

WEEK 15

God's Providence and Salvation

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

MEMORY VERSE:

Each week, cut apart the memory verses provided and tape them to 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.

"Give praise to the Lord, proclaim His name; make known among the nations what He has done. "

Psalms 105:1

Each week your family memorizes the verse, we will have a prize for you back in LVKids! (one per family) 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:

Turn in your Bible to Genesis 45:16-46:27, showing your children this is where our story comes from. Share what you learned in church this Sunday as well as anything you would like to add from your growth group.

SAY:

Do you remember where we left off in our story last week? Joseph had finally told his brothers that he was alive and it had been him all along! He cried and hugged them and they got to talk together- everyone was full of joy. Listen to hear what happened next.

When Pharaoh heard that Joseph's brothers had come to Egypt, he was very happy. He said to Joseph, "Bring your whole family here! I will give them the best land so they will have plenty of food. Tell them to come, and not to worry about anything because I will make sure to provide for all that they need." Pharaoh even told Joseph to give them carts to carry everyone and their things.

Joseph gave his brothers new clothes and lots of food for the trip home. Then the brothers hurried back to their father Jacob.

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When they arrived, they shouted "Joseph is alive! And he is the ruler of all Egypt!" Jacob was so shocked, at first he didn't believe them. But when they told him everything Joseph had said, and after he saw the carts that had been sent to get their family, he knew it was true. Their father's heart felt full again, and he said "I must go see my son before I die!"

So Jacob and his whole big family - children, grandchildren, and all their animals - started traveling to Egypt. On the way, Jacob stopped to worship God. God spoke to him, and said, "Do not be afraid to go to Egypt. I will be with you, and your family will grow into a great nation there. I will go down to Egypt with you, and will surely bring you back again."

So Jacob and his whole family continued their journey to Egypt. Joseph came riding out to meet his father. As soon as Joseph saw Jacob, he ran to him and hugged him for a long time. After many years apart, they were finally together again.

Jacob's whole family settled in Egypt. There were so many families of sons and daughters and grandchildren, that the Bible lists their names. God had kept His promise and taken care of them every step of the way.

Older kids: Read Genesis 45:16-46:27.

FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

HOW DO WE SEE GOD WORKING? (TALK ABOUT HOW GOD IS WORKING IN JOSEPH'S LIFE, JACOB'S LIFE, AND IN THE LIVES OF THE REST OF THE FAMILY)

HOW DO WE SEE JACOB RESPOND TO GOD IN THIS STORY?

THIS PART OF OUR STORY IS A BEAUTIFUL REMINDER OF HOW GOD ALWAYS KEEPS HIS PROMISES. WHAT PROMISES OF GOD ARE ENCOURAGING TO YOU?

Some promises to talk through:

- When we seek God and pray to Him, He is near to us (Deuteronomy 4:7, 29)
- God promises peace when we pray. (Philippians 4:6-7)
- His love is never ending! (Psalm 136)
- All things will work together for our good (Romans 8:28)
- God promises salvation to all who believe (Romans 1:16-17)
- God promises new life in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17)

PRAY TOGETHER

Thanking God for His promises and for the ultimate gift of salvation through Jesus.



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