

GOOD NEWS CLUB AGENDA

JOSEPH #5 – “Joseph Cares for His Family”

WEEK OF:

MAIN TRUTH: God is working everything for your good

TO DO AS THE CHILDREN ARRIVE:

1. Greet the children; make them feel welcome.
2. Take attendance.
3. Listen to previous week's memory verse.
4. Have children put money in missions bank.
5. Have children put acorns in their team's storehouse according to the number of points earned.

PRE-SESSION ACTIVITY

SONG: (2 minutes) _____

PRAYER: (4 minutes)

1. Prayer song: _____
2. Review the **WHEN WE PRAY IN CLUB** and **PATTERN FOR PRAYER** Charts.
3. Ask the children to share any “Thank You Prayers” and “Please Prayers” they have.
4. Lead the children in “Thank You Prayers” and “Please Prayers.”

MEMORY VERSE: (8 minutes)

Genesis 50:20 – “**Ye thought evil against me, but God meant it unto good . . .**”

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HYMN FOR JOSEPH: (2 minutes) _____

BIBLE LESSON: (20 minutes)

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(See ***Involvement Helps for Younger Children*** for ways to involve the children in the Bible Lesson.)

COUNSEL TIME:

(If you have a helper, hostess, or Teacher Junior Grade, let them do the review time while you counsel those who responded to the invitation. Otherwise, at the end of club, be sure to remind the children who responded to the invitation to stay after club for a few minutes.)

QUIET TIME NOTEBOOK: (2 minute)

Briefly highlight what was learned from last week's Quiet Time. Ask the children to do one per day before the next club. Remind them that they must show you their Q.T. Notebook next week to earn for the contest.

MISSIONARY TIME: (15 minutes)

1. Sing "God's Way" while child comes to look in the "Go and Tell" Box.
2. Share missionary information for Week #4 using the "Go and Tell" Box. (See attached page.)
3. Pray for the missionary.
4. Show goal chart and mention the amount given so far.
5. Missions song: _____
6. Story: "**Ly Huy's Escape.**" Teach the portion of the story listed under Week #4.

REVIEW ACTIVITY: (7 minutes)

Use the activity below or the Bible Learning Game from the "**Involvement Helps for Younger Children.**"

"**The Silver Cup**" – Print, cut, and laminate 12 sacks (front and back, attached). Back for the flannelboard (if applicable). On the back of each card, there are points to be given for a correct answer. A silver cup is on the back of one sack, worth 150 points. Alternate the questions between teams. Each time a child answers correctly, he may turn over a sack revealing the number of points to be added to the team's score. The team with the most points wins. (Note: If not using a flannelboard, lay out cards on the table, fan them in your hand like playing cards, or put them in an opaque bag) - Give and Take, January 1977, Modified in 2022

Review questions for JOSEPH #5:

1. **On their first trip back from Egypt, what did Joseph's brothers find in their sacks?** (The money they had paid for their grain.)
2. **What did Joseph say his brothers must do before he would give them more grain and free Simeon?** (Bring their brother Benjamin down to Egypt.)
3. **What did Jacob say first about the brothers taking Benjamin to Egypt?** (He would never let them take him.)
4. **How did the brothers feel when they were sent to Joseph's house?** (They were afraid.)
5. **What did Joseph do when he saw Benjamin at his home?** (He wept.)
6. **What did Joseph have put in his brothers' sacks this time?** (Their money, and his silver cup put into Benjamin's sack.)
7. **What did Joseph say would happen to the one in whose sack the cup was found?** (He would become a slave.)
8. **Whom did Joseph say had sent him to Egypt?** (God.)
9. **Why had God sent Joseph to Egypt?** (To keep Joseph's family alive when the famine came because this was the family from which the Lord Jesus would be born many years later.)
10. **If Jesus is your Saviour, what should you do even when you do not understand why things are happening that make you sad.** (Trust God, He loves you and will take care of you.)

*COUNSEL TIME: (*Only if you did not counsel with the children earlier.)

SEND HOME WITH THE CHILDREN:

1. Pre-session papers for older and younger child
2. Memory verse token
3. Quiet Time Week #4 & Quiet Time Guide (for any new children)
4. MISSIONARY PRAYER CARD (or VIP Missionary Prayer Wheel)



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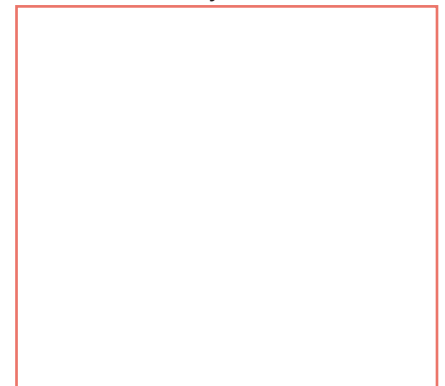
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- b. to think all the time about good things happening
- c. to try to control everything
- d. to be happy about life

Put an **X** through the things He does not want you to worry about.



Draw your own



Read this verse and write what God tells us to do instead of worrying.

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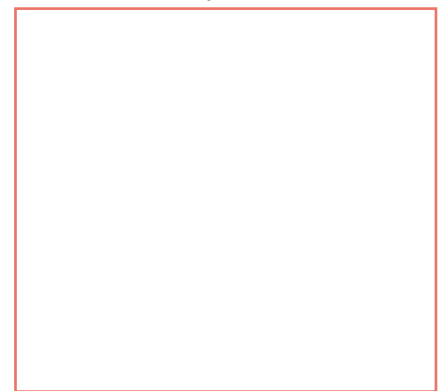
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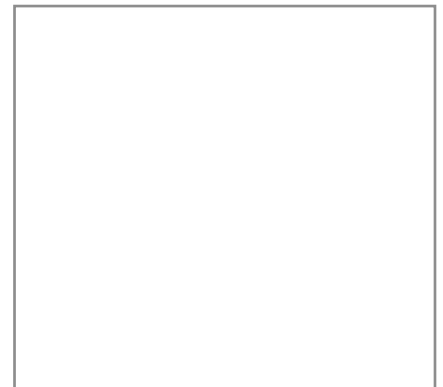
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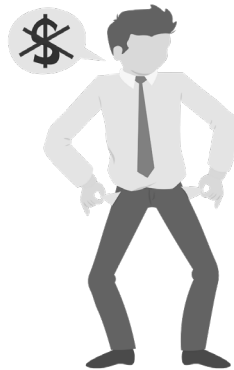


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JOSEPH CARES FOR HIS FAMILY

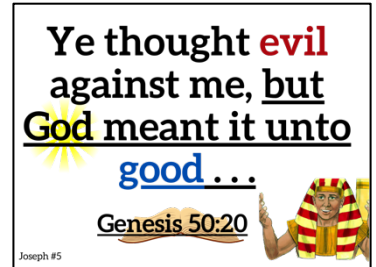
Genesis 50:20

“...ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good.”

(The underlined portion of the verse indicates what the younger children should memorize.)

INTRODUCE THE VERSE:

What is the very first thing most people want to do when someone mistreats them? Yes, they want to get back at them! Maybe you have even felt that way sometimes. In our lesson today we saw Joseph acting in a very different way. His brothers expected him to want to get even but he didn't. Our verse today tells us why.



READ THE VERSE:

Read the verse together from the visualized verse. Then read the verse directly from the Bible.

EXPLAIN THE VERSE:

Genesis 50:20

This is where the verse is found in the Bible. We call it the address or reference. It is found in the book of Genesis, chapter 50, verse 20.

“...ye thought evil against me”

Joseph was talking to his brothers. What are some ways that Joseph's brothers were evil toward him? *(Allow response.)*

“but God meant it unto good”

God had special plans for Joseph. Even the seemingly bad things that happened to him were allowed by God to work out His plan for Joseph to be promoted as a ruler in Egypt

(Saved) God has a wonderful plan for your life, too. If you know Jesus as your Saviour, you can trust Him to work all things together for your good, even when things seem bad and you don't understand why they're happening. Sometimes it may take a long time for the good to be seen, but you can trust God to do it.

(Unsaved) God's plan for you is to first trust in the Lord Jesus to forgive your sin.

REPEAT THE VERSE:

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INVOLVEMENT HELPS FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

by Linda D. Ruth and Ralph Bechtel

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MEMORY VERSE: Shortened verse

Genesis 50:20 - “. . . *But God meant it unto good . . .*”

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| Genesis 50:20 | – Hands as an open Bible. |
| “. . . <i>But God</i>” | – Point to Heaven. |
| <i>“meant it unto good . . .”</i> | – Hold up one hand. Moving from left to right with other hand, touch the top of a finger for each of the five syllables. |
| Genesis 50:20 | – Hands as an open Bible. |

BIBLE LESSON HELPS:

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| <u>Scene 1</u> | – Have children look in bag and show a surprised expression as they find the money. |
| <u>Scene 2</u> | – Before you tell them, ask children for ideas why Jacob wouldn’t want to allow his sons to take Benjamin. |
| <u>Scene 3</u> | – All bow before Joseph. |
| <u>Scene 4</u> | – Say, “ <i>Show by the expression on your face how the brothers felt when they found the money and cup in Benjamin’s sack.</i> ” |
| <u>Scene 5</u> | – Ask, “ <i>If you had been one of the brothers, how would you have felt when the Governor said, ‘I am Joseph?’</i> ” Allow the children to answer.
– Walk in place as traveling back home excitedly. Mention things the brothers might have been talking about. |

BIBLE LEARNING GAME: “Who Has the Cup?”

Have children sit in a circle. One child stands away from the circle, closing and covering his eyes. Give someone in the circle a bottlecap to hide in his hands. Everyone puts his hands together as if concealing the cap. All say together, “*Silver cup, silver cup, who has the cup?*”

Child outside circle returns and has three guesses to find the cup. Whether he finds it or not, say, “*There are lots of things, like who has the cup, that we don’t know. But you can be sure God is working out His plan in your life.*”

Continue as time allows.

GO AND TELL BOX

Week #4 – How Can I Help a Missionary?

(Suggested item to put in the “Go and Tell” Box – a tablet or piece of paper.)

What do you think a tablet has to do with *going and telling*? *(Let the children share their ideas.)*

Most missionaries can buy paper in the country where they are serving the Lord. However, this tablet reminds me of something you and I can do to help a missionary.



HOW CAN I HELP A MISSIONARY? *(Use HOW wordstrip.)*

Missionaries trust God to meet their every need. God wants to use you and me to help them in different ways. Although you and I are not near enough to the missionary to help them do their work, there are other things that we can do here that will help them. We can PRAY, GIVE, and WRITE. God may even call you and me to GO.

HOW CAN I HELP OUR MISSIONARIES?

PRAY – *(Use PRAY wordstrip.)* Each of you will be receiving a Prayer Bookmark with pictures of our missionaries. There are some things listed that you can pray to God for them. Each week we pray for them in club/class. Will you pray faithfully for our missionaries in your Quiet Time? **OR** You will be receiving a VIP Missionary Prayer Wheel. VIP means “Very Important Prayers.” There are seven different prayer requests listed—one for every day of the week.

GIVE – *(Use GIVE wordstrip.)* God tells us to give generously and joyfully.

- Perhaps you can earn extra money to give to the missionary by doing an extra chore: sweep out the garage or clean closets or drawers for your mother or father.
- Perhaps you will choose to give part of your allowance or birthday gift to help our missionaries.

WRITE – *(Use WRITE wordstrip.)* Missionaries like to receive mail. You can write them a letter and tell them about yourself. You can ask them questions. I’m sure they would like to receive a card on their birthday or on a special holiday. Will you write the missionaries? *(Do not give out the e-mail address unless they ask for it. Explain the importance of not sharing with others.)*

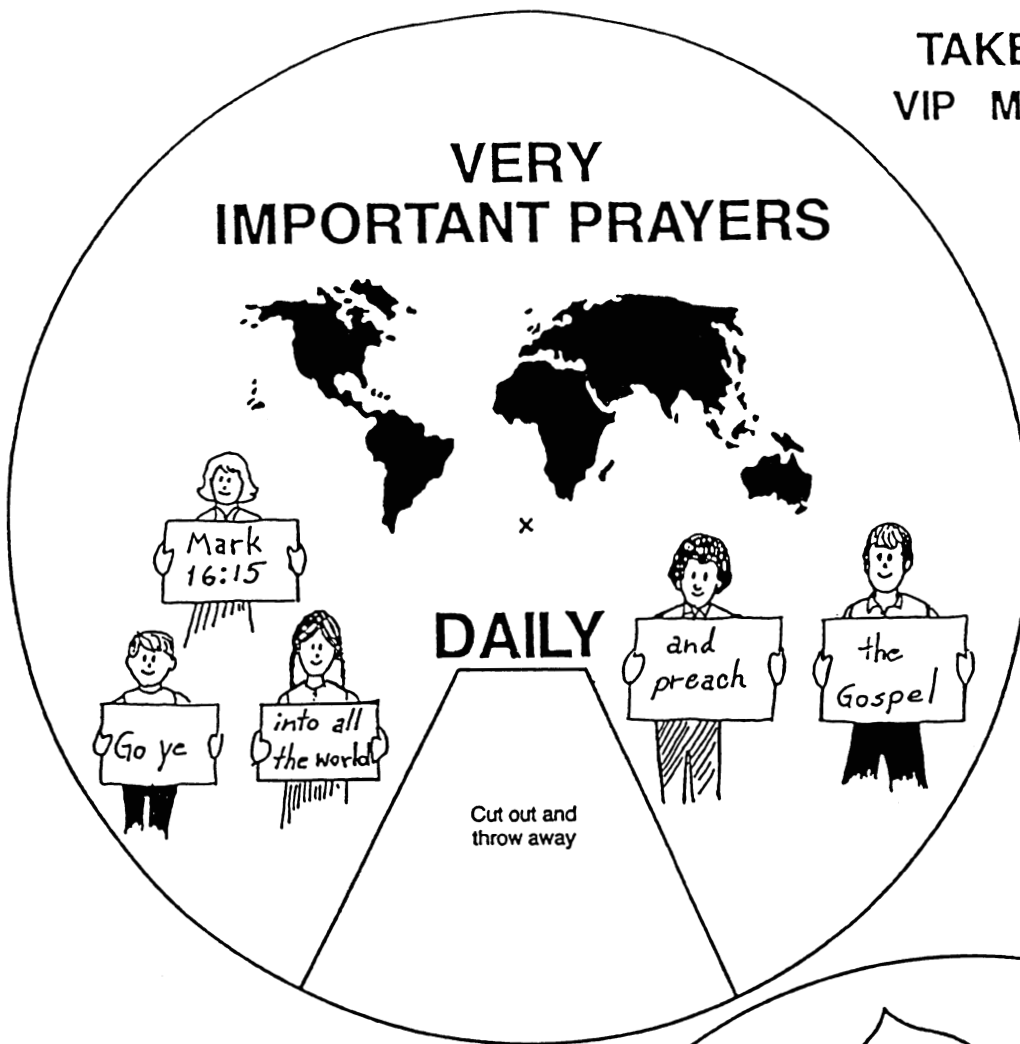
GO – *(Use GO wordstrip.)* God wants you to be a missionary. Will you tell someone about the Lord Jesus? Are you willing to go anywhere God would ask you to go? If so, will you tell Him that today? *(Give a few minutes for silent prayer then close with the requests below.)*

LET'S PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:

THANK God for those people who pray for the missionaries and for those who give money to meet their needs.

PRAY that many people will be willing to pray, give, and go to help the missionaries.

TAKE-HOME PROJECT VIP MISSIONARY PRAYER WHEEL

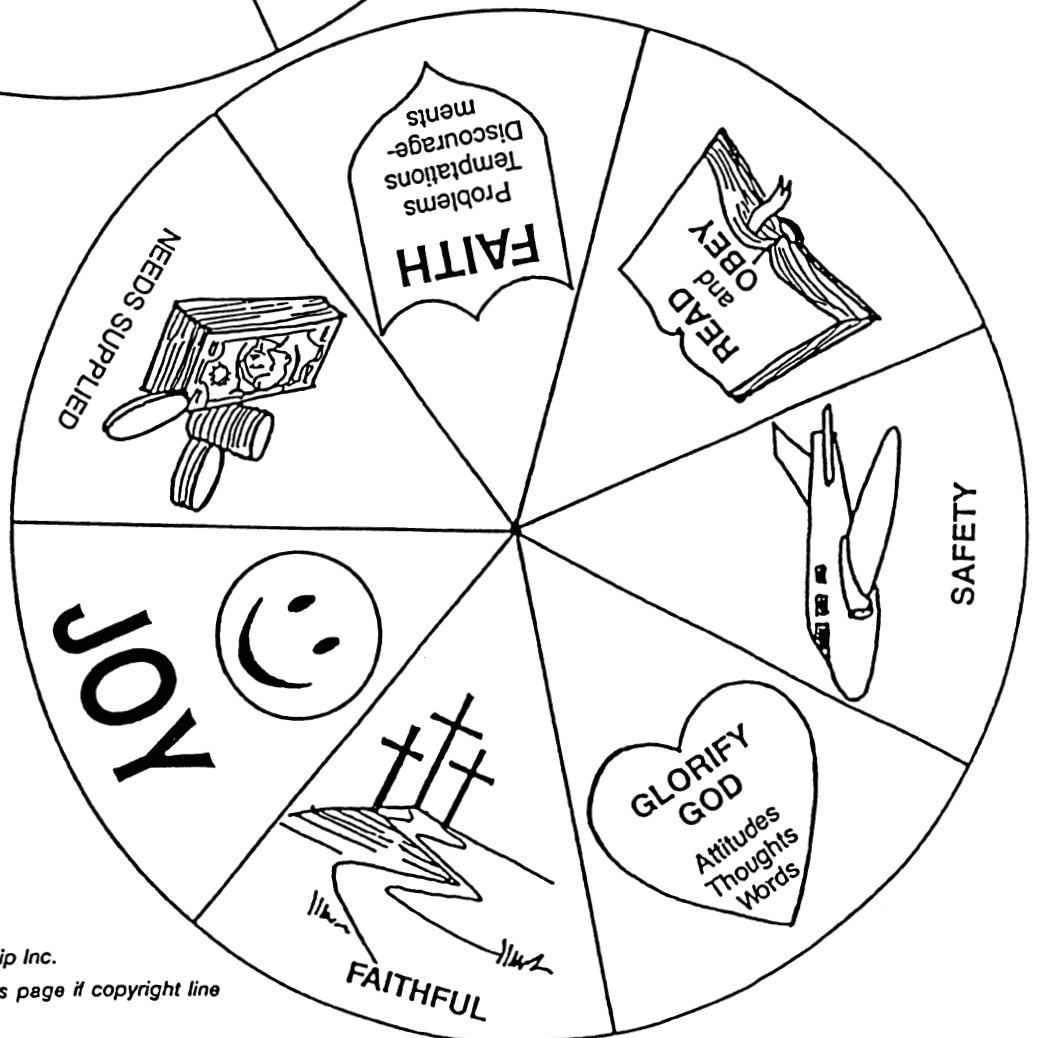


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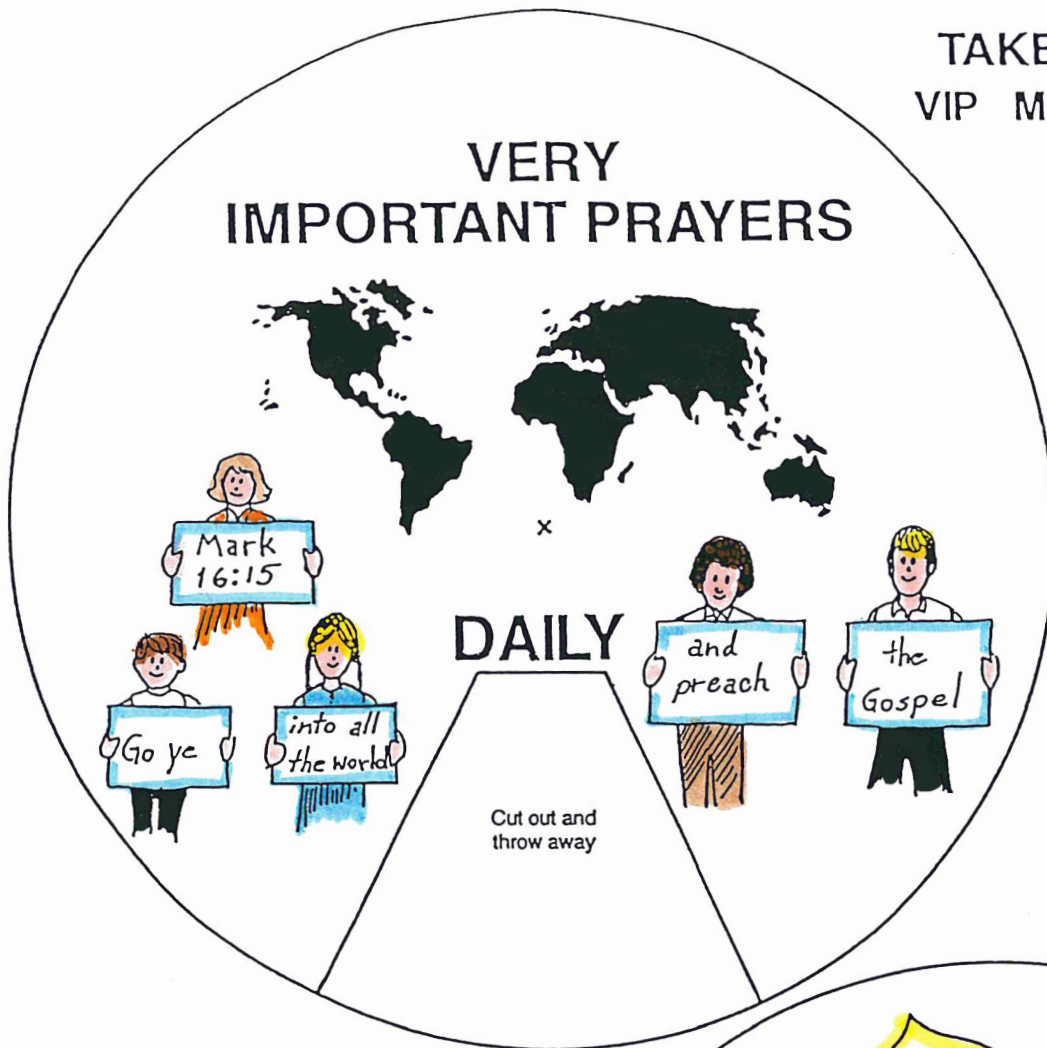
Challenge your children to use this tool daily to pray for their missionaries.

Here are the Very Important Prayers you can pray for us:

1. Sunday—Faithful in telling the Gospel.
2. Monday—Have joy in serving Jesus.
3. Tuesday—Needs will be supplied.
4. Wednesday—Have faith when problems, temptations, and discouragements come.
5. Thursday—Read and obey God's Word every day.
6. Friday—Safety in travel.
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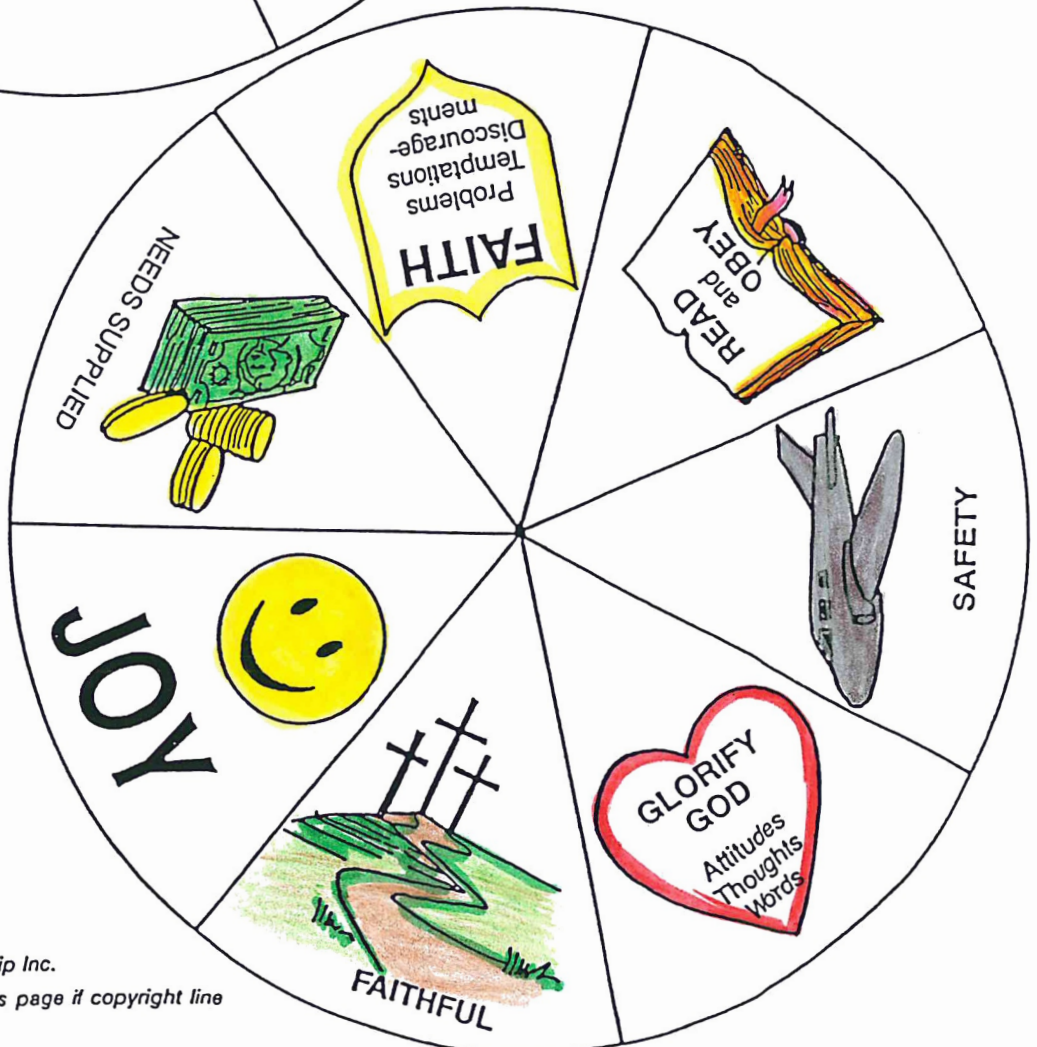
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- Do you remember who that Savior is? Jesus!

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1 **Corinthians 15:3-4** – **“Christ died for our sins ...He was buried and...He rose again the third day....”**

- Jesus was going to be born through Joseph’s family!

- That’s why it was important that Joseph’s family was saved from famine

- And none of that would have happened if Joseph wasn’t sold or put into prison

- I’m sure there were many times during Joseph’s life when he wondered why so many hard things were happening to him

- I’m sure it would’ve been easy for Joseph to think God forgot about him or didn’t care about him anymore

- But God helped Joseph know that wasn’t true

- Now Joseph could see God had a reason for it all along; He was doing something good through all of it

CHALLENGE

G – Go over MT

MT, PAS – **GOD IS WORKING EVERYTHING FOR YOUR GOOD**

R – Review PAS verse

Romans 8:28 – **“...All things work together for good to them that love God....”**

O – **Overview PAS examples**

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W – **Will you do it?**

- But if you don’t know Jesus as your Savior...

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- Because of His love, He made 1 way for you to be saved from your sin so you can have wonderful relationship with Him

INVITATION

Act 16:31 – **“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved....”**

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BOW HEADS RESPONSE

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Flashcard – (©2015)

Genesis 42:27 – 45:28; 47:12; 50:15-21

- When hard things happen, do you ever wonder why?

- Maybe you lost your soccer game, or maybe it seems like your mom or dad never have any time to spend with you

- When hard things happen, it’s easy to think that God doesn’t love you or that He doesn’t care

- But in our true story from the Bible today, we’re going to see how that’s not true ... God does love you and He does care ...

- ... And He is always doing something so much bigger and greater for us than we could ever imagine

- If you know Jesus as your Savior, you can know that is true for you

MT – **GOD IS WORKING EVERYTHING FOR YOUR GOOD**

- And that’s what Joseph was going to learn in this true story from the Bible today

FLASHCARD 5-1

- Remember...last week Joseph’s brothers went to Egypt looking for food, but did they recognize Joseph? No!

- Joseph called his brothers spies & kept 1 of them in jail while the others went home to get their youngest brother, Benjamin

FLASHCARD 5-2

- When brothers got home, told Father what had happened

- Had to take Benjamin back to Egypt with them or other brother would be kept in prison!

- But Jacob wouldn’t listen; Still had a favorite son...

- Since thought Joseph was gone, Benjamin was now his favorite

- Jacob said, “No, you will not take Benjamin!”

- But soon they ran out of food... Jacob had no choice, “Go buy us more food; Take Benjamin with you.”

FLASHCARD 5-3

- Brothers soon got to Egypt; Joseph saw them, had a dinner made for them

- Joseph asked, "Is your father well?"
- "Yes," they replied
- Then Joseph saw Benjamin; Couldn't hold back tears
- Hurried from the room so brothers wouldn't see him cry...
- So happy to see his brother Benjamin and know that he was well
- That night, he gave Benjamin 5 times more food than any other brothers
- Next morning, Joseph did something that seemed strange
- Ordered his servant to secretly put his silver cup in Benjamin's sack ...
- ... Wanted to see if his brothers really had changed
- Would they treat Benjamin the way they treated Joseph all those years ago?
- When brothers left for home, didn't get far before Joseph's servant came...
- "Why have you done evil & taken my master's cup?"

- Brothers had no idea what he was talking about
 - "We didn't take your master's cup; Check our bags; If anyone has it, let him be punished"
 - The brothers opened their bags for the servant to check them
- FLASHCARD 5-4**
- Servant started with oldest brother; But when got to Benjamin, it was in Benjamin's sack!
 - Couldn't believe it; Promised Father would bring Benjamin home safely... Now what would they do?
 - The servant took brothers back to Joseph
 - Joseph, "What have you done? Didn't you know I would find out?"
 - Judah, 1 of the older brothers, begged Joseph not to punish Benjamin...
 - ...Knew their father would be so upset if they let anything happen to him
 - Joseph couldn't hide it any longer; Told his servants to leave

- When all alone with brothers, finally told them, "I am Joseph"
- Imagine how scared and confused brothers must have been!
- Probably thought of all the terrible things they did to Joseph ...

- What they did was wrong; They deserved to be punished for the wrong things they had done
- You and I deserve to be punished for the wrong things we have done too

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Isaiah 53:6 – "All we like sheep have gone astray...."

- 1.
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- Joseph's brothers deserved to be punished for the wrong things they had done... What would Joseph do to them?

FLASHCARD 5-5

- There Joseph stood, second in command over all Egypt; He could do whatever he wanted with his brothers

- But he spoke kindly to them, "Come near; Don't be upset or angry at yourselves for what you did to me"
 - God brought me here to save your lives & the lives of many other people
 - Joseph knew what happened to him was all part of God's plan; God was doing something good, even when it didn't look like it
 - If you know Jesus as your Savior, same is true for you
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- Joseph could see now how God had been using all those hard/unfair things to do something good for Joseph and to save his entire family!
 - And this is important because, through Joseph's family, God would send the Savior He promised!