

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?

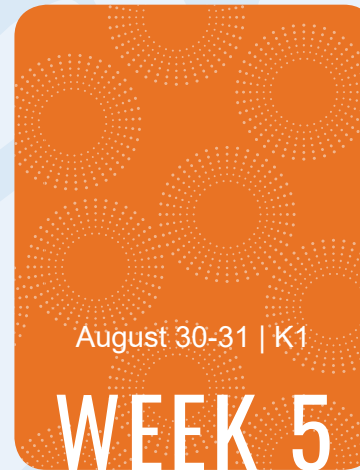
God knows everything. We do not. We can trust that His promises are always true and His plan is always best, even when we don't understand.

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.



Before going to bed, spend a minute talking to your child about a time where things did not go the way you wanted. Or see if your child can think of an example. Did they turn out better than you wanted? Worse? Remind them how much God loves them and has such a great plan for them. We can trust Him to work all things out for His good no matter what.



DAY 1

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

Today, you're going to play a fun game to help you memorize this memory verse. With the help of a parent, find a way to play some music. It could be a radio, a phone, Alexa, or something else. Have your parent play some music. As the music plays, dance around! Have some fun! When they want, have your parent stop the music. When the music stops, freeze and say the memory verse. Try doing this five or six times to help you memorize this month's memory verse.

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 "We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him. He appointed them to be saved in keeping his purpose." *Romans 8:28(NIRV)*

God works ALL things for His good! The Bible says that unfortunately you will face hard times. Maybe it is with a friend at school, a sibling at home, or maybe your family has to move to a new house. No matter the situation, God is in control. In those situations it may be very hard, but God has a purpose and a plan. He will work all things for His good and you can always trust in Him.

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

DAY 3

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)

If you remember from our Bible Story this week in Large Group we talked about Joseph (the one with the colorful coat). He went through some very tough times in his life, but God used it all for His good. He had a purpose for Joseph and a specific plan for his life. Just like Joseph, God has a specific plan and purpose for you. You can trust him in the good and bad to all work out.

With the help of a parent, connect the lines to finish the picture. Let this picture remind you of the journey you are on. Just like Joseph's journey, God will work all things for His good in your life.



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 Isaiah 55:8-9

These verses are such a great reminder that we are not in charge. We may try to figure out and do things our way, but God really sees the whole picture. He knows how it will all play out. We can trust that He has the best plan for us. He will use anything we face whether good or bad for his purpose. The way we see it might be a big mess but God sees the beautiful picture and we can trust Him.

With the help of a parent, take a moment and pray to God. Thank Him for His perfect plan. Ask Him to help you to trust in Him not only in the good times but also the hard times.

"Dear God, Thank you for Your perfect plan. I know that You have a specific plan and purpose for my life. Help me to trust in You not only in the good times, but also in the hard times. I trust You will work all things for Your good. I love you! In Jesus name, Amen."

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: _____