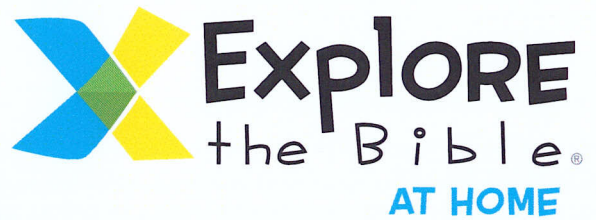


FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 4, 2018



BIBLE STORY:

Genesis 42-45

BIBLE VERSE:

Genesis 50:19-20

BABIES-PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:

Love one another. (BT)

Love and forgive others. (PS)

KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

God used the bad times in Joseph's life to create good for his family. (YK)

Even when we can't see it, God is using our tough times to create good for us. (OK)

ADULT CORE PASSAGE:

James 2:14-26

FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

James 2:17

FAMILY READING PLAN:

SUNDAY: *James 2:8-11*

MONDAY: *James 2:12-13*

TUESDAY: *James 2:14-17*

WEDNESDAY: *James 2:18-19*

THURSDAY: *James 2:20-26*

FRIDAY: *James 3:1-2*

SATURDAY: *James 3:3-6*

FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

Share these points as you study *Genesis* and *James* together as a family:



- **Trust in God.** Joseph always trusted God to provide for him. Joseph had been in some unexpected situations and he always displayed a monumental trust in the one true God. Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery, yet he trusted in God. Joseph served in Egypt, and he trusted in God. Joseph ended up in prison, still he trusted in God. Joseph served Pharaoh, and he trusted in God. No matter the circumstances, we, too, can trust in God.
- **Pursue peace.** One day Joseph was confronted with the brothers who previously sold him to the traders. Joseph was unrecognizable to his brothers, and since they had no idea who he was, Joseph decided to test them and see if their hearts had changed. Joseph accused the brothers of espionage and eventually held one in custody while the others returned home. Before long, Jacob's family needed more food, so Jacob sent the brothers back to Egypt along with Benjamin, Jacob's youngest son. When the brothers returned, Joseph again challenged their motives and then revealed his true identity to them.
- **God's plans are always perfect.** It is likely that Joseph struggled many times to understand God's plans. Even if he struggled, we know that Joseph remained faithful and trusted that God had permitted what was happening to him. Joseph's comment to his brothers helps us see that he probably did feel that way. Joseph told his brothers that it was not they who sent Joseph to live in Egypt, but God Who had planned for Joseph to go to Egypt in order to save a remnant of people from the famine. God's plans are perfect, and through Joseph's obedience, God saved a people for Himself.
- **Faith in God causes life change.** James taught the believers that faith in God causes visible change in a person. If a person's life has not changed in response to God's Spirit, the person should evaluate that relationship with Him. Joseph exemplified a God-led life change and he should be an example to all of us.