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**Resource Pack**

*Children's ministry resources & activities for groups & families exploring this week's theme.*

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**WEEK 8**

# The Good God

**Genesis (Part 3)** / Genesis 49:29-50:26


JOSEPH
DREAMS AND DESTINY

# The Good God

*Genesis 49:29-50:26*



## SESSION OUTLINE

SERIES
Genesis (Part 3)

BIBLE FOCUS
Genesis 49:29-50:26

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### THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

God used Joseph to fulfil his good purposes, save a nation, and rescue his family. We have a good God and we can trust him with the big picture, just like Joseph.

### SERIES OVERVIEW

**Genesis (Part 3)**

Genesis is not only the beginning of the Bible, but provides a foundation for our understanding of who God is, God's plan for the world, and our part in his story. We have approached Genesis in three parts; Part I unpacking the beginning of grace in the origins of creation, humanity, and sin (Genesis 1-11), and Part II God's response in calling Abraham and his unfolding story (Genesis 12-25).

In this eight-part series, we'll explore the characteristics of God as he works through his chosen people—especially Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph.

### MULTIMEDIA

1. SBK Kids Talk
2. Joseph and the Promised Land (Saddleback Kids)

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Here are some resources we recommend for helping teach the Gospel to kids.

1. Genesis 12-50 by the Bible Project

### SONGS EARLY CHILDHOOD

1. The Plans
2. I Will Trust You God
3. God is so Good (All Stars Kids Club)

### SONGS PRIMARY

1. God is Over All
2. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus
3. God is so Good (All Stars Kids Club)

# RUNSHEET

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## HOW TO USE THIS RESOURCE

This resource has been written and produced by St Bart's Kids and we're delighted to be able to share this curriculum with you. We pray that it would be an amazing tool to aid teaching and learning occurring either at home or within your children's ministry setting.

This package is part of a series based on **Genesis (Part 3)**. The items within this package all pertain to **one session.**

The tabs on this document will help guide the main sections that should be incorporated within a session. Within each section you will find modifications for different age/learning levels - look for the tags Early Childhood, Lower Primary, Middle Primary, and Upper Primary.

All of the items within
If you have any questions or would like to know more about St Bart's Kids resources, please contact
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## TIMING

| | |
|---|---|
| Welcome and play | 15 mins |
| Teaching Time (includes morning tea for Early Childhood) | 15mins |
| Game (Kindy - Year 6 only) | 10mins |
| Small Groups/Activities | 20mins |
| Worship | 10mins |
| Check-out | |

## MATERIALS

- ❑ Jigsaw Puzzles
- ❑ Building Blocks - Wooden Blocks, Mega Blocks, Q-Blocks or Duplo
- ❑ Dolls or Toy People
- ❑ Sports equipment items eg. Hula Hoops, Tunnel, Beanbags, Balancing Beam, etc
- ❑ Printout Worksheet #1
- ❑ Scissors
- ❑ Glue
- ❑ Printout Worksheet #5
- ❑ Scissors
- ❑ Sticky notes
- ❑ Jigsaw puzzles
- ❑ Printout of Worksheet #2 (double sided)
- ❑ Pencils
- ❑ Worksheet #3 printed on cardstock and guillotined
- ❑ Jigsaw puzzle pieces
- ❑ glue/double sided sticky-tape
- ❑ Worksheet #4
- ❑ Pencils
- ❑ Bluetac
- ❑ Coloured Paper
- ❑ Pieces of the "Plan"

## ADDITIONAL INFO

This resource is the eighth in an eight week series on Genesis (Part 3).

**FOCUS**

**God used Joseph to fulfil his good purposes, save a nation, and rescue his family. We have a good God and we can trust him with the big picture, just like Joseph.**

**WARM-UPS**

- ☐ What are some of the promises that you have made to other people this week? (I'll tidy my room, I'll do my homework....)
- ☐ How do you feel when people break their promises to you?

**TEACHING TIME**

## The Good God

Our good God is able to overcome situations that seem hopeless. A scientist tried to create an ultra strong glue for use in aircraft construction. But a mistake led to a weak adhesive being created that could be peeled off without leaving residue. Not very useful for an aircraft! So they tried a sticky notice board to stick papers on. But sticky board demand was too low and wouldn't sell enough. After being shelved for a few years they reverse engineered. What about if the adhesive was on the paper instead? The humble Post-it note had been created!

Speaking of less than stellar starts - Joseph was shipped off as a slave by his brothers. He then makes it to the head of a household in Egypt before being unjustly accused and facing years in prison. But God hadn't forgotten him.

After the death of Jacob he showed great generosity to his brothers who were very worried about what Joseph might do towards them Joseph reassured them in Genesis 50:20, "You planned to harm me, but God planned it for good, the saving of many lives."

Do you recall that after Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's dreams (by the power of God) by describing that a severe famine was coming - he was placed in charge of all Egypt. In preparation for famine he stored up so much grain in Egyptian cities that it couldn't be counted (Gen 41:49).

And when the famine arrived all the earth come to Joseph in Egypt to buy the stored grain since the famine was severe over all the earth.

God's purposes for good were being worked out in the trials and then successes of Joseph. He saw that his suffering ultimately saved his people from famine while also blessing Egypt. His story foreshadows Jesus. His death on the Cross intended to kill off Jesus instead was used by God to save the many lives of those who trust in Jesus. A horrific event was used as the catalyst for salvation.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

**1. Early Childhood**

Who always keeps his promises to us?

**2. Lower Primary**

Why is it so good to know that God always keep his promises?

**3. Middle Primary**

Why is it so good to know that God always keep his promises?

**4. Upper Primary**

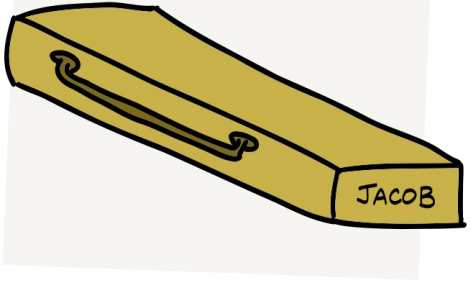
Why is it so important that God is a promise-keeping God?

Early Childhood

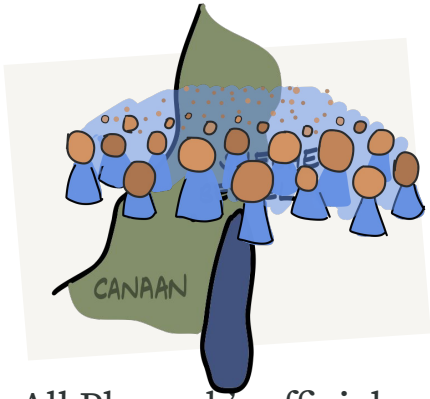
# The Good God



Jacob was getting very old, and before he died, he asked his family to bury him back in Canaan, where his family was buried.




Joseph was very sad when his father died. He took his father back to Canaan and buried him with his family.




All Pharaoh's officials and Joseph's family and all his brothers went with him. It was a huge group.

Early Childhood



After they returned to Egypt, Joseph's brothers were worried that Joseph might still be angry with them for hurting him a long time ago.




They asked Joseph to forgive them.




But Joseph said, "Don't be afraid! You meant to hurt me, but God used it for good. God had a good plan to save many people!"

Early Childhood








Joseph forgave his brothers and promised to look after them and their families.

Joseph trusted God and knew that God had been with him through everything.

Joseph lived in Egypt until he died at the age of 110.

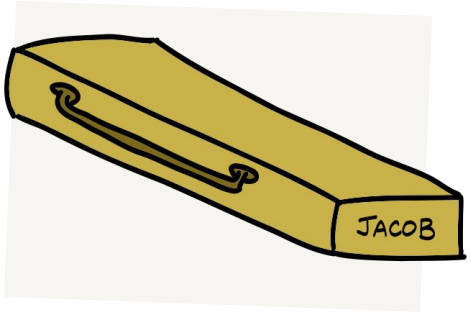
Lower Primary

# The Good God



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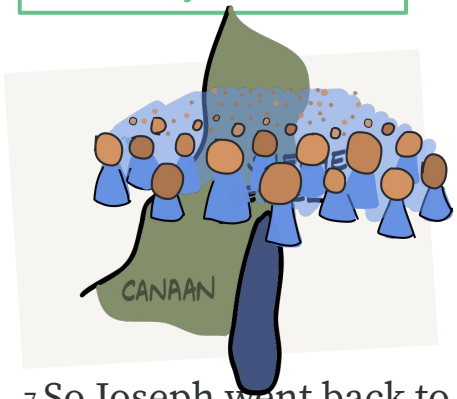
Then he died.




Ch50 Vs 1-6 Joseph wept over him. He asked Pharaoh if he could take Jacob’s body back to the family burial ground.

Pharaoh responded, “Go and do what you promised.”

Lower Primary




7 So Joseph went back to Canaan to bury his father. All Pharaoh's officials and Joseph's family and all his brothers went with him. It was a huge group.




12-14 So they took his body back and buried him in the cave as he wished. Then they all went back to Egypt.

Lower Primary



15-17 But Joseph's brothers were now worried that he might want to pay them back for the way they treated him.




So they told Joseph, "Before Dad died, he wanted you to forgive us for what we did to you.
20 Now then, please forgive us.'

When Joseph heard this, he wept.






18-20 Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Do you think I’m God? You planned to harm me, but God planned it for good. He wanted to save many lives.

20 So don’t be afraid. I’ll look after you and your children.”
He calmed them down and spoke kindly to them

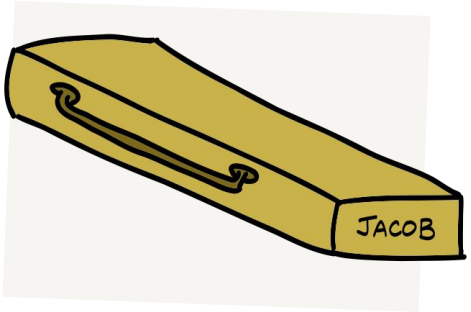
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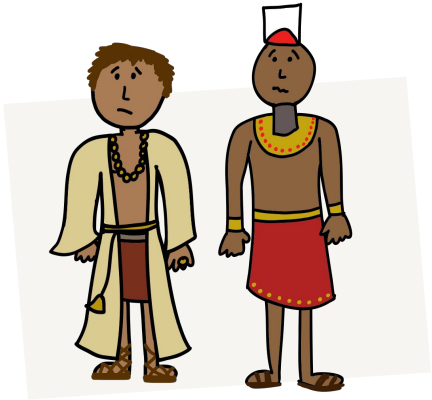
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Ch49 Vs29 Jacob said to his sons, “I’m about to die so please bury me with my ancestors in the cave that Abraham bought as a burial ground.”

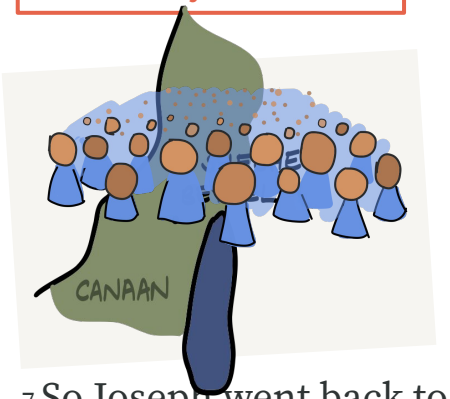



33 Then Jacob pulled his feet up into his bed, took his last breath and died. He joined the members of his family who had already died.



Ch50 Vs1-65 Joseph wept over him and organised for his body to be prepared for burial. He later asked Pharaoh’s permission to take Jacob’s body back to the family burial ground and Pharaoh agreed.

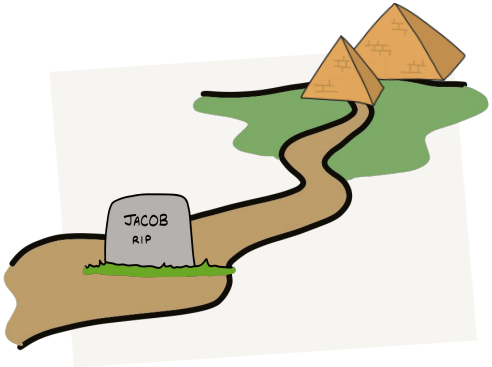
Middle Primary




7 So Joseph went back to Canaan to bury his father. All Pharaoh's officials and Joseph's family and all his brothers went with him. It was a huge group.




12-14 So Jacob's sons did exactly as he had asked them to do. They carried his body to the land of Canaan and buried it in a cave in the field Abraham had bought so long ago for this purpose.




After Joseph and his brothers had buried their father, they all went back to Egypt.

Middle Primary



15-16 Now that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers were worried. They said, "What if he wants to pay us back for what we did to him?"



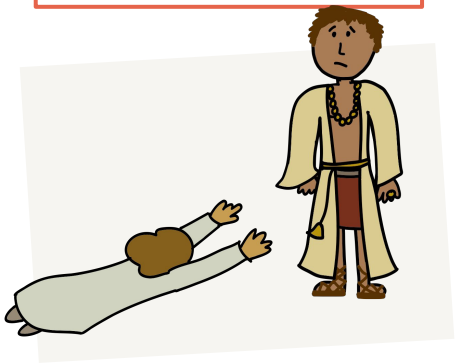

16 They sent a message to Joseph saying, "Your father told us before he died, 'Tell Joseph, "I ask you to forgive your brothers for the terrible things they did to you."



17 Now then, please forgive our sins. We serve the God of your father."

When Joseph got their message, he wept.

Middle Primary



18 Then his brothers came and threw themselves down in front of him. “We are your slaves,” they said.



19-20 But Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Do you think I’m God? You planned to harm me, but God planned it for good. He wanted to save many lives.



21, 26 So don’t be afraid. I’ll provide for you and your children.” He calmed them down and spoke kindly to them.

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## FOCUS

God used Joseph to fulfil his good purposes, save a nation, and rescue his family. We have a good God and we can trust him with the big picture, just like Joseph.

## Early Childhood

## PRAYER

Dear God,

THANK YOU for being good and having a plan for us.

HELP US to trust you always.

Amen.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

View SBK ebook Genesis 49:29-50:26

1. **Have you ever had something you that you expected not to be good, turn out better than expected?**
   Perhaps a family event, an artwork that improved or even a dentist visit, learning a new skill like a musical instrument or sport.

2. **Where did Jacob want to be buried?**
   With his ancestors in Canaan.

3. **Now that Jacob was dead how did the brothers feel knowing that Joseph was so powerful?**
   Concerned / Anxious
   Satisfied
   Happy
   Sad

4. **Did the brothers try to solve this issue?**
   Yes, by mentioning to Joseph that his father wanted him to forgive them (v15-17)

5. **How did Joseph respond to all his brothers?**
   (Choose one)
   a) Told them to go their separate ways
   b) Put them in prison as payback
   c) Forgave them and would look after them and their families.

6. **How did Joseph and Jesus save others?**
   Joseph saved the world from salvation
   Jesus saved people from their sin.

*"You planned to harm me, but God planned it for good, the saving of many lives." Genesis 50:20*

## FOCUS

God used Joseph to fulfil his good purposes, save a nation, and rescue his family. We have a good God and we can trust him with the big picture, just like Joseph.

**Lower Primary**

## PRAYER

Lord Jesus,

Thank you that you overcome sin and evil for our good.

Help us to depend on Jesus Christ and his suffering for us, for our salvation.

Amen.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

View SBK ebook Genesis 28: 10-22

1. **Has something you that you expected wasn't going to be good turn out better than expected?**
Family event, school experience, artwork turned out better than you thought possible

2. **Where did Jacob want to be buried?**
In a cave on land in Canaan that Abraham had bought. He would lie with his ancestors.

3. **Why did they return to Egypt afterwards?**
Joseph was still ruling Egypt and he couldn't abandon the position that Pharaoh had installed him in

4. **Now that Jacob was dead how did the brothers feel knowing that Joseph was so powerful?**
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   c) Forgave them and would look after them and their families.

6. **Now that Jacob was dead how did the brothers feel knowing that Joseph was so powerful?**
They were very worried and nervous. Joseph was now all powerful in Egypt, and not the boy they threw in the well before selling into slavery. They weren't sure how he would respond to their treachery

7. **Can you see some parallels between Joseph and Jesus?**
Joseph unjustly imprisoned / Jesus unjustly executed
Something amazingly good happened from these events
Joseph's planning would save the world from starvation
Jesus' death and resurrection saves believers from the effects of sin.

8. **How has Joseph changed over the journey?**
From a spoilt brat and impetuous youth to a statesman that was able to see how God saved him and changed his character. This generosity is extended to his brothers.
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*"You planned to harm me, but God planned it for good, the saving of many lives." Genesis 50:20*

## FOCUS

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**Middle Primary**

## PRAYER

Lord Jesus,

Thank you that you overcome sin and evil for our good.

Help us to depend on Jesus Christ and his suffering for us, for our salvation.

Amen.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

View SBK ebook Genesis 49:29-50:26

1. **5Has something you that you expected wasn't going to be good turn out better than expected?**
   Eg. Test result made you study and actually enjoy the subject, better than expected dentist visit, learning a skill that seemed too hard - music or sport

2. **Where did Jacob wished to be buried?**
   In a cave on land in Canaan that Abraham had bought. He would lie with his ancestors.

3. **Why did they return to Egypt afterwards?**
   Joseph was still ruling Egypt and he couldn't abandon the position that Pharaoh had installed him in

4. **How did Josephs' brothers feel after their father had died? Why was this?**
   They were very worried and nervous. Joseph was now all powerful in Egypt, and not the boy they threw in the well before selling into slavery. They weren't sure how he would respond to their treachery

5. **Did the brothers try to solve this issue?**
   Yes, by mentioning to Joseph that his father wanted him to forgive them (v15-17)
   .

6. **How does Joseph respond?**
   With a famous Bible quote in Gen 50:20. And then he says don't be afraid as I'll look after you and your households..

7. **Can you see some parallels between Joseph and Jesus?**
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## FOCUS

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**Upper Primary**

## PRAYER

Lord Jesus,

Thank you that you overcome sin and evil for our good.

Help us to depend on Jesus Christ and his suffering for us, for our salvation.

Amen.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Genesis 49:29-50:26 from the NIRV Bible

1. **Has something you that you expected wasn't going to be good turn out better than expected?**
   Family event, school experience, artwork turned out better than you thought possible, learning a new skill that seemed impossible at the start

2. **Where did Jacob wished to be buried?**
   In a cave on land in Canaan that Abraham had bought. He would lie with his ancestors.

3. **Why did they return to Egypt afterwards?**
   Joseph was still ruling Egypt and he couldn't abandon the position that Pharaoh had installed him in

4. **How did Joseph's brothers feel after their father had died? Why was this?**
   They were very worried and nervous. Joseph was now all powerful in Egypt, and not the boy they threw in the well before selling into slavery. .

5. **How did the brothers try to solve this issue?**
   They got on the front foot and sent a message saying that their father Jacob instructed that he should forgive the brothers for their treachery

6. **How does Joseph respond?** .
   With a famous Bible quote in Gen 50:20. And then he says don't be afraid as I'll look after you and your households.

7. **How does Joseph's story anticipate the cross?**
   Joseph's unjust suffering ended up saving his people and blessing the people of Egypt
   Jesus undeserved suffering and death brought salvation to all peoples on earth. The harm that befell them both God intended for good**.**

8. **How has Joseph changed over the journey?**
   From a spoilt brat and impetuous youth to a statesman that was able to see how God saved him and changed his character.

*"You planned to harm me, but God planned it for good, the saving of many lives." Genesis 50:20*

# PRAY

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## FOCUS

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## EARLY CHILDHOOD

Dear God,

THANK YOU for being good and having a plan for us.

HELP US to trust you always.

Amen.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Lord Jesus,

Thank you that you overcome sin and evil for our good.

Help us to depend on Jesus Christ and his suffering for us, for our salvation.

Amen.

## TIPS

*Reflect on how well you understand that God is always with you and that he will never leave you.*

Early Childhood

Dear God,

THANK YOU for being good and having a plan for us.

HELP US to trust you always.

Amen.

**Sunday School**

Lord Jesus,

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**FOCUS**

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*In this section, you'll find activities for Early Childhood and Primary School aged kids. There's a range of crafts, activities and games suitable for both individuals and groups.*

**EARLY CHILDHOOD**

- Jigsaw Puzzles
- Build a Big Picture
- Joseph's Family Reunion
- Joseph's Journey *(Kindy)*
- God's Plan *(Kindy)*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

- Memory Verse Order *(Prep)*
- Jigsaw Puzzles *(Prep)*
- Crack the Egyptian Code *(1-2)*
- Puzzle Scripture Cards *(3-4)*
- Reflection: Trash into Treasure *(5-6)*

**GAMES**

- Find the Pieces *(Kindy)*
- Follow the Plan *(Prep-Yr 6)*

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# Jigsaw Puzzles

**YOU'LL NEED...**

- Jigsaw puzzles

**STEPS**

1. Have the children work together to complete the puzzles.
2. Talk with the children about how each of the pieces of the puzzle all work together to make the bigger picture. When we complete a jigsaw puzzle, we get to see the final picture - as it was planned to look.



**Link** *God sees the bigger picture (sometimes we only see each individual piece). Trust in God's bigger plan.*

# Build a Big Picture

**YOU'LL NEED...**

- Building Blocks - Wooden Blocks, Mega Blocks, Q-Blocks or Duplo

**STEPS**

1. Encourage the children to use the blocks to build a structure such as a house, city or farm together.

2. As they build, explain that Joseph went through lots of hard things, but God had a good plan all along. Just like when we build something, we might not know what the finished picture will look like, but God does! Joseph didn't understand why so many hard things were happening to him, but God was using it all for good. God used Joseph to save many people and bring his family back together.



**Link** *Joseph couldn't see what God was doing at the time, but God could see the big picture.*

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# Joseph's Family Reunion

**YOU'LL NEED...**

- Dolls or Toy People

**STEPS**

1. Hide the dolls around the room and have the children find them.
2. Bring all the family members together and talk to them about Joseph and his family.



**Link**

*God used Joseph to bring his family back together. God had a good plan to look after them, even when things were hard.*

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# Jacob's Journey

**YOU'LL NEED...**

- Sports equipment items eg. Hula Hoops, Tunnel, Beanbags, Balancing Beam, etc

## STEPS

1. Set up an obstacle course, for example:
   - Begin by standing in a hoop
   - Toss 3 beanbags in a bucket
   - Hopscotch
   - Crawl through a tunnel
   - Walk along a chalk squiggly line
   - Jump in a hoop to end.
2. Have children line up and complete the obstacle course. Send them at intervals rather than waiting until the end to send the next child.
3. Talk about all the different things Joseph went through but God was with Joseph through it all.



**Link**

*Joseph went through lots of hard things, but God was with him the whole time. We can trust God even when things are hard.*

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# God's Plan

**YOU'LL NEED...**

- Printout Worksheet #1
- Scissors
- Glue

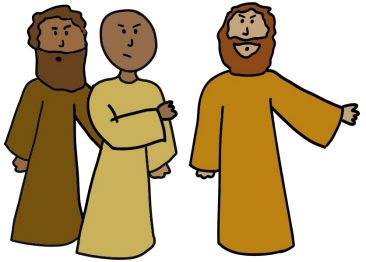
**STEPS**

1. Cut out the images and give each child a God's plan printout, a set of images and glue.
2. Help the children glue the images on the God's plan printout in order.
3. Talk about Joseph's story and all what happened throughout his life.




**Link** *God always has a plan. And the most important part of God's plan is Jesus and that we fix our eyes on him.*





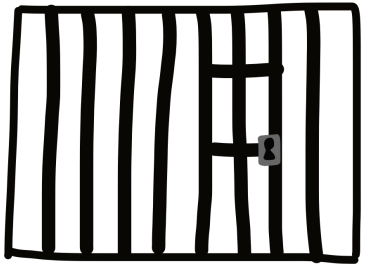


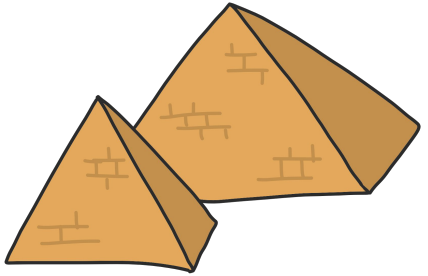












WORKSHEET #1

# GOD'S PLAN

# Memory Verse Order

**YOU'LL NEED...**

- Sticky notes

**STEPS**

1. Pre-write out the scripture verse Genesis 50:20 onto post-it notes (individually write each word on a separate note).
2. Hide these around the room and have the children find them and bring them back to the group.
3. Work together to place the words in order to reveal the verse.

***You planned to harm me. But God planned it for good. He planned to do what is now being done. He wanted to save many lives.***

***Genesis 50:20***



**Link** *This activity will engage studies to find, order, and reflect on one of the key verses from today's story - that God has a bigger, better plan.*

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# Jigsaw Puzzles

**YOU'LL NEED...**

- Jigsaw puzzles (various small sets)

**STEPS**

1. Ensure there is enough area to complete the jigsaw puzzles.
2. Have the children work together to complete the puzzles.
3. Talk with the children about how each of the pieces of the puzzle all work together to make the bigger picture. When we complete a jigsaw puzzle, we get to see the final picture - as it was planned to look.



**Link** *God sees the bigger picture (sometimes we only see each individual piece). Trust in God's bigger plan.*

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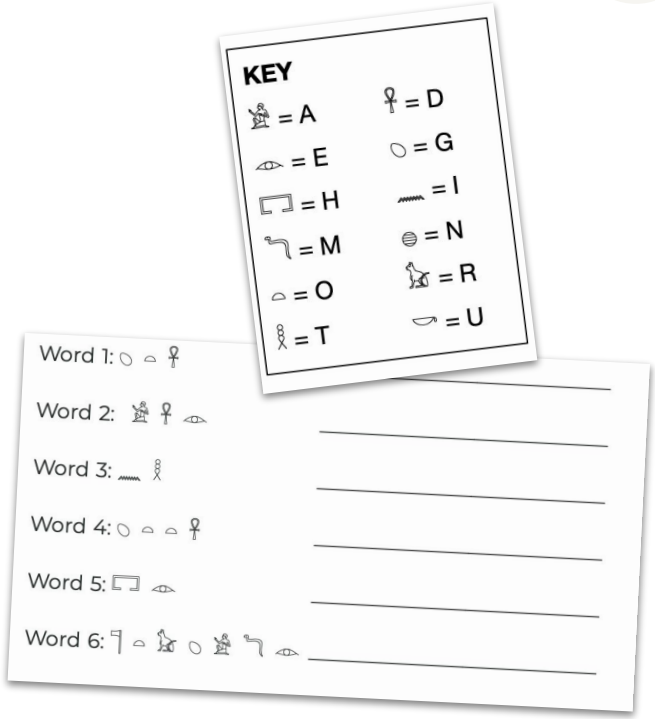
# Crack the (Egyptian) Code

**YOU'LL NEED...**

- Printout of Worksheet #2 (double sided)
- Pencils

## STEPS

1. Show the children the Rebus story first. Read through this together, replacing the picture icons for the correct words. (This short story is a summary of the story of Joseph).
2. Then flip the page over and show them the hieroglyphic key. (You may wish to explain what hieroglyphics are and how they were used in ancient Egyptian times to write stories/words.
3. Using the cipher, have the children work out each of the listed words.




**Link** *The coded words come from the final part of Genesis 50, including Joseph's speech to his brothers.*

**KEY**

- 🧑‍🌾 **Jacob**
- 👑 **Joseph**
- 👥 **The Brothers**
- 😢 **Wept / Mourned**
- ⚰️ **Coffin / Embalmed**
- 🌾 **Egypt**
- ⛰️ **Canaan**
- 🛡️ **Evil / Harm**
- ☀️ **Good / God's Plan**

1. When 🧑‍🌾 died, 👑 😢 for his father and had the doctors in 🌾 prepare his body.
2. 👑 took a very large group of people and traveled back to ⛰️ to bury 🧑‍🌾 in the family cave.
3. After the funeral, 👥 were terrified that 👑 would finally punish them for what they did years ago.
4. 👥 bowed down before him, but 👑 😢 and told them not to be afraid.
5. 👑 said: "*You meant* 🛡️ *against me, but God meant it for* ☀️ *to save many lives.*"
6. Many years later, 👑 died at age 110 and was placed in a ⚰️ in 🌾 until it was time to go home.

**KEY**

□ = A □ = D

□ = E □ = G

□ = H □ = I

□ = M □ = N

□ = O □ = R

□ = T □ = U

This phrase is inspired by the central theme of Joseph's life in Egypt and his final speech to his brothers in Genesis 50.

Word 1: □ □ □ _____

Word 2: □ □ □ _____

Word 3: □ □ _____

Word 4: □ □ □ □ _____

Word 5: □ □ _____

Word 6: □ □ □ □ □ □ □ _____

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# Puzzle Scripture Cards

**YOU'LL NEED...**

- Worksheet #3 printed on cardstock and guillotined
- Jigsaw puzzle pieces
- glue/double sided sticky-tape

## STEPS

1. Print and cut the scripture cards from Worksheet #2.
2. Have the children help to attach individual puzzle pieces onto the cards (in the blank space on the non Bible verse side).
3. Hand these out after church to others in the congregation as a reminder that God knows the big picture plan, even if we can only see a glimpse of what he has planned for us at the moment.




**Link**

*Despite the horrible things that happened to Joseph in his life, he knew that God could use these all of these events for his rescue plan and for his good purposes.*

The printable template for the Genesis 50:20 Scripture cards can be found on the following pages.

You planned to harm me. But God planned it for good. He planned to do what is now being done. He wanted to save many lives.

But God planned it for good. He planned to do what is now being done. He wanted to save many lives.

GENESIS 50:20

# Trust in God's plans and timing...

Remember, you might be only able to see one piece, but God has the complete picture.



add a puzzle piece here

# Reflection: Trash into Treasure

**YOU'LL NEED...**

- Worksheet #4
- Pencils

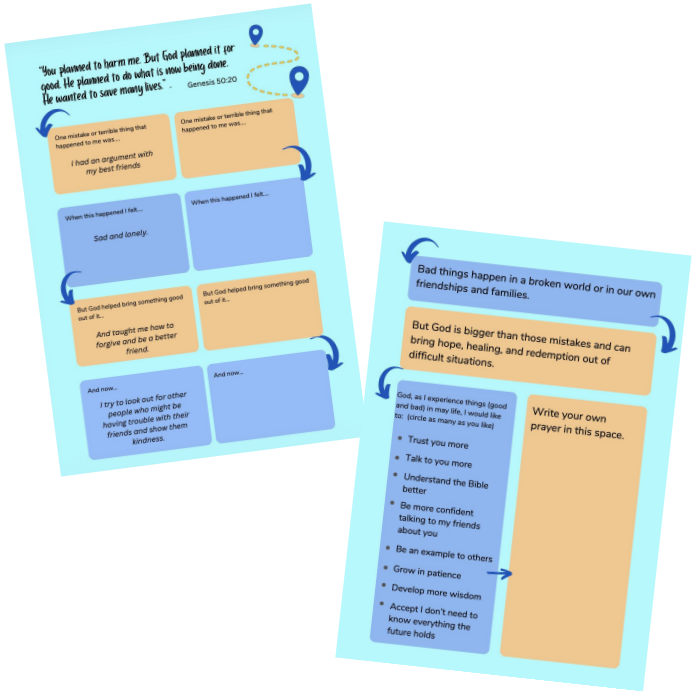
**STEPS**

1. Ask the children to think about a time when an accident (or disaster or something bad) led to something positive.

2. Get them to really think about what they have learned from mistakes they have made or from the terrible circumstances they have found themselves in.

*Examples might include:*
*Have you broken a toy and, in doing so, learned how it worked or what it was made from?*
*Have you punctured a tyre on their bicycle and learned how to fix it?*
*Have you made a mistake preparing food or drink and discovered a tasty treat/new recipe?*

3. Complete the prompt sheet to reveal how God can use disasters to grow us as disciples and to build his kingdom.

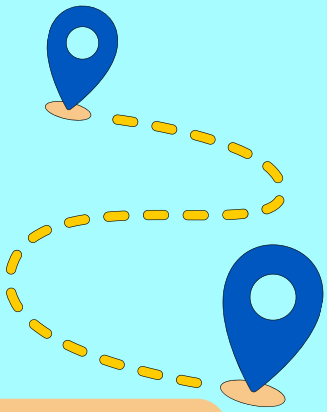



**Link**

*God was with Joseph and worked in his life, even through all the terrible things that happened to Joseph. God can use the bad things for his plans and glory.*

The printable template for the Reflection: Trash to treasure can be found on the following pages.

"You planned to harm me. But God planned it for good. He planned to do what is now being done. He wanted to save many lives." . Genesis 50:20



One mistake or terrible thing that happened to me was....

*I had an argument with my best friends*

When this happened I felt....

*Sad and lonely.*

But God helped bring something good out of it...

*And taught me how to forgive and be a better friend.*

And now...

*I try to look out for other people who might be having trouble with their friends and show them kindness.*

One mistake or terrible thing that happened to me was....

When this happened I felt....

But God helped bring something good out of it...

And now...

Bad things happen in a broken world or in our own friendships and families.

But God is bigger than those mistakes and can bring hope, healing, and redemption out of difficult situations.

God, as I experience things (good and bad) in may life, I would like to: (circle as many as you like)

- Trust you more
- Talk to you more
- Understand the Bible better
- Be more confident talking to my friends about you
- Be an example to others
- Grow in patience
- Develop more wisdom
- Accept I don't need to know everything the future holds

Write your own prayer in this space.

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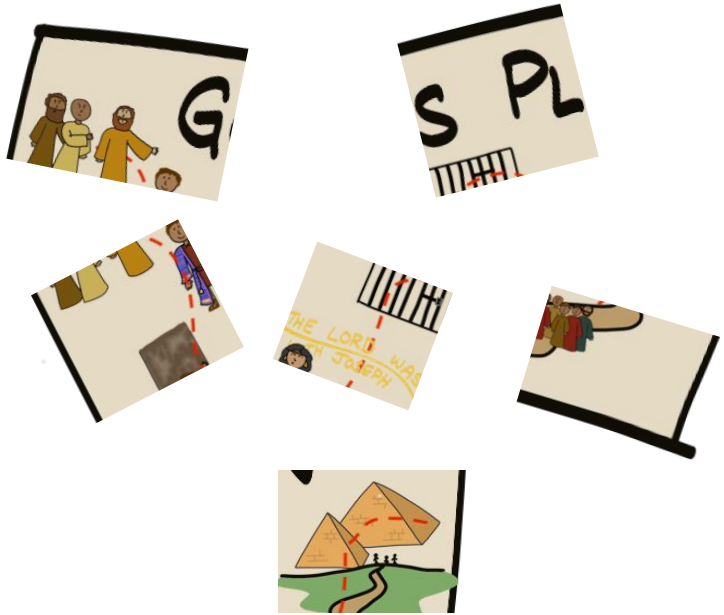
# GAME: Find the Pieces

**YOU'LL NEED...**

- Printout Worksheet #5
- Scissors

**STEPS**

1. Cut up worksheet #4 along the lines to make a puzzle.
2. Hide the pieces around the area.
3. Get the children to find the puzzle pieces.
4. Once found help the children put the picture back together.



**Link** *God sees the bigger picture (sometimes we only see each individual piece). Trust in God's bigger plan.*


GOD'S PLAN
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# GAME: Follow the Plan

**YOU'LL NEED...**

- Bluetac
- Coloured Paper
- Pieces of the "Plan" - create a treasure hunt that suits your venue!

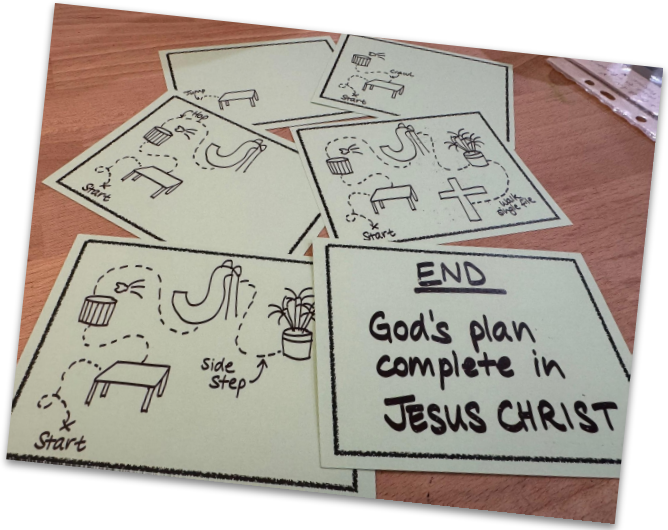
## STEPS

Setup: Follow the clues and hide each part of the puzzle at each location drawn. Do this for each team, which has a different plan (each printed on a different coloured piece of paper).

1. Form teams of approximately 8-10 people in each team. OR Complete this activity in year level small groups (younger groups will need some assistance from adults).

2. The aim of the game: Follows the clues to find where the treasure map leads (the cross in the prayer garden). Collect each clue as you find them.

3. Teams need to work together to follow the clues. There are instructions on how they are to travel between clues.




**Link**

*Sometimes in life, we have no idea why things happen to us or how God will use bad things for his glory. But God always has a plan. And the most important part of God's plan is Jesus and that we fix our eyes on him.*