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Bible Text: Genesis 37–50

Lesson Focus: Joseph trusted God, in the good and bad times.

Big Question: Why should I trust God?

Key Words: DREAMS, SLAVERY, FORGIVENESS

BIBLE CONNECTION

-] Jacob continued the family tradition of favoritism, giving young Joseph preferential treatment (Genesis 37:3).
-] Joseph had dreams of how he would one day become more important than his brothers (Genesis 37:5-11).
-] Joseph's brothers were jealous and sold Joseph into slavery in Egypt (Genesis 37:12-36).
-] Joseph, with God's help, guided Egypt through a famine that would have otherwise killed the people of the country (Genesis 41:25-36).
-] Joseph eventually got a chance to make things right with his brothers (Genesis 45).
-] Though the characters in this story don't speak directly to God, we are reminded that Joseph is able to do great things because of God's help.
-] God always intends good to happen, even when humans don't.

CARTOON CONNECTION

-] Do you think that by showing off his special coat, Joseph sent his brothers over the edge?
-] How did God intervene and use the brothers' resentment of Joseph for good?



STUDENT BOOK CONNECTION

Here We Stand Student Book page 67: Top Five Sibling Rivalries in the Bible

-] How can stories like this in the Bible help us learn how God wants us to treat our siblings?

Here We Stand Student Book page 26: How to Read the Bible

-] What makes a story interesting to you?
-] What other Bible stories would interest you? (See pages 33, 36, 39, 40, and 43 in the Here We Stand Student Book.)

LIFE CONNECTION

Joseph was really good at planning ahead. We can't all have dreams that tell us what to do, but we can use our knowledge to plan ahead. When you get home, look at your calendar for the next week and make a daily to-do list of chores, assignments, and fun stuff you'll get done in the next week. Keep to your schedule and report back on how you did at the next class.

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True/False Quiz

Answer the following questions with “True” or “False.” Look in Genesis for help.

1. Joseph and his brothers had the same mother (Genesis 35). **T or F**
2. Jacob refused to give special gifts to his son Joseph (Genesis 37). **T or F**
3. Joseph was Jacob’s favorite son (Genesis 37). **T or F**
4. Joseph’s brothers killed him (Genesis 37). **T or F**
5. Joseph was wrongly accused of having an affair with a rich man’s wife (Genesis 39). **T or F**
6. Joseph had the gift of interpreting dreams (Genesis 40). **T or F**
7. Joseph was unable to help Egypt prepare for a famine (Genesis 41). **T or F**
8. Joseph never saw his brothers after they sold him as a slave (Genesis 42). **T or F**
9. Joseph tested his brothers to see if they had changed (Genesis 44). **T or F**
10. Eventually, Jacob and his sons moved to Egypt (Genesis 46). **T or F**

Answers: 1. False 2. False 3. True 4. False 5. True 6. True 7. False 8. False 9. True 10. True