

Jacob's Pillow

This group activity could be used for Sunday School, religion class, Bible summer camp, *etc.*

Materials:

an assortment of stones for the children to select from*
a tray to set the stones in and pour oil over (such as a 9x13 pan or deeper cookie sheet)
a smallish pitcher with a good pouring spout
smallish amount of olive or other oil
cardboard or cover stock squares large enough to write Bethel on and hold the stone markers or crayons

Procedure:

1. Each child will select a stone for a pillow. Have them lie down and listen to the story.
OR
Have them hold the stone in their hands while you are reading the story. Then have them lie down and use the stone as a "pillow" while you reread Genesis 28:11-12.
2. At the end of the reading, have the children "wake up."
3. They should take their stone and set it up in a tray and the teacher (or students) can pour a little oil on them.
4. While the oil drains off a little, each child takes a square of cardboard and writes "Bethel" on it. Underneath you can have them write "House of God."
5. When the stones have drained off, the children can set their altars up on the cardboard.

* If you have access to smooth lake stones, try to keep a stockpile on hand for stories like this one, David fighting Goliath, *etc.*