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Today's Bible Story: I can trust God's plan, even when it's hard.

Joseph in Jail • *Genesis 39–40*

Memory Verse: "For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD." Jeremiah 29:11, NLT

Key Question: Who has a plan for you?

Bottom Line: God has a plan for me.

Basic Truth: God loves me.

WORSHIP

Engage kids' hearts through worship.

MEMORY VERSE

PARENT: "When I'm feeling sad, or when I am afraid, God will NEVER leave me. His plans are always good. Tell me, **who has a plan for you?**"

CHILDREN and PARENT: [*Bottom Line*] "God has a plan for me."

PARENT: "Our memory verse says, '*For I know (point to head) the plans I have for you,*' (march) *says (hands to mouth like yelling) the Lord, (Point up) Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT). (Open your hands like a book).*"

Say the verse and do the motions together several times

"Great job with the verse!"

STORY

What You Need: Bible

PARENT: “Today, we continue talking about a guy named Joseph. You can read all about him in the Bible. Joseph was about to do something really hard! But Joseph trusted God’s plan.



“Joseph ended up working at a BIG palace in Egypt for a guy named Potiphar. Who did he work for?”

CHILDREN: “Potiphar.”

PARENT: “That’s right. While Joseph worked at the palace, he tried to do a good job.



“If Potiphar told him to get food, Joseph got him food.

“If Potiphar said the floors needed sweeping, Joseph swept.

“Joseph did whatever Potiphar told him to do, and Joseph trusted God’s plan for him.

“But one day, somebody said Joseph did something very wrong! Everyone say, ‘Oh no!’”

CHILDREN: “Oh, no!”

PARENT: “But Joseph didn’t do it! Joseph was sent to jail anyway.



“Joseph didn’t do anything wrong, but he was put in jail! Now, at this point in the story, we might wonder if God really had a plan. Because this was SO hard for Joseph. *(to Joseph)* Show us your super-sad face Joseph.

“But Joseph knew God loved him. And Joseph knew God was always with him. So, even though things were hard and even though he was in jail, Joseph trusted God’s plan.

“Do you want to hear what Joseph did even though it was hard? While he was in jail, Joseph helped other people in there. The guards saw him doing such a good job that they even put him in charge.



“Joseph trusted God’s plan. And, God’s plan for Joseph isn’t done, yet! There is a lot more of Joseph’s story to tell.

“I love this story because it teaches us that we can trust God even when things are hard. Why? Because God loves us, God is with us, and God’s got a plan for us! So tell me, **who has a plan for you?**”

CHILDREN and PARENT: *[Bottom Line]* “God has a plan for me!”

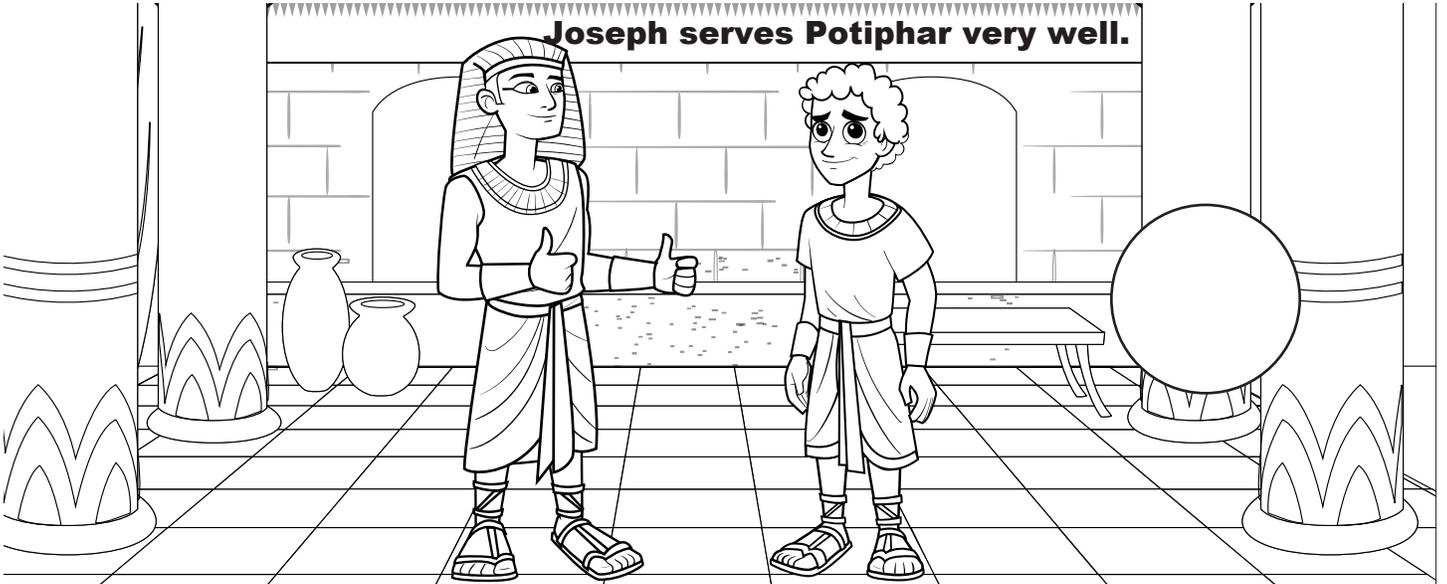
PARENT: “Yes! Joseph knew God had a plan, even when he faced something super-hard. And he has a plan for me and you. Let’s pray.

PRAYER

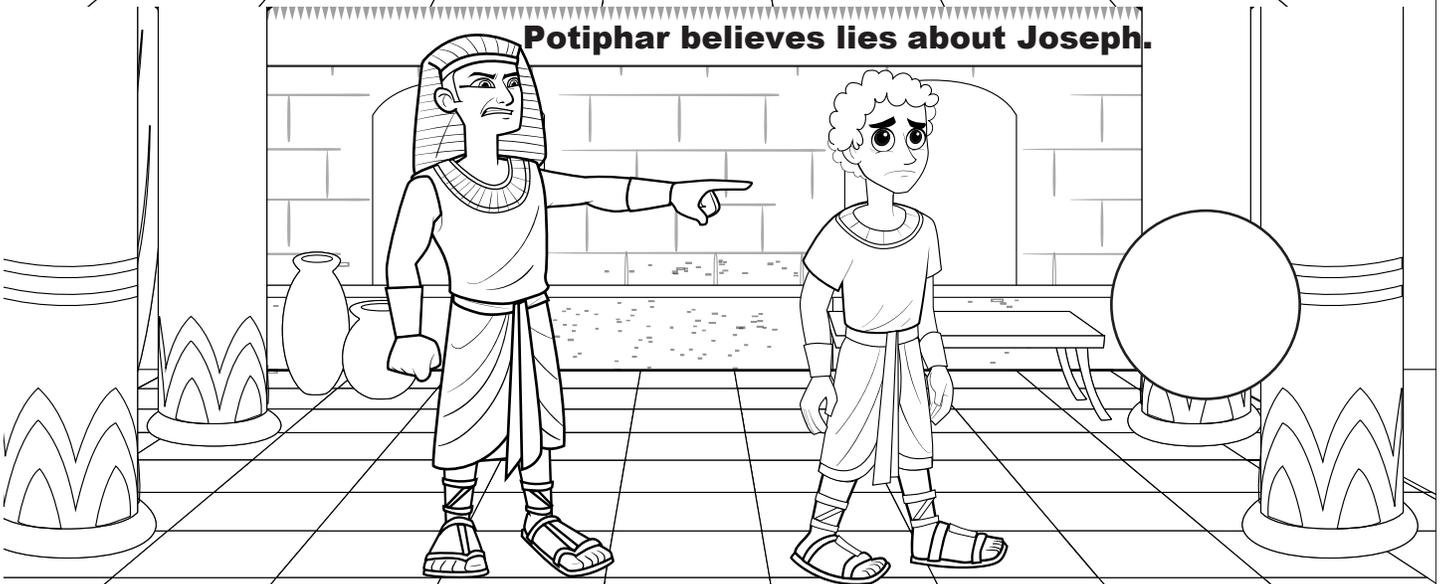
“Dear God, thank You for Joseph and how he trusted Your plan, even when he faced something hard. Help us remember to trust You, always. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

God has a plan for me. • Genesis 39-40

Joseph serves Potiphar very well.



Potiphar believes lies about Joseph.



Joseph is in prison even though he didn't do anything wrong.

