

Roots
WBS Kids' Lesson #21
Genesis 37-40

Hook: Raise your hand if you love to hear a good story. In the book of Genesis there are some wonderful stories about one of Jacob's sons named Joseph. All the stories are true and they all point us to God. God was with Joseph.

Book: When Joseph was young his father gave him a very fancy coat. This made his older brothers jealous (perhaps Joseph showed it off a bit). To make matters worse, Joseph had two dreams that he told his brothers about and they seemed to say that his brothers would one day bow down to him! That made them mad! So one day, as Joseph was coming to check on them while they tended the sheep, the brothers came up with an evil plan. At first they planned to kill Joseph, but then they decided instead to sell him as a slave. Isn't that awful? BUT, God was with Joseph and God had a plan. Joseph was taken away and later sold again, this time to Pharaoh's household in Egypt. Even though he was a slave, the Bible says: **"The LORD was with Joseph, so he succeeded in everything he did as he served in the home of his Egyptian master."**

Look: Joseph must have been sad and scared while all that happened to him! Can you imagine being taken away from your home and your own brothers doing such a horrible thing? (They even lied to their father Jacob and told him Joseph had been killed by a wild animal!) But as we read more about Joseph we learn that he became a hardworking and honorable man that his master trusted. Still, more difficult things came his way. He was accused of doing something he didn't do and put into prison. Someone who promised to help him, forgot about him and he remained in prison for a long time. Still, we see that the Lord was with him, showed him kindness, and gave him success. And next week we will learn how God used these difficult things for good in Joseph's life and in the lives of others'.

Took: Things don't always go the way we think they will in life. Sometimes difficult and unfair things happen. But just as God was with Joseph, God is with us no matter what we're going through. God has a plan for each of our lives. Today think about something that makes you sad or scared. Tell God about it. Then, ask Him to help you to trust that He knows how you feel, He sees what you're going through, and He has a plan to use it for good.

Bible Verse: "The LORD was with Joseph, so he succeeded in everything he did as he served in the home of his Egyptian master." Genesis 39:2 NLT

Prayer: "Thank You, Lord, that You are with us everyday and know exactly what we're going through. Help us to trust that even when life is hard, You have a plan to use it for our good, and You are with us—just like with Joseph. Amen."

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what we learned

We learned about the life of Joseph today! All the stories about him are true and they point us to God. In all Joseph went through, the Lord was with him and had a plan for his life. Even while sold into slavery, the Bible says: **“The LORD was with Joseph, so he succeeded in everything he did as he served in the home of his Egyptian master.”**



memory verse

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parent/child activity

Talk with your child and ask if there is anything that makes her feel scared or sad. Listen well and affirm her and the fact that sometimes difficult and unfair things happen. But just as God was with Joseph, God is with us no matter what we’re going through. God has a plan for each of our lives. Remind your child that we can tell God about our feelings. He sees whatever it is we’re going through, and He has a plan to use it for good. Then, pray the prayer below as you hold your child close.



daily prayer

“Thank You, Lord, that You are with us everyday and You know exactly what we’re going through. Help us to trust that even when life is hard, You have a plan to use it for our good—just like with Joseph. Amen.”