

This resource is designed to allow your family to have time in God's Word **BEFORE** your children attend church. Because God's plan is for **parents to be the primary spiritual nurturers** of their children's faith, *we want YOU to be the one to introduce* this part of The Big God Story to them.

**HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource** This monthly magazine gives your family ideas for creating fun, spiritually forming times in your home—setting aside sacred space in the midst of your active, everyday lives.

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## GOD IS FAITHFUL

### Jacob Wrestles with God

Genesis 27:41—28:17; 32—33

Jacob wrestles with God, refusing to let go until God blesses him. God reunites Jacob and Esau, repairing the relationship between the brothers.

## JUST FOR FUN

As you tuck your children into bed at night, tell them what you're about to read also happened at night. God came to Jacob as he was going to sleep. Read the biblical account of God and Jacob wrestling in **Genesis 32**. If your children are old enough, have them read parts of the passage out loud themselves. When you're finished, ask your children if they have any thoughts or questions about the text. Remind them the Bible is true, and God still wants to meet with us today.

## REMEMBER VERSE

*Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*

*Philippians 1:6*

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Jacob wrestled all night long with God, who came to him in the form of a man.
- Jacob refused to let go of God until God blessed him.
- God changed Jacob's name to Israel, which means "one who strives after God."
- From that point forward, Jacob had a permanent limp — a physical reminder of his encounter with God.

## YOUNGER KIDS

Your child may still have temper tantrums when feeling emotional. Encouraging your child to talk to you and be open about his feelings may help him learn to better cope with difficult situations.

## OLDER KIDS

As your child gets older, she may struggle with the tension between being a child and being a young adult. She may need to be reminded that even though she is older now, she still needs to listen to and respect authority figures in her life.

## TEACHABLE MOMENTS

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss the following together:

- **How did God meet with Jacob?**
- **What did Jacob ask for?**
- **How does God meet with us today?**

## BLESSING

A blessing can be a spoken prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words of encouragement and guidance over your child. For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource** @ [HomeFrontMag.com](http://HomeFrontMag.com)

### A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), **may you see God's faithfulness in your life. May you praise Him for His goodness and love.**