

Origin Story — When Our Story with God Begins

DAY 1

Visit the Parent Cue app (available for iOS and Android) to watch this week's Bible story.

Download it for free at parentcue.org/app.

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

After watching So&So, write one thing that:

1. You liked:

2. You learned:

3. You'd like to know:

DAY 2

Read Genesis 37

Jacob, remember that guy? Keep in mind now that God actually changed his name, you can read that in Genesis 35:10-11, his new name was "Israel." Sound familiar? There is now the country of Israel. God's promise was fulfilled! Back to the story... at this point, Israel (Jacob) had a lot of sons.

Remember that family drama? It continued on. Joseph, who was 17 at the time, was the all-time favorite. Yes, parents aren't supposed to have favorites and love their kids equally, but apparently his dad didn't pay attention to that.

His dad loved him so much that he got Joseph a nice fancy coat with all the colors, and you can probably guess just how the brothers reacted...not well, to the point that they hated him. More and more, the brothers wanted to get rid of Joseph, and that's what they did. They threw him into an empty well and then sold him as a slave.

Circle Yes or No to these Questions

Do you think Joseph was scared? **YES NO**

Do you think God still had a plan? **YES NO**

I'm sure Joseph was so scared, but you can be 100 percent sure that God still had a plan!

DAY 3

Read Genesis 39:1-6

Here we find ourselves reading today that Joseph has now been sold as a slave to work in Potiphar's house.

Write down what you read in verse 2.

The Lord WAS WITH Joseph and gave him SUCCESS. So basically, he did an amazing job, why? Because the Lord was with him. Even in the tough situation he had ended up in.

Pray and ask the Lord to be with you and help you do a great job with the things you do at home, school, and in your home.

THIS MONTH'S MEMORY VERSE:

"Now faith is the confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."

Hebrews 11:1 NIV

Genesis 39:21-23

Now, because Potiphar's wife told a lie about him, he ended up in prison for something he didn't do! Not a "piece of cake" situation for Joseph...

Hold on... isn't this the same thing that happened earlier before Joseph was in prison? Yep! That's correct! The Lord WAS WITH Joseph and gave him SUCCESS. Even in prison!

You know what? Even in a mess, it's a "piece of cake" for God to help us in the ups and downs, as Joseph could tell you and many others. Joseph eventually was able to be freed from prison, and God was going to use him even more for His great big plan! Even though it may feel like a mess, God has a plan. We can trust Him!

Joseph went through a lot, but could trust God even when things got tough.

We can too.

Genesis 42–45

At this point, Joseph is out of prison and is second in command over all of Egypt. There's now a famine (there is hardly any food left), and his brothers travel all the way to Egypt to get some food!

The brothers have no idea they are talking to Joseph, but Joseph instantly knows it's them. Can you imagine? These are people who hated him and sold him into slavery; Joseph could have done whatever he wanted to them! But to their surprise, he showed them mercy.

Go to the end of Genesis, chapter 50, verse 20. Joseph tells his brothers, “You planned to harm me. But God planned it for good.” Joseph could see that God was doing something bigger; he didn’t get hung up on the drama.

Journal

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent

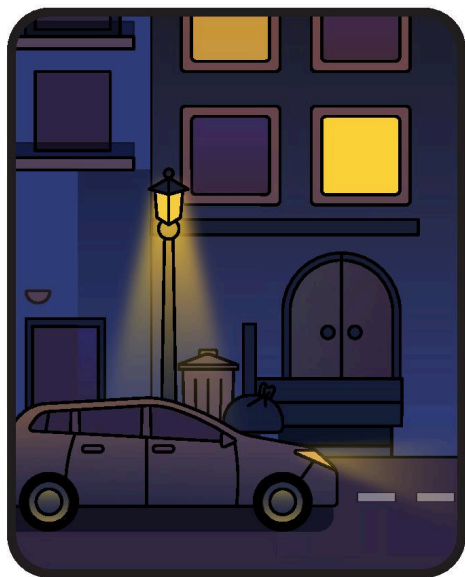
When has something bad turned into something good?

BONUS VERSE:

**"God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble."**

Psalm 46:1 NIV

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This Week's Bible Story Video



Talk About the Bible Story

Open the Bible together and read Genesis 37, 39–45 or watch the video together on the Parent Cue app.

Engagement Questions

- When has something bad turned into something good?
- What can you do when you are in the middle of a tough situation?
- How can you encourage others when they are going through a hard time?

Faith and Character Activity

Scan the QR code below for activities to guide kids at every phase to trust Jesus in a way that changes how they see God, themselves, and the rest of the world.

Scan the QR code
to get started



Prayer

“Dear God, Help us trust you when we are going through hard times. Knowing that you can take a hard time and still use it for good. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Weekly Parent Cues



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ENGAGE IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS TOGETHER



Morning Time

As your kid starts their day, tell them that you know they have what it takes to do hard things.



Meal Time

At a meal this week, have everyone at the table answer this question: "When has God turned something bad into something good?"



Drive Time

While on the go, ask your kid: "What is something hard that you've done lately or seen someone else do?"



Bed Time

Pray for each other: "God, when things get tough, help us remember we can trust You. We can talk with You about it. And You will take care of us and provide what we need when we need it."

**More Ways to
Engage with
Your Kid**

**Faith &
Character
Activities**



**Worship Song
of the Month**



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