

LESSON FIVE

DATE 22 August

GOD IS WITH JOSEPH

We jump to the true story of Joseph for the next 4 weeks. Joseph lives through some very hard times... but he also knows God's promise and blessing. God can be trusted!

Joseph famously said to his brothers who had mistreated him:

"Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them. [Genesis 50:19-21]



Joseph is confident of God's promise to be with him and bless him.

Activity & Intro

MEMORY VERSE TREASURE HUNT: Prepare 11 cut out stars (like in Joseph's dream: Gen 37:9). Each star has one phrase of the memory verse written on it:

And we know // that God // causes everything to // work together // for the good // of those who // love God and // are called according // to his purpose // for them. //

Romans 8:28

Hide the stars in a safe area (inside or outside if fine weather). Children search for the stars then arrange them into a sentence. Once children have wrestled with the best sentence formation, leaders can provide prompts/questions that get them to memory verse.

Video #1

Memory verse song and dance (Romans 8:28)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gxHngRbkkG4>

Make your own family dance party or competition. Who can copy the actions on screen in time with the music?

Video #2

Joseph and His Coat (Genesis 37) [start at 03:36]

<https://youtu.be/WlelJB0SlqE?t=216>

Discussion Questions

1. What is one thing you liked in today's videos? [Everyone to share]
2. What did Joseph, his brothers and father think the dreams were about? [Keep this in mind for later in Genesis]
3. How did the brothers feel about Joseph? [Accept answers]
4. Read Genesis 50:19-21. What did Joseph know about God? [Use these answers as ideas for prayer together]

Activity

1. Print out and colour the Power Ranger dancer with bright colours (like Joseph's coat).
2. Glue it onto cereal box cardboard to make it more rigid.
3. Cut it out and attach the arms with a split pin (or other homemade 'joint' -what can you do with a paperclip or needle and thread?).
4. Make your Power Ranger do the Memory Verse dance.

