Parish of the Epiphany Faith at Home: Week of February 13, 2022 Storymakers Stars Chapter: 10 Wrestling

Overview

We are nearing the end of our story about Jacob. Today we learn a very famous part of this story, where Jacob wrestles with God. We can think of wrestling in different ways, like a physical fight, but perhaps what we can understand best is the idea of struggle. We struggle with others, with ourselves, and sometimes with God. We see the goodness of God as we watch Jacob wrestle.

Our takeaways include

We are welcome to bring our struggles—our wrestling—to God. God meets us in our wrestling with grace, forgiveness, gentleness, and faithfulness. God wants us to feel at peace, and prayer can help us.

Stars, Chapter 10: Wrestling

Let's start with the picture on page 87.

What do we see in this picture?

Does this give you a clue about our story?

How is it different from the other pictures in our stories about Jacob?

Read the story together.

What do we learn about God here?

Work on pages 91-94 together. Wonder together

What does it mean to be at peace?

What do you do to feel better?

What did you see in your imagination today as you read this story?

We are going to finish our story about Jacob next time. What do you think might happen?

Envelopes:

Today we have clay. Clay is not playdough. It's much harder to work with. Our lavender prayer dough is soft and gentle on purpose, so help us relax. This clay is something we might need to wrestle with a little bit. Look at pages 93-94 for details about this project!

Ending prayer:

Dear Lord, thank you that you are with us when we wrestle. Thank you for staying with us. Help us to be grateful for all you give us. Help us to turn to you whenever we are not at peace. Amen.