

ACTION POEM

God Loves Us

(Make up actions for the words in bold print.)

- God loves us when we're **angry**.
- God loves us when we're **sad**.
- God loves us when we're **silly**.
- God loves us when we're **glad**.
- God listens to our feelings,
each and every day.

Hidden Message

Use a black marker to fill in all the squares that are not letters of the English alphabet to reveal the hidden message. What did Jacob discover when he wrestled with the stranger?

Σ	Ε	Π	Λ	W	H	E	N	Δ	Φ	Θ
W	Ε	Σ	Ω	Υ	Ω	C	A	L	L	Δ
Φ	T	O	Θ	G	O	D	η	Ω	Σ	Γ
Π	θ	Ψ	Π	G	O	D	Φ	θ	Δ	Φ
Θ	Γ	W	I	L	L	Φ	Θ	Γ	Θ	θ
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STORY TIME

Jacob's Struggles

Based on Genesis 32:22-31

Jacob wanted to go home to see his brother, Esau. Jacob was sorry that he had been mean to his brother. So Jacob and his family packed up all their belongings. They collected all their animals and they started travelling. It would be a long journey.

One night, Jacob lay down to sleep. While he was sleeping, Jacob started to toss and turn on the ground. It felt like he was fighting with someone! All night long he tossed and turned, and tossed and turned. Then Jacob heard a voice say, "What is your name?"

Jacob said, "My name is Jacob."

The voice said, "Now your name won't be Jacob anymore. You will be called Israel. Bless you."

When Jacob woke up he had a sore hip, and he was walking with a limp. Jacob didn't know if it was a dream or if something had really happened. But deep down and all around, Jacob knew that God had always been with him – when Jacob was happy; when Jacob was sad, God had stayed with him.

Much later, when Jacob met his brother Esau, Esau wasn't angry with Jacob anymore. Esau hugged and kissed Jacob, and they both cried. The two brothers became friends.





One night Jacob found himself alone with God, and he received God’s blessing. During the night, Jacob injured his hip so that he had a limp. The limp always reminded him of being with God.

Make a copy of this page.

Use markers to decorate a sign of the night sky and add more objects. With a grownup’s help, read the words on the crescent moon. then cut out the sign, fold it, and place the sign on your beside table. Every night it will remind you that God blesses you.

ACTIVITY

