

ENGAGE THE FAMILY

DEVOTION GUIDELINES

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2. Read the Scripture passage together.
3. Discuss how you and your family members will apply the lesson.
4. Pray for each other and ask for God's help to apply what you have learned.

READ TOGETHER

These are the 4 areas where Joseph experienced molding of his character by God.

PIT: Joseph was thrown into the pit and sold as a slave by his brothers (Genesis 37:2-8, 18-20, 23-24).

PRIVATE ROOM: Joseph was tempted but refused the advances of his master's wife (Genesis 39:1-4, 6-12).

PRISON: Joseph was sent to prison for a crime he did not commit (Genesis 39:13-23).

PALACE: Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's dream and was installed ruler of Egypt next to Pharaoh (Genesis 41:14-16, 38-43, Genesis 42:1-8, Genesis 45:1-8).

Genesis 50:20 As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good.

TALK TOGETHER

1. How did Joseph respond to his trials? What qualities did he have that allowed him to overcome all of them?
2. In what area of your life are you experiencing trials? How does Joseph's **story** change your view regarding trials?
3. Will you trust **God's** sovereignty and goodness over your trials? Why? How?

CONVICTION

I will trust God because He is sovereign and in control.

APPLICATION

	REALITIES	RIGHT RESPONSES
PIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* People close to us may envy, reject, harm and betray us.* In some cases, we might have caused part of the problem.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Seek the Lord; pray.* Do not blame others or God.* Ask the Lord to search our heart, in case we're partly at fault.
PRIVATE ROOM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* We are never beyond temptation.* Satan will try to trap and discredit us.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Reject the thought that "no one will know".* God will always know.* Make honoring God our constant goal.* Flee temptation.

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PALACE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* God will surely vindicate and exalt us at the proper time.* Success and blessing are also a test of our brokenness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Be humble.* Do not take revenge.* Do not abuse power.* See things from God's perspective.* Keep pursuing God's purpose.

PRAY TOGETHER

Dear Lord, You are sovereign and good! Help us to always remember who You are, our loving and gracious Father. Give us strength and empower us to trust You completely knowing that you are with us in our trials and You hold our future in Your hands. In **Jesus' name, Amen.**

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