

Roots
WBS Kids' Lesson #25
Genesis 49:29-50:26

Hook: Have you ever had something “bad” happen to you or something that you didn’t want to happen? We all go through difficult things sometimes. Remember, though, that God sees us and knows what we’re going through.

Book: Joseph sure went through a lot of hard stuff! Remember how he was sold into slavery by his own brothers, falsely accused of doing something he didn’t do, and thrown into prison? But later, he was not only let out of prison, he was given an important position of power—second in command to Pharaoh! God was with Joseph through it all and Joseph depended on God and obeyed him. So God used him to save many people from starvation—including his own family and the brothers who had treated him terribly—when the time of famine came. When Joseph’s father Jacob died, his brothers were worried that Joseph would no longer treat them well, but Joseph promised that they had nothing to be afraid of. He spoke kindly to them and put them at ease, telling them that he would continue to provide for them. He said, **“You planned to harm me. But God planned it for good. He planned to do what is now being done. He wanted to save many lives.”**

Look: God is bigger and more powerful than anything and anyone. Even though Joseph’s brothers meant to do him harm, God used Joseph’s situation to do good! He blessed Joseph and He even blessed Joseph’s brothers! Boys and girls, God is good. He is generous, wise, forgiving and full of compassion. God is all-knowing so no matter what happens to us, He sees and He’s with us, just like He was with Joseph all those years ago. We are wise to be like Joseph and stay faithful to the Lord. Remember, God is at work in our lives.

Took: *(Do this role play: Choose someone to be Joseph and feed him/her the verse below a few words at a time. The rest of the class will sit in front of “Joseph” and be his brothers. After Joseph speaks the brothers hug him and praise God! Let several kids have a turn to play Joseph and say the verse. The verse will be said and heard multiple times and the story of Joseph will be more deeply planted in their hearts and minds.)*

Bible Verse: “You planned to harm me. But God planned it for good. He planned to do what is now being done. He wanted to save many lives.” Genesis 50:20 NIRV

Prayer: “Dear God, You are an all-knowing God! Your Word tells us that You have plans for us and that You cause all things to work together for good to those who love You. You did that for Joseph and You will do that for us. Thank You! Amen.”

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what we learned

God was with Joseph through all his hard times and Joseph depended on God and obeyed him. God used him to save many people from starvation—including his own family and the brothers who had treated him terribly—when the time of famine came. When Joseph’s father Jacob died, his brothers were worried that Joseph would no longer treat them well, but Joseph promised that they had nothing to be afraid of. He spoke kindly to them and put them at ease, telling them that he would continue to provide for them. He said, **“You planned to harm me. But God planned it for good. He planned to do what is now being done. He wanted to save many lives.”**



memory verse

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parent/child activity

Today we did a little role play together. You can do it at home with your child and other members of your family: Choose someone to be Joseph and feed him/her the verse above a few words at a time. The rest of your family will sit in front of “Joseph” and be his brothers. Give several family members a turn to play Joseph and say their “lines.” Then the “brothers” hug Joseph and praise God! By doing this role play the verse will be said and heard multiple times and the story of Joseph will be more deeply planted in your family members hearts and minds.



daily prayer

“Dear God, You are an all-knowing God! Your Word tells us that You have plans for us and that You cause all things to work together for good to those who love You. You did that for Joseph and You will do that for us. Thank You! Amen.”