

Dear Moms,

Happy Mother's Day! I pray that you feel blessed today and everyday.

As we look at the life of Joseph in our lesson today, may you feel inspired to pursue your dreams and step into the fullness of the dreams that God has placed in you. May you walk in fresh upgrades, promotions, creativity, leadership and authority in this season! We love you Moms!

For a family activity this week I gave you some ideas for having a legacy conversation with your kids. The goal of this is to help our kids realize that God has great plans for their lives and He put them into their family for a specific purpose. We also want them to see that God intentionally gave them you as Mom, and that he has great plans for your family!

Be blessed!

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ELEMENTARY LESSON

Joseph

Bible Story

The story of Joseph can be found in

 **Genesis 37-45**. Encourage your older elementary students to read the story throughout the week in their Bible.

Watch the following video from Superbook.

 **Joseph and the Pharaoh's Dream**

In this Superbook edition Chris, Joy and Gizmo are transported back to ancient Egypt where they travel with Joseph through several trials and triumphs. After witnessing God take Joseph from the pit to the palace, Chris realizes the value of trusting in God's plans.

Memory Verse

"But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one."

 **2 Thessalonians 3:3**

Big Idea

Trust God. He has a plan for you, even if you don't see that plan!



Family Questions

1. What was our Bible story about today?
2. What did Chris learn from Joseph?
3. When things around us seem to be going bad, what can we learn from Joseph's experiences? *Answer: Joseph's life show us that even when things seem bad, we need to hold fast to God and trust that He will see us through life's challenging situations.*

Wrap Up

When things get hard in your life, take a moment to thank God that He is working it all out for your good and for His loving plan.

Prayer

Dear God, I praise You for being with me all the time, no matter what happens. Help me choose to serve You and love others even in tough times. Amen.

PRESCHOOL LESSON

Bible Story: Joseph Sold Into Slavery

Read the story of Joseph to your children from their Bible.

Genesis 41

Watch the following video together:  [The Bible App for Kids—Dreams Come True](#)

Memory Verse

“Set an example in what you say and how you live.”

1 Timothy 4:12

Family Questions:

1. Who was the Bible story about and what happened in the story?
2. How can I be a good example? *Answer: I can live like Jesus.*
3. What did the picture passes mean?
 - ▶ Footprint—We can follow in Jesus' footsteps/ His example.
 - ▶ Microphone—We can say kind words to others.
 - ▶ Flashlight—When our friends don't know what to do, we can shine bright and show them the right thing to do.
4. What are some kind words you can say to others? *Answer: I love you. You're a good friend. I like to play with you.*
5. How was Joseph a good example to his brothers? *Answer: He said kind words to them and forgave them.*

Explore God's Big Story:

God is always in control. No matter our challenges, hardships or circumstances, we can know that God is still at work, sees our suffering and will create good even when we cannot see it.

Prayer

Dear God, You are powerful, and I am grateful that You are always in control. Help me trust in that truth even when pain and struggle come. Amen.

Family Activities

MOTHER'S DAY LEGACY CONVERSATION

Joseph was part of a great family, and in these days God is placing people into families and positioning them to make a kingdom impact around the world. Engage your kids in a conversation about each family member and how God has good plans for each person in our family and for our family unit. It would be fun to ask your kids these questions each year and track the growth and development of each family member and your family.

Start by asking them a few questions like:

1. What is your favorite thing about our family?
2. What special qualities do you think God gave to Mom and Dad?
3. What special qualities do you think he gave to each of you?
4. What special plans do you think God has for each of us this year?
5. What special plans do you think God has for our family this year?
6. Do you think God is asking us to do something together as a family this year to help tell others about Jesus? If so, what do you think this is?
7. How can we work together to accomplish what God wants us to accomplish as a family?