



Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

GOD HAD A PLAN FOR JOSEPH



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of [Genesis 37–50](#) from the Bible.



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TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE

The movie *Despicable Me* introduces the villain Gru, who is on a mission to shrink and steal the moon. Gru's despicable plan includes stealing a shrink ray by adopting three orphans and using them to sneak into the base where the ray is kept. But Gru's plan backfires as he falls in love with the three girls who have joined his family. Gru's plan actually led to a happy ending and a happy family.

The story of Joseph is not exactly like *Despicable Me*, but the whole episode does end with a happy ending and a happy family. After Joseph is placed in charge of the food supplies in Egypt, his brothers came to buy food so that they could survive. Because Pharaoh had placed Joseph in charge, Joseph was able to save the lives of his family and all the people of Israel. Even though the story began with an evil plan, God used Joseph to save his entire family from a famine.

After the family had settled safely in Egypt, Joseph told his brothers, "You planned evil against me; God planned it for good to bring about the present result—the survival of many people." (Genesis 50:20). Joseph's life points us to Jesus as the greater rescuer. Jesus was hated by others. He was treated unfairly. He was punished for sins He did not commit. But every event of Jesus' life—even His death—was part of God's plan to save people from their sin. For those who believe in Jesus, His story has the happiest ending of all.

God had a plan for Joseph's life. He allowed Joseph to suffer to rescue a whole nation. In a greater way, God planned for Jesus to suffer so that many—people from all nations—would be saved from sin.

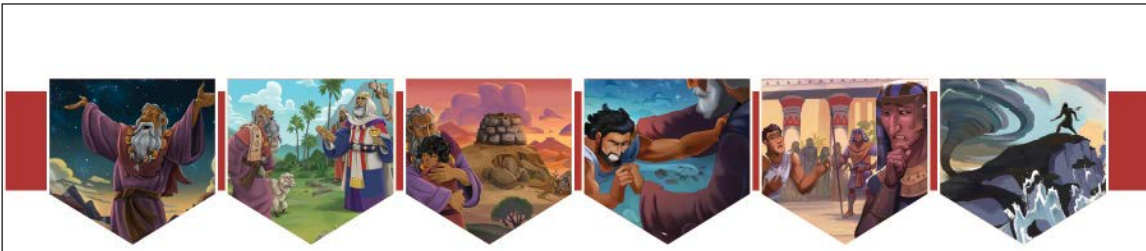
***Pray:** God, thank You that we can trust You in every situation—good and bad. We know that You are always in control and nothing can stop You from doing what You have planned. Thank You for using Jesus' death to bring forgiveness and eternal life to all who believe.*



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- LEARN SCRIPTURE -

The key passage below is focused on at church. Consider talking about what this passage means and memorizing it as well.



**For I know that the LORD is great;
our Lord is greater than all gods.
The LORD does whatever he
pleases in heaven and on earth,
in the seas and all the depths.**

Psalm 135:5-6



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- SING SCRIPTURE -

Finish your family worship experience by playing the Key Passage song to worship and as a further way to memorize Scripture.