

D6 EveryDay™ Parent Page

Date | **February 21, 2021** Family Theme | **God Is in Control** Study Text | **Genesis 37:1-36; 39:1-5**

Objective: Children understand that we can trust God, knowing that He is always with us and is in control even when it seems everything is going wrong.

How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible: This lesson is set later in Jacob/Israel's life when his older sons sold Joseph into slavery to the Midianites, who then sold him to one of Pharaoh's officials in Egypt. This was all part of God's plan to save the beginnings of the nation from famine and greatly multiply the people.

Bible Basics: Review the names and order of books six, seven, and eight of the Old Testament (Joshua, Judges, and Ruth) this week and work with family members to do so as well.

Read the Word: Genesis 37:1-36; 39:1-6

Disciple Your Kids

Help your children and grandchildren understand that God is always with us and has everything under control. We can trust Him even when things seem to be going wrong.



Key Truth: God Accomplishes His Plans, Even in the Midst of Family Problems (Genesis 37:1-11)

Genesis 37 picks up the story of Joseph, the main character of the rest of the book. Jacob (Israel) had a blended family: 12 sons and one daughter, from two wives (sisters) and their two servants. Just as his own parents (Isaac and Rebekah) had done, Jacob played favorites among his children. The favoritism, symbolized by a resented robe, made Joseph's brothers hate Joseph. Joseph did not help his situation by sharing his peculiar dreams with his brothers. In these verses, we see family dysfunction. We wonder how God could ever do anything worthwhile with such people. We should be an example of God's grace, even in the midst of family problems.



Key Truth: God Accomplishes His Plans, Even When Life Seems Off Track (Genesis 37:12-36)

Jacob appears to have given no thought to the way his preference for Joseph affected the other brothers. He seemed out of touch with the level of animosity they felt toward Joseph. He surely did not realize he was sending Joseph into danger. His brothers saw him coming and saw this as an opportunity to be rid of the brother they hated. They decided to kill Joseph and his dreams. Reuben, however, hoped to become a hero in his father's eyes by rescuing Joseph. Reuben's plotting did not succeed, however, as the brothers sold Joseph to Midianite traders who sold him into slavery in Egypt. Keep trusting God when things get difficult, knowing nothing can derail His plans.



Key Truth: God Can Use Us for His Glory in Any Work Situation (Genesis 37:36; 39:1-6)