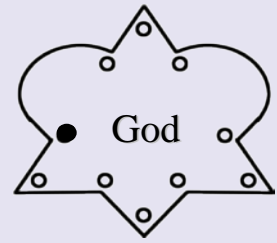


Truly Great To Know God

1.8 Jehovah Shammah

Bible Verse: Psalm 46:11

The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.



Proclaim: *The Lord is our refuge and ever-present help.*

Truth: God has made Himself known. Those who know His name can put their trust in Him. God will not forsake those who seek Him.



Scripture Reference: Genesis 28:10-17

- Lesson:**
- (1) **The man who desires God's blessings** – *Since the time when he was at a very young age, Jacob of the old Testament had desired God's blessings. The Bible records that when Jacob grew to adulthood, he schemed to attain Esau's birthright because he greatly valued the blessings of God. (Genesis 27:30-45)*
 - (2) **Jacob experienced God's presence** – *Jacob had to flee to Haran because he had seized for himself the blessings of his elder brother, Esau, and was fearful of his brother's revenge. On his way, while passing by the place called Bethel, he had a divine dream in which God revealed His presence to Jacob and spoke, saying: "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie, I will give to you and to your descendents... Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." God had promised His presence and protection to be with Jacob continually, and that He will fulfill His promises to Jacob. (Genesis 28:10-17)*
 - (3) **Having peace, protection and blessings** – *As a result of having the presence of God, Jacob became one who gained great peace and security. His life was renewed by the Lord and he became a man who was full of God's blessings, just as God had promised: his descendents shall be as the dust of the earth, and in him and in his descendents, all the families of the earth shall be blessed. For all those who are willing, God wants to grant a heart that thirsts after God's blessings like Jacob. Therefore, they can likewise experience God's presence and know Him as their refuge and fortress. (Genesis 28:14; Ps 9:10)*

Conclusion: The life of Jacob tells us – God will be with those who thirst and seek after His presence, for He is Jehovah Shammah. When we have the presence of God, all fears will have to leave us.

You Will Need:	A BIBLE; VISUAL AIDS- Lesson Title and Memory Verse Rubber snake, exam papers, etc
BIBLE STORY NARRATION	Genesis 28:10-17 God was present with Jacob
SHOW & TELL	Show the items that bring "fearsome" things to mind 1. With God's presence, we can have victory over any fear. 2. Jacob desired God blessings more than anything else. 3. He experienced God's special presence and blessings.
PRAY	Pray to be like Jacob - desire most for God's blessings Pray for one another to be faithful to go to God's house regularly. Matthew 18: 20 - For where 2 or 3 come together in my Name, there am I with them