

WEEK 2
Blessing through suffering

**FAMILY
DEVOTIONAL**

MEMORY VERSE:

Each week, cut apart the memory verses provided and tape them on bathroom mirrors, on the fridge, in the car, etc. If your child cannot read, instruct them to remind you to read it to them whenever they see the verse throughout the day. If your child is too young to memorize, have them keep you accountable to memorize the verse instead.

1 PETER 2:21

**“TO THIS YOU WERE CALLED, BECAUSE CHRIST
SUFFERED FOR YOU, LEAVING YOU AN EXAMPLE,
THAT YOU SHOULD FOLLOW IN HIS STEPS.”**

Each week your family memorizes the verse, we will have a prize for you back in LVKids! This will be based on the honor system and at your discretion. Parents can pick up the prize from a box at the kids' gate when picking up the next week's family devotional guide.

PARENTS SHARE:

Share with your kids what you learned in church this about suffering and God's providence, as well as anything you would like to add from your growth group.

SAY:

This week Joseph's story gets hard. Remember how his brothers were angry and jealous because their dad loved him best? They were so angry and jealous that they hated him. So they made a plan to get rid of their brother for good! They ripped his fancy robe off of him, picked him up, and tossed him down into a deep hole in the ground. Then they just went to sit nearby and have some lunch. While they were eating, they saw some traders go by, taking things down to Egypt. (continued on back)

They had an awful idea! They decided to sell Joseph to the traders! They pulled him out of the pit and traded him for some money. The traders took him down to Egypt. Now they had to cover up what they had done, so they put blood from a goat on Joseph's robe and brought it to their dad. "We found this, is it Joseph's?" Jacob saw that it was Joseph's and he cried out for his son, believing he was eaten by a wild animal. His heart was broken.

Older kids: Read Genesis 37:12-36

FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

HOW DO YOU THINK JOSEPH IS FEELING RIGHT NOW?

IS GOD STILL THERE, EVEN IN THAT DEEP PIT?

HAVE YOU EVER GONE THROUGH HARD THINGS LIKE JOSEPH?

Parents: this is a great time to consider sharing with your kids the ways God was present in your life when circumstances were hard. Think of times that you might not have seen Him in the moment, but you can look back and see His perfect providence

PRAY TOGETHER:

Pray, asking God to help you see how He has guided and provided for your family.



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