



The first 2 weeks of March in kids' church, we talked about Joseph. We learned how his brothers sold him to an Egyptian caravan, and then told their father that Joseph had been killed by a wild animal. **How awful!**

Then, we learned that a man bought Joseph as a slave. Joseph depended on God and worked so hard that the man put Joseph in charge of everything he owned.

**Way to go, Joseph!**

The man's wife lied about Joseph and said he had done something terrible when he hadn't. The man believed his wife, not Joseph, so he had Joseph thrown into prison.

**How awful!**

Joseph depended on God and worked hard in the prison. The man in charge of the prison was impressed by Joseph and put Joseph in charge of the entire prison.

**Way to go, Joseph!**

A prisoner had a dream and Joseph helped him understand what it meant. The dream meant that the other prisoner would be released and go back to working for the Pharaoh (the king). The man promised to tell the Pharaoh that Joseph hadn't done anything wrong ... but when he got out of prison, he forgot about that promise.

**How awful!**

One day, the man did remember. Pharaoh let Joseph out of prison, and had Joseph come to work for him. Joseph depended on God and worked so hard that the Pharaoh put Joseph in charge of all Egypt. **Way to go, Joseph!**

As we left the worship room to go to our groups, Bowen asked if Joseph ever got back with his family. Watch this YouTube video called "Joseph: King of Dreams", and you'll find out. Joseph's brothers traveled to Egypt to get food. It had been 20 years and they did not recognize their brother.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-pq4FpNnvcg>

### **Family Talk Time**

- What did Joseph do each time something awful happened to him? (He depended on God and worked hard.)
- Name a time when you felt like saying, "**How awful!**" because something bad happened to you.
- How did you react to the awful thing that happened to you?
- How can you have the same kind of attitude Joseph had during this coronavirus quarantine time?
- What does it mean to you to depend on God?

## **Make an Obstacle Course**

Kids love to build obstacle courses! Use pillows, chairs, a broom, shoeboxes (to walk in as shoes), crawl-through tubes, buckets, cardboard boxes, laundry baskets ... you get the picture. Believe me, your kids' imaginations will explode. Design it together; everyone in the family gets to add their obstacle challenge.

Make it clear how you're supposed to go through the obstacle course. Everyone gets a turn. Take some photos ... and post them to the [Shorewood Church of God FaceBook](#) page, so we can all see what you did.

## **Family Talk Time**

- What obstacle have you faced this week?
- How did you get through it?
- When you depend on God, you can get through anything ... even being quarantined because of coronavirus!

## **Worship**

- Sing "Raise a Hallelujah" together. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tyuDZuYI4VQ>
  - What one thing can you raise your hallelujah about today?
- Sing "Sing Wherever I Go" [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G20XphBt\\_ZA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G20XphBt_ZA)
  - If you depend on God, even in the difficult times, you can sing wherever you go.
  - Name someone you know who depends on God, in the good times and the difficult times, wherever they go. The next time you're tempted to say, "How awful!" think about that person and think about how they depend on God.

## **Pray**

Depending on God means talking with Him about what's happening in your life. That's what prayer is ...talking with God.

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for being with me all the time. Thank you for helping me right now when I'm going through something I don't understand. Help me to change my focus from "How awful" to "Way to go, God!" I want to depend on you, God.*

*Amen.*

## **Scripture**

Philippians 4:6-7

*"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus."*