

### Unit 3, Session 4: Joseph's Dreams Came True

Dear Parents,

Thank you for continuing this journey of The Gospel Project® for Kids. Today's Bible story takes place nine years after Joseph's rise to power as second-in-command of Egypt. The seven years of plenty were over, and the people were two years into the years of famine. Even in the land of Canaan, Jacob's family needed food if they were to survive.

Ten of Jacob's sons went to Egypt to buy grain. They went to Joseph, who was in charge of distributing the food. Joseph recognized his brothers immediately, but they did not recognize him. Joseph put his brothers through a series of tests. He accused them of being spies and required them to return with their youngest brother, Benjamin. Finally, he revealed that he was their brother! His brothers were terrified. Joseph was in position to exact revenge, but instead Joseph showed them grace.

Joseph explained why God allowed him to be taken to Egypt. Even though his brothers intended harm, God intended his good. Joseph told his family to come to Egypt where they could thrive. Thrive they did! In Egypt, they grew into a multitude. God kept His promise, and through the nation of Israel, He worked out His plan of redemption through His Son, Jesus Christ.

#### Family starting points

| Babies and Toddlers  | Preschool   | Kids  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● God's plan is perfect.</li><li>● God sent Joseph to Egypt.</li><li>● God took care of Joseph's family.</li><li>● God kept His promise to bless Israel.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● What can stop God's plan? Nothing can stop God's perfect plan.</li><li>● God sent Joseph to Egypt to save his family.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● What can stop God's plan? Nothing can stop God's perfect plan.</li><li>● God sent Joseph to Egypt to establish a remnant.</li></ul> |