



▶ GET TOGETHER

Have fun discussing these “Would You Rather” questions.

Would You Rather...

- Live without music or movies?
- Go sky diving or deep sea diving?
- Be covered in fur or scales?
- Only be able to whisper or scream for the rest of your life?
- Lose both eyebrows or just one?
- Eat just breakfast or just dinner for the rest of your life?
- Have an elephant trunk or giraffe neck?

▶ GET TALKING

Read today’s **Big Idea** and about the life of Joseph, then use the questions to get everyone talking. Work on memorizing the **Bible Verse** together.

*Note to Parents: Encourage everyone to share because everyone’s story is important, but depending on the age and personality of your family members, you may not get much of a response. Give your family time to let the question “soak in” and the space to respond when they are ready. You can guide the conversation and be the first one to share.

BIG IDEA When I am afraid, I will remember that God is good and He is always with me. Because God is good, I can trust Him for good things, even in the hard times.

Read the story of Joseph aloud on page 2. (Genesis 37, 50)

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JOSEPH

Joseph was one of twelve brothers living with his family in Canaan. His father, Jacob, loved him the most and to show it, he gave Joseph an extraordinary coat to wear. This made his brothers very jealous and they hated him.

One day Joseph had a dream and he told his brothers all about it. He told them that they were all out in the field gathering up grain when suddenly his sheaf of grain rose high and all of theirs bowed down to his. His brothers were furious. They responded with anger and said, "Do you think you will actually rule over us?"

When Joseph's brothers were out in the field, they saw him walking and they said to each other, "Here comes the dreamer! Let's kill him, throw him into a well, and say that a ferocious animal attacked him. Then we will see if his dream really comes true." Joseph's brothers decided not to kill him. Instead, they took his coat and sold Joseph into slavery for 20 shekels of silver.

But God was with Joseph through it all. Many years later, Joseph's brothers came to Egypt to buy food. They didn't recognize Joseph now that he was second in command in all of Egypt. They bowed down to him, just like in Joseph's dream. When Joseph told them who he was, they were so scared! But he said, ***"Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives."*** (Genesis 50:19-20) God used Joseph to save not only his family, but also the people of Egypt.

Use these questions to talk about Joseph and God's goodness.

- How would you feel if you were Joseph?
- Where do you see God's goodness in Joseph's life?
- What did Joseph say to his brothers, even after they treated him so badly? Does this change the way you see God's goodness in your life? Why or why not?

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BIBLE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

ISAIAH 41:10

Here are some ideas for having fun as you read the Bible verse out loud.

- Write out the verse by writing each word on its own index card. Be sure to include the reference. You will need 35 index cards.
- Or you may choose to write it out on paper, then cut the paper up so each word is separate.
- Pile up the words and mix them up. Distribute the words and then work on putting the verse together beginning with the first word. When the verse is complete, say it out loud together.

GET GOING

Here is an easy, fun, no-prep scavenger hunt for the whole family.

- Play individually or play in teams.
- Set a time limit (30-60 minutes).
- Set ground rules (if there are certain items or places that are off limits).
- Grab a pillowcase or large bag to collect all the items.
- To play, collect one item that begins with each letter of the alphabet (it must fit in the bag). Each item can only be used once (i.e.: a spoon cannot count as “s” for spoon and “u” for utensil).
- The player or team with the most items collected at the end wins.

