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Weekly Theme: Joseph: Part 4

Verse #1: Genesis 39:1

(I use the ESV Bible for these devotionals. Questions are based on that text.)

All Ages Discussion Starter: There is great value in understanding the geography of the Bible. Where was Joseph at the end of Genesis 37? (Dothan) He was now in Egypt. Can you find both of these locations on the map? Even better, can you pull them up on Google Earth?

Verse #2: Genesis 39:2-6

All Age Discussion Starter: Why do you think Joseph found favor in the sight of God? It is also interesting to note that Potiphar noticed that there was something special about Joseph. A stranger who was Joseph's master noticed that God was with Joseph but his own family didn't? Or had something changed in the events that Joseph had been through? How great do you think Potiphar's possessions were that he entrusted to Joseph? How tough is it to earn the trust of someone who doesn't know us?

Verse #3: Genesis 39:7-10

All Age Discussion Starter: There are only a handful of people in the Bible who are called 'good looking' and Joseph is one of them. Why was it important for the Bible to detail that he was good looking?

(Parent's note: I'll let you handle the rest of the events as is appropriate for the age of your kids. If your kids are old enough to handle the facts, give it to them. They need to hear it from you. If they are younger, focus on the need to do what is right even when tempted by others.)

Verse #4: Genesis 39:11-13

All Age Discussion Starter: Did you notice the first three words of verse 11? "But one day..." Young or old, one day will come where the temptation you have been trying to avoid is right in your face. How did Joseph handle the situation when directly confronted with temptation? How would you handle the situation? Parents this is a good chance to have an age appropriate conversation about handling various scenarios that might pop up for your teen or child. For teens I suggest discussing sexting.

Verse #5: Genesis 39:14-18

All Age Discussion Starter: This is one of those challenging sections of the Bible. Joseph enjoyed the favor of God and had done nothing wrong, yet that didn't stop Potiphar's wife from making this false accusation. It can be challenging to our faith to trust in a God who will be with us through tough and unfair times but won't necessarily protect us from them. Do you have a story to share about a time when someone told a lie about you?