



Sunday Resources for June 14, 2020

Lesson: *The Forgiving Prince* from the Jesus Storybook Bible, pages 76-83
The Story of Joseph and His Brothers, from Genesis 37-50

Aim: To understand that God is in control of everything.

Questions:

- What sorts of things did Joseph and his brothers do that were not good choices? *Joseph boasted and was prideful to his brother; the brothers lied to their father, they sold their brother.*
- What happened to Joseph? *He was sold into slavery in Egypt. It was difficult for Joseph, but eventually Joseph was successful and gained respect in Egypt as a good leader.*
- What happened to Joseph's family? *They thought Joseph was gone forever. They faced famine and had to go to Egypt to ask for help.*
- What was Joseph's attitude towards his family? *He didn't hold a grudge. He knew that God had used this bad situation to "make everything right again". Joseph forgave and rescued his family.*

Review: God can bring good out of things that seem very bad. God never left Joseph. Even in the difficult times, God was there. God used this hard situation to save Joseph's family. Even when things don't make sense, God is in control.

Reflect: Every story in the Bible whispers Jesus' name. Even though we didn't hear Jesus' name in this story, we hear about a special prince, a prince like Joseph, that would come to save us. What did we discover about Jesus from today's story?

Prayer: Thank you God always being with us. Thank you for making all things beautiful in your time.

Activities:

- ★ Show children a raw egg. Ask them if anyone would like to eat it. Do the same with some raw flour and then baking soda. When no one wants to try any of your ingredients, say, "You're right. These would all taste pretty bad if we ate them like this. But we can use them to make something really good! They're all part of the recipe to make cookies. Just like each of these ingredients don't look tasty, they can be a good thing! Can something that happens to us be both bad and good?" Bad-tasting ingredients can make delicious cookies...hard things that happen in our life can be part of God's plan. Even the hard things can be used for good.
- ★ Share a story about a time when something bad happened to you, but it turned out to be for the good.

Sing: [Joseph Song](#) by Saddleback Kids