

St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church Junior Church Activity Sheet

19th July 2020 – Trinity 6

Here is something to pass the time at home as we can't meet in church at the moment – a story and some activities.



Story

This is a story about Jacob. He was a twin and he cheated his elder brother out of his birthright – the right to inherit their father's property. His brother Esau was very angry and swore to kill him, so Jacob ran away. He meant to go and stay with his uncle and seek safety there.

But as he was travelling the sun began to go down and he had to stop for the night. He found a safe place to sleep and chose a stone for his pillow and fell fast asleep.

And that night he had the most amazing dream. He dreamed that there was a ladder stretching all the way from earth to heaven and there were angels, more than he could count, coming up and down it. And God came to him in the dream and said 'Your children and your children's children will be so many that you will spread all over the earth, and bless it. Remember that I am always with you and I will not leave you.'

When Jacob woke up he said 'Surely, the Lord was in this place, and I did not even know it. This is none other than the house of God, and the gate of heaven!'

So he took the stone that had been his pillow and he stood it up like a pillar and poured oil on it as an offering and gave the place a name: Bethel, which means the House of God.

And he knew that one day, with God with him, he would come safe home again.

Craft

Make a Jacob's Ladder

Use the ladder sheet to make as long a ladder as you like. You may like to hang it in your window.

You can make up angel figures, or use the template to make as many as you like and decorate them in all sorts of colourful and sparkly ways.

You might think about the people you know who have been angels to you since we were locked down – angels are God's messengers. Who has been kind and lovely to you? You could write their names on the angels.

Stick them on the ladder and watch them coming and going between heaven and earth.

Origami Jacob's Ladder

There is also a folding puzzle you can make and there are lots of things on YouTube to show you how, either out of paper, or with wooden blocks. You can also make a concertina ladder – see here for instructions:

https://www.craftideas.info/html/tutorial_jacob_s_ladder_b.html

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The next page is printed to show you how to cut out a ladder.

Cut the paper in two strips down the dotted line. Fold each strip in half lengthwise. Cut from the fold around the grey oblong. Unfold the paper and you will have a ladder.

Then there are some pages of angels. You can decorate them with patterns and give them faces – I have done a couple as a suggestion of how you might do this.



