

PARENT GUIDE

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BIG IDEA

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FOCUS VERSE

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WEEK 3: Joseph & His Family (Genesis 37, 39:1-2)

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In this unit, we are learning that **God is good**. Sometimes it's hard to see God's goodness when people do mean and bad things. People were mean in the Bible too. In fact, the two people we will focus on this month, Jacob and Joseph, experienced a lot of mean and bad things. But through it all, we realize that God was good to them and we find that **God is good** to us as well. He is so good that while we were still sinners, Jesus died for us. When we confess that we have done wrong and ask God to forgive us and be our King, He does it every time!

AT-HOME ACTIVITIES:

- For dinner one night, make a pot of soup or stew together. Discuss how hungry Esau must have been to sell his birthright to Jacob for a pot of stew. Discuss the consequences for that decision.
- For family game night, play “Who Knows Me Better?” Create a list of topics (movies, ice cream, colors, etc.) and let each family member take turns letting everyone guess their favorite from one of the topics. Discuss what it must have felt like for the different members of Jacobs family when he favored Rachel over Leah.
- For a family night out, go thrift store shopping or search through your closets to find the most colorful/tacky outfits you can find. Go out to dinner in your new outfits and have fun being different and standing out. Discuss how Joseph must have felt standing out from his brothers and being his father's favorite.
- Head to your local farm or orchard and harvest fresh fruit as a family. It's hard work, but well worth the time and effort. Discuss how hard Joseph and Egyptians must have worked to store up enough food for the famine in Egypt. Remind your family that this is just one way God was good to Joseph even through the hard times.

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