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Second Part: Later, on Jacob's return to his homeland, bitter remembrances of his sin hung over him. But what had Jacob done about his sins? Now what did Jacob cling to? [A: Angel, yes, and God's promise of forgiveness] How can you cling to God's promises? *(Give a very practical example from your life of how you have clung to one of God's promises. Explain to children how they can cling to the promise of Genesis 28:15 for God's power to "keep" them from slipping into sin.)*

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