

Hi boys and girls!

I hope everyone is well and you are enjoying school and lots of outdoor activities like sport which seemed to have started happening again! Speaking of sport, this week we're talking about sport as a way to start our story today, which is from a story in the bible from the Old Testament.

Does anyone know what wrestling is? Have you seen wrestling on TV or at the Olympics or even in a movie? I don't think I would have made a very good wrestler, and today most of what you see on TV seems to be a bit crazy! Being strong and very determined would be two characteristics that are important to be a good wrestler. I don't think I am strong enough for that sport!

Did you know wrestling is a very old sport – it's one of the oldest in the world and has been around for thousands of years!!

In the bible, there is a story about Jacob, who wrestled with an angel of God all through the night! Jacob didn't believe that he needed God all the time, and that he was strong enough to look after his family and his people most of the time. Jacob was actually a very determined and very strong man! When Jacob had to escape his brother, he found out that he needed God all the time. God sent an angel as a man to wrestle with Jacob. After the whole night long, can you imagine how tired you would be? Jacob was indeed very determined and strong! But he knew that God was far more powerful, and that he had been defeated. After that, he walked away with a limp because his hip has been dislocated, and with a new name – Israel. This mean God Rules!

We sometimes struggle with God too! Can you think of a time when you wanted to do things your way instead of God's way? Can you think of a time when it was hard to obey God? Maybe your parents asked you to do your homework but you watched TV instead? Maybe you were in a hurry and didn't make the time to stop and help someone who needed it?

We can do everything better with the power of God behind us! And we feel so much better when we listen to God and do things His way. We are BLESSED with God by our side and everyone around us will be blessed as well!

Here is a prayer for you today:

Dear God, please help us to remember that you are the One who knows what is best for us. Help us to listen to you, surrender to your Will and trust you know what is best for us. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Lots of love and prayers, God Bless! Mrs McArthur