

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 SOLD BY HIS BROTHERS – GENESIS 37

DISCUSS:

READ THE BIBLE STORY FROM GENESIS 37 OR FROM YOUR FAVORITE STORY BIBLE. HAVE YOUR KIDS RETELL THE STORY IN THEIR OWN WORDS & ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TOGETHER.

Joseph was deeply loved by his father, and his brothers grew jealous—so jealous that they sold him and made their father think he was gone. It was a painful and unfair moment in Joseph's life, and he had done nothing to deserve it. But even in the middle of something bad, God had not forgotten Joseph. He was still with him and still at work. Joseph's story reminds us that even when life is hard and people make sinful choices, God is still good and able to bring good from bad.

1. How do you think Joseph felt when his brothers treated him so badly?
2. Why do you think Joseph's brothers were jealous of him?
3. Have you ever had something happen that felt unfair or hurtful? How did you feel?
4. What does this story teach us about God when bad things happen?
5. What is one way our family can trust God's goodness this week, even when life is hard?

BIG IDEA: GOD BRINGS GOOD FROM BAD

DID YOU KNOW...?

In Bible times, a special robe or coat could show that someone was honored or treated in an important way. Joseph's special coat was one reason his brothers became jealous. But clothes weren't what made Joseph special—God was with Joseph, and that is what mattered most. No matter what we wear or what others think of us, our value comes from belonging to God.

SOMETHING TO NOTE!

This story is a helpful reminder that the Bible does not ignore pain, family conflict, or unfair treatment. Joseph's story begins with deep hurt and brokenness, and it gives families a chance to talk honestly about jealousy, favoritism, and sinful choices. It also helps us teach our children an important truth: God's goodness does not mean nothing bad ever happens. It means God is present, faithful, and able to redeem even what is broken. While Genesis 37 does not show the full outcome yet, it begins a larger story of God's faithful hand at work even through suffering.

PROMISES

PRAYER PROMPT:

Pray together, thanking God that He is always good—even when life is hard or unfair. Ask Him to help your family trust that He is with you and can bring good from bad.