

Week 4

Day 1: God's With You...Even When Life is Unfair

Scripture Reading: Genesis 39:21-23

Devotional:

Joseph had done nothing wrong — he was honest, hardworking, and faithful to God. But someone lied about him, and he was thrown into prison. That must have felt so unfair! Yet the Bible says, "The Lord was with Joseph." Even in prison, Joseph wasn't alone. God's love was still surrounding him, even when things looked dark. And instead of giving up, Joseph chose to keep doing good. The prison warden noticed this and began to trust Joseph so much that he put him in charge of the other prisoners! That's what kindness does — it stands out. When everything seems unfair, kindness shows that we trust God no matter what. Joseph didn't let anger, bitterness, or sadness take over his heart. He let God's kindness fill him, and that kindness made a difference. You might have unfair moments too — maybe someone blames you for something you didn't do, or you don't get picked for something you wanted. But like Joseph, you can choose kindness. and keep trusting God.

Discussion:

- 1. Why do you think it's hard to be kind when life feels unfair?
- 2. How can remembering that "God is with you" help you be/stay kind?

Prayer:

Dear God, when things are unfair or hard, help me remember that You love me and are working for my good. Teach me to be kind and to trust You no matter what. Amen.

Welcome to week 4 of our Right On Time devo!! This is our last week in this series. We've loved learning more about doing what is right and being kind with you! Joseph's story gives us such a good glimpse and example of what it means to do what is right even when life is unfair. Thank you God for Your kindness to us!

Day 2: Kindness Shines in the Dark

Scripture Reading: Genesis 40:1-4 **Devotional:**

Even though Joseph was in prison, he didn't stop being kind. He worked hard, helped others, and followed the rules. The prison warden noticed Joseph's good attitude and trusted him to help with two prisoners who were officials of Pharaohs. Joseph's kindness helped others to trust and rely on him. Sometimes we think we can only be kind when everything is going right when we're happy, when people are nice to us, when life feels easy. But real kindness shines when life feels dark or hard. Imagine being in a dark room and turning on a flashlight — suddenly, you can see! That's what kindness does. Joseph's kindness became like a light in that dark prison. Everyone saw that there was something special about him, which was God's love shining through his actions. You might not be in a prison, but you could face tough times — like getting in trouble, being left out, or having a rough day. That's when kindness shines the brightest. It

shows others that God's love is real. **Discussion:**

- 1. Who can you show kindness to this week, even if you don't feel happy?
- 2. How can your kindness be like a light when things are tough?

Prayer:

God, thank You that Your love shines through me. Help me to be kind and gentle, even on hard days. When things feel dark, let Your light shine through my kindness so others can see You. Amen.

Day 3: Kindness Listens & Cares

Scripture Reading: Genesis 40:6-15

Devotional:

One morning, Joseph noticed two prisoners — Pharaoh's cupbearer and baker — looking sad. He could have ignored them, but Joseph noticed and cared. He said, "Why are you so sad today?" The men told Joseph that they had strange dreams, and no one could explain them. Joseph didn't laugh or walk away — he listened carefully and said, "God can help me tell you what they mean." Then, Joseph kindly shared what God showed him about their dreams. That's what kindness looks like: noticing when others are hurting, listening to them, and showing care. Kindness isn't just about giving gifts or saying nice things — it's also about giving people your time and attention. When you listen to someone who's sad or worried, you're showing the same kind of love that Jesus shows us. Your listening heart can remind someone that they are not alone.

Discussion:

- 1. Who in your life might need someone to listen to them?
- 2. Why do you think listening can be such a powerful act of kindness?

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, thank You for always listening when I talk to You. Please help me be a good listener too. Teach me to notice when someone needs kindness and to care about their feelings like You do. Amen.

Day 4: Kindness Brings Blessings

Scripture Reading: Genesis 41:15-25

Devotional:

After Joseph explained the dreams of the cupbearer and baker, things started to happen just as he said. But even then, Joseph stayed in prison for two more years! That's a long time to wait. Yet Joseph kept trusting God and stayed kind. Then one day, Pharaoh — the ruler of all Egypt — had a strange dream that no one could explain. The cupbearer suddenly remembered Joseph's kindness and said, "There's a man in prison who can explain dreams!" Pharaoh called Joseph right away. Joseph listened to the dream, prayed, and told Pharaoh what God said it meant. Because Joseph trusted God and chose kindness, Pharaoh made him a leader over all Egypt! Joseph's kindness and faithfulness led to great blessings — for him and for the whole country. That's what happens when we love being kind. God uses our kindness in amazing ways, sometimes long after we've forgotten what we did. Kindness plants seeds that grow into blessings — for others and for us.

Activity:

Think of someone who has been kind to you — maybe a friend, parent, or teacher. Write them a note or tell them how much their kindness has meant to you. Then thank God for them!

Prayer:

God, thank You for showing me that kindness is powerful. Help me to keep loving being kind, and use my kindness to bless others. 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)

