

# Week 1

## Day 1: God Has A Plan For You

Scripture Reading: Genesis 37:3-4

#### **Devotional:**

Joseph was one of twelve brothers, but there was something unique about him—his father, Jacob, loved him very much and even gave him a beautiful coat with many colors! That coat wasn't just a gift—it showed how special Joseph was. But instead of being happy for him, Joseph's brothers became jealous. They didn't like that Joseph had something they didn't have. Have you ever felt like someone was jealous of you, or maybe you were jealous of someone else? That feeling can make people do hurtful things. But the truth is, God made every person special in their own way. You don't have to be like anyone else to be important—God already has a special plan just for you! Joseph didn't know it yet, but God had a big plan for his life. Even though things would get tough, God would use Joseph to help many people. Just like Joseph, you can trust that God knows exactly what He's doing in your life too. God made you special, just like Joseph.

#### **Discussion:**

- 1. Why is it easy to be jealous of others?
- 2. What is one way that God has made you special that you can celebrate?

#### Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for making me special and for having a plan for my life. Help me remember that You made me just the way You wanted me to be. Amen.

Welcome to week 1 of our Right On Time devo!! Throughout the next 4 weeks we will be learning how to act justly, show mercy, be humble, and obey God through Joseph from the Bible. As we read through parts of Joseph's story we can be reminded that God is always right on time!

Let's get started!

#### Day 2: Doing Right When Others Don't

# **Scripture Reading:** Genesis 37:18-22 **Devotional:**

Joseph's brothers were so jealous that they started making a plan to hurt him. They said terrible things and even thought about killing him! That was a very wrong choice. But one brother, Reuben, decided to do what was right—he tried to protect Joseph and keep him safe. Sometimes we find ourselves in situations where people around us are doing the wrong thing. Maybe your friends are making fun of someone, or your classmates are cheating on a test. It can be hard to stand up and do what's right when everyone else is doing wrong. But God is pleased when we choose to do what is right—even when it's not popular or easy. When you choose to do the right thing, you show courage and faith, just like

Reuben did. You might feel alone at first, but remember, you're never really alone—God is with you and proud of your good choices. Doing what is right isn't always easy, but it's always the best choice. Even when others might not notice that you are making the right choice, God does!

#### **Discussion:**

- 1. When have you had to choose between right and wrong?
- 2. If you made the right choice, what helped you? If you didn't, what did you learn?

#### Prayer:

Lord, help me to be brave like Reuben and do what's right, even when others don't. Give me strength to make good choices that honor You.

Amen.

## Day 3: God Is With You In Hard Times

# **Scripture Reading:** Genesis 37:23-24 **Devotional:**

When Joseph's brothers tore off his colorful coat and threw him into a deep, dark pit, it must have felt terrible. He was all alone, with no one to help him. Can you imagine how scared and confused he must have been? Joseph probably wondered, "Why is this happening to me? Did I do something wrong?" Even though it looked like everything was going wrong, God hadn't forgotten Joseph. God was still right there with him in that dark pit, watching over him and preparing the next part of His plan. Sometimes we go through hard times too-maybe you feel left out, or someone says something unkind, or something you wanted doesn't happen. It's easy to feel like God has forgotten you, but He hasn't. Just like He was with Joseph, He is always with you. You can talk to Him anytime, anywhere. And even when things don't make sense, God is working behind the scenes for your good. Or when things aren't right or don't feel good...we can know and trust that God has good plans for us.

#### **Discussion:**

- 1. What is one hard thing you are going through right now?
- 2. How can you remember that God is with you in it?

#### **Prayer:**

God, thank You that You never leave me, even when life feels unfair. Help me to believe that You're working everything for my good. Amen.

## Day 4: God Can Turn Bad Into Good

# Scripture Reading: Genesis 37:28 & Genesis 50:20 Devotional:

After being thrown into the pit, Joseph's brothers sold him to traders who took him to Egypt. That must have been heartbreaking! He was far from home, separated from his family, and didn't understand why all this was happening. But years later, Joseph became an important leader in Egypt. God helped him use his wisdom to save many people from a terrible famine—including his own family! When Joseph saw his brothers again, he could have been angry or wanted revenge. But instead, he forgave them. He said, "You meant to harm me, but God meant it for good" (Genesis 50:20). Joseph saw that God had turned something bad into something wonderful. Sometimes things happen in our lives that don't seem fair or good at all. But God can take those hard times and use them to make you stronger, kinder, and closer to Him. He never wastes a single moment of your life! God knows what He is doing.

**Activity:** 

Have your child(ren) write one "good thing God has done" on a strip of paper, do this multiple times. Make a paper chain with the strips that shows how God connects good things over time. Display it so it can act as a reminder of God's goodness!

## Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for turning hard things around. Help me to trust You, forgive others, and keep doing what's right. Amen.

# **Memory Verse**

"The Lord has shown you what is good. He has told you what He requires of you. You must act with justice. You must love to show mercy. And you must be humble as you live in the sight of your God." Micah 6:8 (NIRV)

