

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.

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GOD SAVES

Joseph (Part 2)

Genesis 42—47; 50

God reunites Joseph and his family.

JUST FOR FUN

Tell your children a story of how God used a difficult circumstance in your family for good. Then **read Genesis 42:1–20 and 45:1–15**. Explain to your children that this passage of Scripture describes another time God turned something hard and painful into something good. Ask your children if they want God to work through any difficult or discouraging situations in their own lives.

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's brother traveled to Egypt in search of grain during the great famine.
- Joseph's brothers didn't recognize him when they saw him.
- Joseph kept his identity hidden from his brothers and tested their motives before revealing himself.
- God worked through the difficulties of Joseph's life to ultimately save his family.

YOUNGER KIDS

Your child may need help to build healthy conflict resolution skills. When he has wronged someone, encourage him to recognize his part and take responsibility for his actions.

OLDER KIDS

Remind your child of the importance of forgiveness. Remind her that people often hurt others when they're feeling sad themselves and that all of us are sometimes unkind, even though we don't mean to be.

TEACHABLE MOMENTS

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss the following together:

- **Why did Joseph's brothers go to Egypt?**
- **How did Joseph's brothers react when he told them who he was?**
- **How has God saved you?**

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 God loves you. He saved you. He protects you and will always be with you in difficult times.**