

# FAMILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

GOD HAS MADE A GREAT MANY PROMISES. THEY ARE ALL "YES" BECAUSE OF WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE. SO THROUGH CHRIST WE SAY "AMEN." WE WANT GOD TO RECEIVE GLORY. – 2 CORINTHIANS 1:20

## PROMISE OF GOODNESS

WE KNOW THAT IN EVERYTHING GOD WORKS FOR THE GOOD OF THOSE WHO LOVE HIM. THEY ARE THE PEOPLE GOD CALLED, BECAUSE THAT WAS HIS PLAN.

### STORY: JOSEPH IN PRISON – GENESIS 39–40

#### DISCUSS:

READ THE BIBLE STORY FROM GENESIS 39–40 OR FROM YOUR FAVORITE STORY BIBLE. HAVE YOUR KIDS RETELL THE STORY IN THEIR OWN WORDS & ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TOGETHER.

Joseph had already been through many difficult things. His brothers sold him, and now he was falsely accused and thrown into prison. It must have felt unfair and confusing. But the Bible tells us something important: God was still with Joseph. Even in prison, Joseph gained the trust of the guard and was given responsibility. God even helped Joseph understand dreams. Joseph didn't know it yet, but God was working through this waiting season to accomplish something much bigger. Joseph's story reminds us that God's goodness is still present—even when we are waiting.

1. Why did Joseph end up in prison?
2. How do we see that God was still with Joseph there?
3. What is something you have had to wait for?
4. How might God show His goodness while we are waiting?
5. How can trusting God help us during hard or slow seasons?

### BIG IDEA: GOD'S GOODNESS SHOWS UP EVEN IN WAITING

#### DID YOU KNOW...?

Did you know that prisons are often places where people can feel lonely, forgotten, or without hope? But even in a place like that, God showed Joseph kindness. Joseph earned the trust of the prison guard and was put in charge of the other prisoners. Even in a place where people might feel forgotten, God had not forgotten Joseph. And the same is true for us—God is with us wherever we are.

#### SOMETHING TO NOTE!

Genesis repeatedly says "the Lord was with Joseph." This was true both when Joseph was successful and when he was in prison. God's goodness is not only seen in comfortable moments but in His faithful presence and larger purposes. Joseph could not yet see how God was preparing him to save many lives, including his own family. Helping children understand this truth builds a deeper faith: God's goodness is something we trust, even before we fully see it.

PROMISES

**PRAYER PROMPT:** Before you pray together, take turns sharing something your family is currently waiting for, whether it is an answer, a change, help in a hard situation, or something you are hoping God will do.