

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 RISES TO POWER – GENESIS 41

DISCUSS:

READ THE BIBLE STORY FROM GENESIS 41 OR FROM YOUR FAVORITE STORY BIBLE. HAVE YOUR KIDS RETELL THE STORY IN THEIR OWN WORDS & ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TOGETHER.

Joseph had been through many hard things—being treated unfairly, being forgotten, and waiting a long time for things to change. But God had never stopped working. In Genesis 41, God gave Joseph wisdom to understand Pharaoh's dreams and used him to help save many people. What looked like years of pain and waiting were actually part of God's bigger plan. Joseph's story reminds us that even when life is hard, God is still good, still present, and still working out his plans.

1. What hard things had Joseph gone through before Genesis 41?
2. How did God use Joseph's gifts and wisdom to help others?
3. Why do you think it would have been hard for Joseph to keep trusting God while he waited?
4. Have you ever gone through something hard and later seen something good come from it?
5. How can our family trust God when we do not understand his plan yet?

BIG IDEA: GOD USES HARD TIMES FOR GOOD PLANS

DID YOU KNOW...? Egypt was one of the most powerful kingdoms in the world at the time, and Pharaoh was the most important person in the land. But when Pharaoh needed help, it was Joseph—a man who had once been a prisoner—whom God had prepared to give the answer. God gave Joseph wisdom, courage, and a plan. Joseph's story reminds us that God can raise someone up at just the right time and use them in ways no one expected.

SOMETHING TO NOTE! God's goodness does not mean life is always easy. Joseph's story shows us that God can be at work even in suffering, waiting, injustice, and disappointment. Genesis 41 is a turning point, but it did not erase all the pain Joseph had experienced before. Instead, it shows that God was weaving every part of Joseph's story into a greater purpose. This helps us understand an important truth: God's good plans are often bigger than our comfort and deeper than what we can see in the moment. He is not only working for Joseph's good, but for the good of many others who will be saved through Joseph's obedience and leadership. God's goodness is wise, purposeful, and trustworthy—even when we do not yet see the whole picture.

PROMISES

PRAYER PROMPT: Pray together and thank God for being good, even in hard times. Ask him to help your family trust him when life feels confusing, slow, or unfair. Pray that God would give each of you faith to believe that he is still working and courage to follow him, even when you cannot see the whole plan.