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1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



Unit 3 • Session 5

GOD'S PLAN FOR JOSEPH

Genesis 37-50

WHO IS IN CONTROL OF EVERYTHING? GOD IS IN CONTROL OF EVERYTHING IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH. NOTHING IS OUTSIDE OF GOD'S GOOD PLAN.

Jacob had 12 sons, but Joseph was his favorite. Jacob's other sons hated Joseph. One day, the brothers sold Joseph as a servant to some travelers going to Egypt.

The travelers sold Joseph to an Egyptian officer named Potiphar. The Lord was with Joseph. Potiphar put Joseph in charge of many things. But Potiphar's wife lied about Joseph. Potiphar was angry, and he put Joseph in prison.

God was still with Joseph and blessed him. God gave Joseph the ability to understand the meaning of dreams. Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, had two dreams. He sent for Joseph. Joseph explained the dreams: Egypt was going to have seven good years with plenty of food followed by seven bad years of no food.

Pharaoh made Joseph second in command in all of Egypt. Joseph stored away food during the good years. Then, during the famine, people came to him to buy grain.

One day, Jacob sent 10 of his sons to Egypt to buy grain. The brothers did not recognize him. When Joseph was ready, he told his brothers who he was. Joseph said, "You planned evil against me; God planned it for good to bring about the present result—the survival of many people."

Christ Connection: God had a plan for Joseph's life. He allowed Joseph to suffer in order to rescue a whole nation. God planned for Jesus to suffer so that many—people from all nations—would be saved.

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