

## August 2025, Week 5

**Bible Story:** Joseph • *Genesis 37, 39–45*

**Conversation Starter:** When has something bad turned into something good?

**Bottom Line:** You can trust God when things get tough.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see.* Hebrews 11:1 (NIRV)

**SLIDE: Theme**

### WELCOME

*Host has lots of energy as he or she welcomes everyone to [Name of Environment]. Host is relatable and inviting. Host can talk about something that happened culturally throughout the week like a big sports game, movie opening, a viral video on YouTube, etc. Host tells them how excited he or she is that they're there and briefly runs through what they can expect. This is especially helpful for first-time guests to make them feel like they know what's happening.*

### OPENER

**Leader:** “Hey there! We’re in the last week of our series ‘Origin Story,’ talking about God’s one big story! But this has been a pretty great month, right?”

### WORSHIP

**LEADER:** “Hello, everyone! I’m so excited to worship with you! One of the ways we worship is by giving praise and honor to God through singing and dancing. God is amazing, and we know we can trust Him with everything that we do. Let’s worship together!”

**Video: “Goodbye Yesterday”**

“Great job everyone! Let’s go ahead and sit down so we can hear our true story from the Bible today!”

**Video: So and So Show**

### APPLICATION

**SLIDE: Week 5 Timeline Image**

**Leader:** “Joseph told his brothers that they may have tried to harm him, but God planned it all for good. If Joseph had never been sold to those Egyptians, he realized that his family would have starved. Through this entire story, Joseph trusted God. His life was really difficult, but he trusted that God was good. And that faith helped Joseph keep going and going when life got tough.

“And God was working for good, even in the difficulties of Joseph’s life.

“The same thing is true about our lives too. Life can get really difficult, and scary, and hard, but we can trust God. We can trust God because He is always, always working for good.

“This is even something Jesus faced. The night before He was about to be put on the cross, Jesus was overwhelmed about what was coming. But He knew God had a plan. So, because of what Jesus did, He paid for sin and broke the curse. We can all now have a relationship with God again! Jesus loves us so much that He went through something awful and scary, and He trusted that His Father would help Him get through it.”

“When you’re in a hard situation like Joseph was, and you don’t know what to do, the best place to start is by talking to God in prayer and asking Him to help you remember that He is with you and you can trust Him. He is working for good in the hard things in your life, because being good is all He knows how to do.

“As we go to small groups today, let’s think about this question!

***SLIDE: Conversation Starter***

**[Conversation Starter] “When has something bad turned into something good?”**

Maybe it was a hard class at school that you hated going to, but when you think about it over the year, it taught you a lot. Or it could be if you are tired from doing basketball drills over and over again and get better at basketball. One of the best things that happened was also one of the most difficult—it was Jesus when He died. Jesus came and gave His perfect life to break the curse, pay for sin, and allow each of us to be close to God again.

“But some people thought that when He died, that was it. It seemed like the story was over. But it wasn’t! Three days later, Jesus rose back from the dead, talked to hundreds of people, and sometime later, He went back to heaven. His death—what was so, so difficult—saved everything. God was working in the most difficult. Let’s go ahead and pray.

***SLIDE: Theme Background***

**PRAYER**

**COMMUNICATOR:** “God, thank You so much for this month where we got to know You more. Thank You for this great story that reminds us that no matter what is happening, we can trust You because You are always good and have a good plan. Thank You for your best plan, sending Jesus to fix everything we broke—including our closeness with You. When life gets hard, teach us how to trust You. We want to live, fully trusting Your goodness. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

***SLIDE: God’s Big Story***