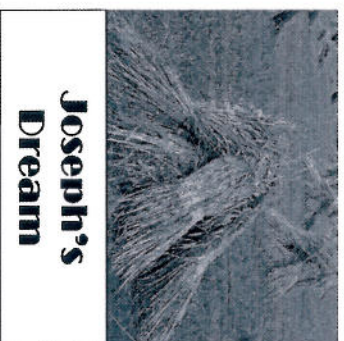


GOD'S STORY OUR STORY

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Devotion: Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions. You can do this alone or with others; in the morning, during the day, or at night. Find a routine that works best for you.

Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

You have brought us through many trials, O Lord. Look with favor upon us yet, and keep on showing us how best to glorify your name. Amen.

Reflect: Reflect on the key verses from Sunday's reading.

But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.
Genesis 50:19-21

Study: Study the reading and consider the background.

Joseph is the golden child with a colorful coat, destined to be noticed wherever he may end up. Can he prevail in the face of jealousy, danger, and deception? Maybe—with the help of God.

Consider: Consider this theme for the week's text.

Sometimes following God is difficult and dangerous. But God remains faithful to those who follow.

Read: Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding of Sunday's text. After the reading, ask the follow-up questions.

Sunday: *Joseph's Dream*, Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21

Monday: *Egyptian Midwives Save Hebrew Babies*, Exodus 1:1-22

Tuesday: *Birth and Youth of Moses*, Exodus 2:1-25

Wednesday: *God Calls Moses*, Exodus 3:1-15

Thursday: *Plagues 1-3*, Exodus 7:1-8:19

Friday: *Plagues 4-6*, Exodus 7:20-9:12

Saturday: *Plagues 7-9*, Exodus 9:13-10:29

How does God move from being the God of a single family to the God of an entire nation?

Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household. Discuss the following questions, or simply check in with "Highs" and "Lows."

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

In what ways is it unsafe to follow Jesus today? How do you respond to God's call in light of the potential dangers?

What gifts has God given you? How can you use your gifts for good?

DO: By acting on what we learn we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Go to a local farmer's market. Buy more food than you need. Give it to individuals or families in your neighborhood who might have trouble accessing healthy foods.

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God remain faithful to you each and every day. Amen.