



JACOB WRESTLES WITH GOD

LESSON 4

WONDER TRUTH:
God Is Faithful

SCRIPTURE:
[Genesis 32–33](#)

GOD'S BIG STORY:

Twenty years after tricking his way into the family's blessing, Jacob is on his way to see his brother again when an angel wrestles with him and renames him *Israel*. Though people are not always faithful, God is!

WORD OF WONDER:
Work together on memorizing this verse!

[Psalm 90:2](#)

*Before You created
the whole world,
You are God.
You will always be God.*

Watch God's Big Story



Late
Elementary



Early
Elementary

Listen to our
Playlist



Wonder about it!

What is one thing you're curious about from this week's part of God's big story?

How can you live differently or respond to God with what you're learning?



Family Conversations

Families, use this to prompt conversations at the table, in the car, and anywhere else your family experiences life together.

God was faithful to Jacob because that's who God is—He is faithful. When have you experienced God's faithfulness in a big or a small way? • *If you could change your name to anything, what would you change it to?* • *Names are very important. What name or names do you use when you are talking to God? Do you use the same name when you are praying alone as you do when you are praying with others? Why or why not?* • *What names does God call us? Which one do you like the most?*



Bible Memory Word of Wonder Shuffle

Learn the Word of Wonder—Psalm 90:2—as a family by dividing the verse into the same number of sections as there are people in your family. For example, if there are three people in your family, divide the verse into three sections. Write each section on a separate sheet of paper. Give one section of the verse to each family member and invite them to draw a picture to illustrate it. Once each person finishes their picture, collect the papers and mix them up. Give one picture to each person and see how quickly you can put yourselves in order. Once you're in order, say the verse together. Play several times, and mix up the papers each round.



Hands On - What's in a Name?

Read the bolded words to your family: **In God's big story, Jacob was given a new name: Israel. Israel means "one who struggled with God."** Why do you think the angel gave Jacob a new name? Invite your child to respond.

Use an app or the Internet to find the meaning of each person's name in your family. If applicable, parents or guardians can share the story of how each child's name was chosen. Was the child named after anyone? Does the name have special meaning or was it decided upon in a unique way? If a person in your family has a nickname, how did that person get it? Talk about the meaning of each person's first and middle names. Do you feel the meanings suit each person well? Invite family members to create name posters that include their names and what their names mean. They can write on a sheet of paper and decorate it with drawings and symbols that represent who they are. Consider taping each person's name poster to their bedroom door or putting them all in a common area such as on a refrigerator.