Art Extra - **Jacob Wrestles**

**Blessings Banner**

Kids make banners as they learn that God gives us a blessing, not a victory.

**Supplies:**

**•** Assorted colorful paper (wrapping paper, scrapbook paper, etc.)

**•** Scissors

**•** Rulers

**•** Pencils

**•** Pushpins or tacks

**•** Yarn

**•** Glue sticks

**•** Markers

**•** Letter stencils

**•** Paper scraps

**Set-up:**

Cut a sample triangle-shaped pennant flag from colorful paper. Use pushpins or tacks to anchor the ends of the yarn to string along one corner of the room or along a bulletin board like a clothesline that hangs low enough for kids to reach.

**Instructions:**

**In today's Bible story, Jacob wrestled with God and got an unexpected result. God didn't give Jacob a victory. Instead, when the wrestling match was finished, God gave Jacob a blessing. Just as God did for Jacob, God gives us a blessing, not a victory. Let's work together to make a blessings banner to remind us of all the blessings we receive from God!**

1. Introduce kids to the sample triangle-shaped pennant flag you made, then show them how to cut their own.

2. As kids are cutting, talk about the kinds of blessings they receive from God.

3. Invite kids to use the markers, letter stencils, and paper scraps to design. Explain that the banners will hang long-ways with the pointed tip at the bottom.

4. When kids are pleased with their designs, help them to hang the banners. Fold the top end of each banner over the yarn you have hung, gluing the fold of the banners closed with a glue stick.

**I love the way our Blessings Banner tells about so many blessings. Let's leave it up here to remind us that just as God did for Jacob, God gives us a blessing, not a victory.**

If you have less time . . .

Fold and cut flag shapes before kids arrive. Let kids finish the project as listed.

If you have more time . . .

Invite kids to make their own banners to take home and hang in a special place where they can see it each day.