

Jacob's Dream of a Ladder

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In **Genesis 28**, **Jacob**, a grandson of Abraham, was on a **LONG** journey.



And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold, there was a _____ set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, “I am the LORD, the God of _____ your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.” (Gen 28:11-14)

What are ladders for? They help us get somewhere we couldn't get on our own, right? Have you ever seen someone use a ladder to get up on the roof? Ladders help us reach what we can't reach on our own.

But what does this have to do with our **search for our King**?

About 1,800 years later, a man named **Nathanael** was introduced to Jesus of Nazareth and he became so excited that he said, “**Rabbi, you**

are the Son of God! You are the _____ of Israel!” (John 1:49). Listen to what Jesus said next:

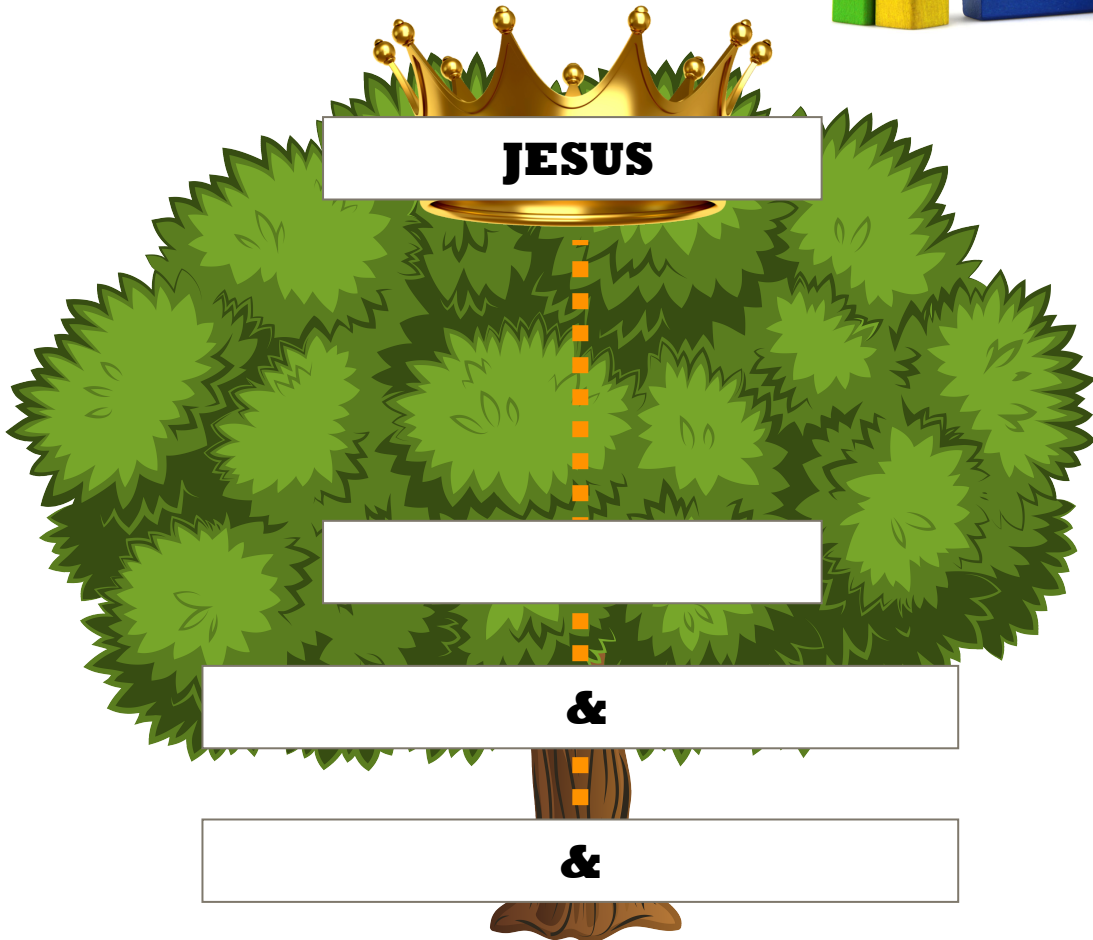
“Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the _____ of _____.” (John 1:50-51)

Jesus, **our King**, is the bridge between heaven and earth! Jesus is the one and only way to heaven.



FOUNDATION STONES

As we Search for Our King, we're learning the family tree of Jesus.



Why was Jacob making the **LONG** journey from Beersheba to Haran?

Let's think about what Jacob promises in [Genesis 28:21](#):
"then the **LORD** shall be my **God**." The LORD had been his **grandfather's** God and his **father's** God. What would it mean for the LORD to be **JACOB's** God?

