THE BACKYARD BULLETIN

WEEK OF
Nov. 29th

THIS WEEK IN THE BACKYARD

Bible:
Jacob & Sons/Joseph

Big Idea:
God chooses sinners to receive His grace

Memory Verse:
Genesis 50:20

"As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today."

What We Learned:
God's eternal purpse has been to redeem people from every tribe, tongue, and nation. His plans to achieve this purpose may seem to us, at times, unclear. But He is the Author of this ultimate purpose and has plans to carry it out.

Practice at Home

This Week's Challenge:

- [ ] Say the memory verse together
- [ ] Pray together as a family
- [ ] Complete the activity on the back

ASK YOUR KIDS

- What was your favorite part of Backyard Brock this week?
- What did you learn about God?
- How can we live this out this week?

Songs to Sing at Home

- Happy Day
- No Longer Slaves
- Deep Cries Out

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Coming Up

- Amazing Bible Race/Basecamp Dec. 2nd
- 1stKids Live December 13th
- Last Wednesday of the Year Dec. 16th

Catechism of the Week

Q 7: What does the law of God require?

Answer: That we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and love our neighbor as ourselves.

From The New City Catechism for Kids

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1st KIDS FIRST BAPTIST NIXA

Parent's Guide

Genesis 29–30; 32; 34; 37; 39–50

God Is Working Even When We Cannot See It

Jacob's family was filled with jealousy, favoritism, deception, and broken relationships. Joseph experienced this firsthand when his brothers became jealous of him and sold him into slavery. Though Joseph faced years of hardship, false accusations, and imprisonment, God never abandoned him. Through a series of unexpected events, God raised Joseph to a position of authority in Egypt and used him to provide food during a devastating famine. When Joseph finally faced the brothers who had betrayed him, he chose forgiveness rather than revenge. He recognized that God had been working through even the painful circumstances of his life to accomplish His good purposes. Joseph explained this when he told his brothers, "As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good" (Genesis 50:20). This story reminds us that God is sovereign over every circumstance. Even when we cannot understand what He is doing, we can trust that He is working out His good purposes and will never abandon His people.

Big Truth: God is always at work, even when we cannot see it or understand it.

Family Prayer: Father, thank You that You are in control of all things. Help us trust You when life is difficult and we don't understand what You are doing. Teach us to forgive others as You have forgiven us, and remind us that You are always faithful. Amen.

Family Activity

Gather several sheets of paper and have each family member draw a small picture of something that might be difficult or disappointing in life (being left out, getting hurt, moving away, losing something, or facing a hard situation). Place the pictures together and talk about how we often see only one small part of what is happening, while God sees the whole picture. Read Genesis 50:20 together and discuss how God used even the terrible things Joseph experienced to accomplish something good. Remind your children that God doesn't promise that everything that happens to us will be good, but He promises that He is sovereign, faithful, and working out His good purposes for His people.

Read Together • Genesis 37–50

Read these passages together as a family, then discuss:

1. Genesis 37:3–8: Why were Joseph's brothers jealous of him? How can jealousy hurt our relationships with others?

2. Genesis 39:2–3: What does this passage tell us about God's presence with Joseph, even when life was difficult?

3. Genesis 39:7–12: How did Joseph respond when he was tempted to sin? What can we learn from his example?

4. Genesis 45:4–8: How did Joseph recognize God's hand in everything that had happened to him?

5. Genesis 50:19–21: Why did Joseph choose to forgive his brothers instead of seeking revenge? How does God's forgiveness of us help us forgive others?

Remember: God is sovereign over every circumstance. We can trust Him even when we don't understand what He is doing.

Memory Verse Key:

Kindergaten: memorize the text in Green

1st–2nd Grade: memorize the Green and Red text

3rd–6th Grade: memorize Green, Red, and Black text

