

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 FORGIVES HIS BROTHERS – GENESIS 45

DISCUSS:

READ THE BIBLE STORY FROM GENESIS 45 OR FROM YOUR FAVORITE STORY BIBLE. HAVE YOUR KIDS RETELL THE STORY IN THEIR OWN WORDS & ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TOGETHER.

Have you ever had someone hurt your feelings, say something mean, or do something unfair? It can be really hard to forgive. In today's Bible story, Joseph had every reason to stay angry with his brothers. They had treated him terribly and caused him so much pain. But when Joseph had the chance to get even, he chose something different. He chose forgiveness.

Joseph's story reminds us that God's goodness is bigger than our hurt. Because God is good, He does not just help us through hard things—He also helps us forgive. Forgiveness does not mean that what happened was okay. It means choosing to let go of revenge and trust God to help bring healing. God has shown us great goodness by forgiving us, and He helps us show that same goodness to others.

1. What did Joseph's brothers do to him that made forgiveness so hard?
2. How do you think Joseph felt when he saw his brothers again?
3. Why do you think Joseph chose forgiveness instead of revenge?
4. Has anyone ever had to forgive someone in our family? What made it hard?
5. How does remembering God's forgiveness help us forgive others?

BIG IDEA: GOD'S GOODNESS INCLUDES FORGIVENESS.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Joseph's story takes place during a famine, which was a time when food was very hard to find. God used Joseph's role in Egypt to help save many people from hunger—including the very brothers who had hurt him. That means God's goodness was bigger than just Joseph's life; it reached an entire family and many others too. God's plans are often bigger and better than we can see at first!

SOMETHING TO NOTE!

One of the most beautiful parts of Joseph's story is that forgiveness did not erase the past, but it did change the future. God's goodness is often seen in the way He restores what sin tries to destroy. Joseph's family had been deeply broken by jealousy, betrayal, and years of separation, yet God was still at work to bring healing. This reminds us that forgiveness is not just about one moment—it is often part of God's bigger work of restoration. When we forgive, we make room for peace, healing, and renewed relationships in ways that reflect God's character. His goodness does not leave broken things hopeless. Instead, God delights in mending hearts, rebuilding trust, and writing stories of grace that are bigger than the pain that came before.

PROMISES

PRAYER PROMPT: Pray together and thank God for being so good to us. Thank Him for forgiving our sins and loving us even when we fail. Ask Him to help your family have soft hearts that are ready to forgive. Pray that God would help you trust His goodness, even in hard situations, and show His goodness to others through grace and forgiveness.