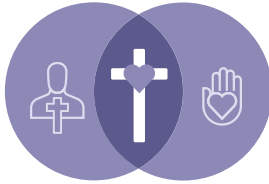


A DREAMER RISES

LESSON 8

Genesis 39:20–23; 41:9–49

GOD IS WITH US IN GOOD AND BAD TIMES.



CONNECTING IDENTITY & CALLING

IDENTITY: WHO AM I?

God has redeemed me from the prison of my own sin through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

CALLING: WHY AM I HERE?

I am a forgiven child of God. I can speak the truth in love and build up those around me.

GROWING IN FAITH FOR LIFE

See how this lesson builds on learning for each age.

ADULT

I can relate how God was with Joseph during his trials to how God is with me in my own trials.

YOUTH

I can make connections between God's presence with Joseph and His presence with me.

ELEMENTARY

I understand that God is with us in good and bad times and blesses us in all situations.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

I know God loves and cares for me all the time, even in sad and bad times.

BIBLE VERSE

For those who love God
all things work together for good.

Romans 8:28

SCRIPTURE SNAPSHOT

Falsely accused, Joseph finds himself in prison interpreting dreams for Pharaoh's baker and cupbearer. When the Egyptian pharaoh has troubling dreams, God empowers Joseph to explain the visions. Pharaoh appoints him to the second highest position in the land, and Joseph manages the harvest to endure the coming famine.

TAKING IT HOME

- ▶ *On the Go*—How did God help Joseph through his troubles? How does God help you in tough situations?
- ▶ *At Meal Time*—The evil thoughts Joseph's brothers had led them to evil actions. Why does this happen? Read Matthew 15:19. Where do evil thoughts come from? Reuben, the oldest brother, interceded for (tried to help and protect) Joseph. Who intercedes for us when we sin?
- ▶ *Something to Do*—Write Romans 8:28 on a piece of paper and decorate it together with different colored borders, rejoicing that God works for our good just as He worked good for Joseph.
- ▶ *Before Bed*—Explain the connection between the story of Joseph and God's promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob that through their offspring all nations would be blessed.

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