

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Each month your children receive a new memory verse to practice.

Memory Verse: Psalm 90:2

**Before the mountains were born,
before you gave birth to the earth and the world,
from eternity to eternity, you are God.**

Sign the bottom if your kids know the memory verse by heart. Pre-school kids will receive a prize in their class. Kids in Grades 1-6 will receive Tuck shop points for saying their verse.

Parent Signature: _____

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- God rules the world by providing for and by directing all that happens in it. What heart responses should we give to God in light of this?
- What are some stories in your life where you suffered or felt hardship but God used that situation for good?
- How did God use Joseph's suffering for good?
- How did God use Jesus' suffering for good?

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Where is the first tennis match mentioned in the Bible?

When Joseph served in Pharaoh's court.



GOD OF WOW

GOD IS SOVEREIGN



HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE?

Field Guides are a tool to help families dig into God's truth during the week through Bible reading, Memory Work and Family Discussion starters. We encourage you to use this guide whatever way works best for your family. Whether that is beginning a Gospel-conversation in the car, leading family worship in the living room or for guiding bedtime devotions, the most important thing is to keep your eyes fixed on Christ throughout the week (rather than merely going through the motions and checking all the boxes). Therefore, we hope this guide is a servant and not a master for advancing a biblical education and knowing God better. May it bless your family as study God's word together!

WEEKLY RECAP

Main Point: God is Sovereign

Bible Passage: Genesis 37-50

Bible Story: Joseph and His Brothers

Where is God when we face difficulty and trials? Is God still in control even in the face of injustice, evil, sin, loneliness, grief and pain? These are some of the questions that people have asked for generations and the story of Joseph helps us teach a vital aspect about God's character that we can pass on to our children. Joseph's story is a comfort for anyone facing difficulty today. Joseph was the son of Rachel, Jacob's favorite wife, and Jacob didn't hide his favoritism. He gave Joseph a gift that his other sons did not get: a beautiful coat of many colors. Of course, this did not endear Joseph to his siblings. Neither did Joseph's announcement that God had spoken to him in dreams—dreams that revealed that one day everyone in Joseph's family would bow down to him. Joseph's brothers planned evil against him, and Joseph ended up in a hole in the ground. Then he was sent to Egypt and was accused of a crime he did not commit. Maybe Joseph felt alone in the pit and in prison. But God did not forget Joseph. He had a wonderful plan for him and for many others. God raised up Joseph into a position of power in Egypt. God used Joseph to establish a remnant—a small, surviving group of His people. After finally forgiving his brothers for what they had done, Joseph summed up his experiences by saying, **“You planned evil against me; God planned it for good.”** (Gen 50:20) The story of Joseph shows us that God is Sovereign and Good especially in the face of trial. God has the ability to take the most painful circumstances and use them as part of his plan to bring about our ultimate good. Encourage kids today to realize that God still has a good plan for them through both the ups and downs of life and we can trust him. Centuries later, God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world as part of Joseph's family. Jesus experienced true loneliness and ultimate suffering as He died on the cross for our sins. God raised Jesus from the dead. When we trust in Him, God forgives our sin to bring up the greatest good we could possibly have, eternal life. Wow! What a God!

DAILY BIBLE READING

Once kids complete all 4 readings, sign the bottom and have them present this to their Central Kids leader to receive 1 Bible Buck for each day of reading. Only kids in Grades 1- 6 must fill in the blanks. All answers are from the HCSB translation.

MONDAY - Genesis 39:2, 21; Genesis 50:19

Fill in the Blanks

The _____ was _____ Joseph, and he became a _____ man, serving in the _____ of his _____ master.

But the _____ was _____ Joseph and _____ kindness to _____.

But Joseph said to them, “Don't be _____. Am I in the _____ of _____? You planned _____ against me; _____ planned it for _____”

TUESDAY - Genesis 37, 39

True or false

Joseph was 17 when he tended sheep with his brothers. T or F

Joseph had a dream that the sun, moon and trees were bowing before him. T or F

Joseph became a successful man because the Lord was with him. T or F

WEDNESDAY

Answer the questions

What does sovereign mean?

What is God in control of? _____

THURSDAY

Draw a picture from the story of Joseph