

This resource is designed to allow your family to have time in God's Word **BEFORE** your children attend church. Because God's plan is for **parents to be the primary spiritual nurturers** of their children's faith, *we want YOU to be the one to introduce* this part of The Big God Story to them.

HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource This monthly magazine gives your family ideas for creating fun, spiritually forming times in your home—setting aside sacred space in the midst of your active, everyday lives.

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GOD REDEEMS

Joseph (Part 1)

Genesis 37; 39—41

God saves Joseph through His power and plans. God redeems Joseph from slavery and prison and uses him to save the lives of many other people.

JUST FOR FUN

Pray together as a family. Spend some time asking God what He might want each of you to hear from Him. **Read Genesis 37:12–36 and 41:41–49.** Tell your children that God redeemed Joseph, and He redeems each one of us. Share a story showing God's redemption in your own life. Let your kids know God can redeem their stories as well.

REMEMBER VERSE

Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:6

DID YOU KNOW?

- Joseph was his father Jacob's favorite son because he was the firstborn son of Jacob's beloved wife, Rachel.
- Joseph's brothers were so jealous of him that they faked his death and sold him into slavery.
- While Joseph was working in the home of Potiphar, he was framed by Potiphar's wife and thrown into prison.
- God redeemed Joseph's imprisonment and blessed him in spite of the difficult circumstances he faced.

YOUNGER KIDS

Comparing your child to others can stir feelings of jealousy and cause your child to act out in inappropriate ways. Instead, point out the things that make your child unique and special. This will help your child to feel loved for who she is.

OLDER KIDS

Remind your child that while God doesn't always choose to rescue us from our present circumstances, He can redeem them.

TEACHABLE MOMENTS

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss the following together:

- **What did Joseph's brothers do to him? Why did they do this?**
- **How did God redeem Joseph's situation?**
- **Is there anything in your life you would like God to redeem?**

BLESSING

A blessing can be a spoken prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words of encouragement and guidance over your child. For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource** @ HomeFrontMag.com

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), **may you know that the God of Israel redeemed you. May you trust in God your Redeemer.**