have come to the end of our story for today. We will see you next week for another exciting Little Gems story!

