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2. As a child, did you use your fists, feet, or wits to get out of trouble?

Understanding

1. Read Genesis 25:19-34. How would you describe Jacob? Is there anything about Jacob and his story that you can relate to?
2. Read Genesis 32:24-32. How does the picture of Jacob develop over time?
3. Competent, capable, scheming, strong, planner. These words (and others) have been used to describe Jacob. Could any of these words be used to describe you?

Living

1. What are some things you're passionate about (sports, hobbies, travel, food...)?
2. When have you been most passionate about spiritual things? What steps might you take to increase your spiritual passion?
3. Is there anything on your faith journey that you're currently wrestling with?
4. Have you ever wrestled with something that ultimately became a blessing?

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