

PARENT CORNER

weekly

TODAY: AUGUST 30-31

Bible Story: Joseph and His Brothers *Genesis 42-45*

Big Idea: I can trust God no matter what

Focus: I can trust God to work all things for good

Memory Verse: "God's way is perfect. The Lord's word doesn't have any flaws." *Psalms 18:30a (NIRV)*

Bible Story Summary:

Read and meditate on Genesis 42-45, Romans 8:28, Jeremiah 29:11, Isaiah 55:8-9

After his brothers sold him into slavery and he landed in prison, Joseph ended up second in command of all of Egypt. He was put in charge of preparing food for a coming famine. His brothers came to get food for their families. They didn't recognize Joseph. He tested them before revealing who he was. The brothers were terrified Joseph would punish them, but Joseph told them that what they intended for evil, God used for good. The family was reunited and the brothers learned that God had used Joseph's terrible circumstances to save the people.

He Question: Does God always turn bad things into good?

Bad things happen because our world is broken by sin. Some things look like they will never be better, but God is greater. He uses everything for His perfect plan to redeem His people and to bring glory to Himself.

We Question: Why don't we always understand what God is doing?

God knows everything. We do not. We can trust that His promises are always true and His plan is always best, even when we don't understand.

Me Question: What does God want me to know about Him, and what does this mean for my life?

Kids will be given the opportunity to reflect on the truth they learned about God and respond accordingly.

Have you ever made lemonade before? There are three ingredients you need to make lemonade: water, lemons, and sugar. What would happen if you made lemonade that didn't have any sugar in it? It probably wouldn't taste very good! Good thing you can add sugar to the lemons and water to make delicious lemonade. Our lives can feel a lot like the sugarless lemonade sometimes. Sometimes life can feel hard or confusing. As a family discuss how God can use those tough or bad times to make something good.



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WEEK 5

God TIME

DAY 1

READ "God's way is perfect. The Lord's Word doesn't have any flaws." *Psalms 18:30a (NIRV)*

We have been learning this verse all month! You're going to play a fun game today to practice the memory verse again.

Find a piece of paper and a regular marker. Start by writing the memory verse on the paper. Say the verse after it is written down. Then randomly pick two words to remove. Completely color over the two words, so you can't see the words. Now try to say the memory verse with those two words missing.

Next, color over two more words. Then try to say the memory verse again. Continue to color over two words at a time, while trying to say the memory verse each time, until all of the words of the memory verse are gone.

How many times did you say the memory verse?

PRACTICE this memory verse as a reminder that you can trust God no matter what.

DAY 2

READ "I know the plans I have for you," announces the Lord. "I want you to enjoy success. I do not plan to harm you. I will give you hope for the years to come." *Jeremiah 29:11 (NIRV)*

Find a cup somewhere in your house. It can be a plastic cup or a paper cup. Once you have a cup, put it on a counter or table so the open side is facing down. Then put a finger on the bottom edge of the cup. See if you can flip the cup, so the open part is facing up, by pushing the bottom edge of the cup with your finger. Try this a few times until you're able to flip the cup.

How many times did you flip the cup to make it work?

It was probably fairly hard to flip that cup over! Sometimes our lives can be like that cup. Sometimes we face tough situations in life that aren't easy to just flip around. We can't always flip around the situation to make it better. In those moments, remember that God knows all things. You can trust that even when you don't know why something is happening, God does!

KNOW that you can trust God to work all things for good

DAY 3

READ Genesis 42-45 (NirV)

In our Bible story this week, we learned about Joseph. Joseph lived a hard life. He was betrayed by his family and spent years as a slave in Egypt. The time that Joseph spent as a slave probably made no sense to him. But in the end, God worked it out for good. He forgave his family and was reunited with his family!

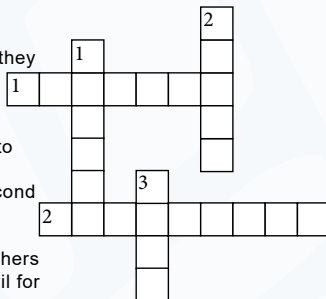
Reread this week's Bible story. Then use the story to help you fill in the crossword puzzle.

ACROSS

1. Joseph's brothers sold him into this.
2. The brothers didn't _____ Joseph when they came for food.

DOWN

1. Joseph stored food to prepare for this event.
2. Joseph became second in command of this country.
3. Joseph told his brothers that God used their evil for _____.



BE THANKFUL that you can trust God to work all things for good

HEY PARENTS SIGN HERE!

Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature

Date

Return for 5 Bible Bucks!

parent CUE:

We want to let you know that we have an amazing opportunity for you and your child. We are learning the importance of giving (tithing) in UpTown. For many years the kids in UpTown have been caring for children through Compassion International and Forgotten Children Worldwide. We are currently sponsoring a boy named John that lives in Tanzania and a girl named Akeelo that lives in Uganda.

Our support will provide John and Akeelo with:

- Food to combat malnutrition
- Health care and immunizations
- Education and income generating skills
- The Gospel message and spiritual guidance
- The love and support of the church staff

Every week during Studio24 and Clubhouse, your child will have the chance to give an offering to help sponsor John and Akeelo. We pray that you will partner with us in this. Learning to have a heart of generosity will help your child grow to have a heart like Jesus.

DAY 4

READ "We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him. He appointed them to be saved in keeping with His promises." Romans 8:28 (NirV)

This week you learned that sometimes life can be hard or messy. There are times where something doesn't feel right or make sense. In those times, you can remember that God works all things for good.

You might be going through something right now that is hard or doesn't make sense. Maybe you didn't make a team. Or maybe a friend is moving. Or maybe someone you know is really sick. Whatever you are facing right now, know that you can always talk to God. You can always tell Him your feelings. God loves you! He knows everything, so when you can't understand why something is happening, know that He does. He has a beautiful plan for your life that includes all of the tough situations you're facing right now.

Take a moment and pray to God. Tell Him about a situation that is hard or doesn't make sense. Tell Him how you feel about it. Then thank God for always being with you and for always having a plan that works things out for good.

PRAY and thank God for working all things for good

at a GLANCE



Bibles-N-Bucks Shopping

September 6-7	Kindergarten
September 13-14	4th Grade
September 20-21	3rd Grade
September 27-28	2nd Grade
October 4-5	1st Grade

Ways to Earn Bible Bucks

- Bring a friend 1 Buck
- Bring your Bible 1 Buck
- Recite Bible Verse .. 1 Buck
- Do your GodTime ... 5 Bucks
- UpTown Challenge . 20 Bucks



Child's Name: _____