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4. Read Genesis 32:24-32. Why was Jacob wrestling with God? What is the significance of his name change? What does that teach us about our relationship with God?
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