

The Story of Joseph: Seeing the Bigger Picture
Week 04: Joseph Thrown into Prison
STUDENT Discussion Questions

1–2 Grade (3–5 questions)

1. Joseph got in trouble even though he did the right thing. What should you do when something feels unfair?
2. Even in prison, God was with Joseph. When do you need to remember God is with you?
3. Joseph helped people in prison. Who can you help this week, even if you don't feel like it?
4. Joseph didn't take credit—he said God helps him understand dreams. When you do something well, how can you give God the credit?
5. Joseph was forgotten by someone he helped. What should you do if someone doesn't say “thank you”?

3–5 Grade (3–5 questions)

1. Joseph kept doing what was right, even when he was punished unfairly. What helps you keep doing right when it's hard?
2. God didn't rescue Joseph right away, but God stayed with him. How can you tell God is with you in a hard week?
3. Joseph served faithfully no matter where he was. What is one “small job” you can do with a good attitude this week?
4. Joseph said, “God is the one who gives the answer.” Why is it good to give God credit for our gifts?
5. The cupbearer forgot Joseph. How can we keep trusting God when people let us down?

6–8 Grade (3–5 questions)

1. Joseph stayed faithful when he was falsely accused. What does integrity look like when doing right costs you something?
2. God's presence didn't mean immediate escape for Joseph. How does that shape the way you pray when life feels stuck?
3. Joseph served well in humiliation. What might God be building in you during a season you didn't choose?
4. Joseph connected the dream interpretations to God, not himself. How do you fight the pull to make your talents about you?
5. Joseph was forgotten after helping. What does it look like to help others without needing recognition?

9–12 Grade (3–5 questions)

1. Joseph's integrity didn't prevent suffering. How does his story challenge the idea that faithfulness always produces comfort or quick outcomes?
2. God's presence with Joseph didn't equal immediate deliverance. Where are you tempted to interpret delay as absence, and why?
3. Joseph served faithfully "at every level." What does faithful obedience look like when your circumstances feel like a setback or humiliation?
4. God placed the cupbearer and baker in Joseph's life at a specific time. How have relationships (good or painful) shaped your growth, and what might God be doing through them?
5. The cupbearer forgot Joseph. How do you keep your hope in God when people fail you—especially after you've shown them kindness?