

NURSERY AtHome - A Parent Resource

As the primary spiritual nurturer of your home, this resource is designed to inspire, equip, and support you as you share God's Word with your child.

God Statement: God is With Us

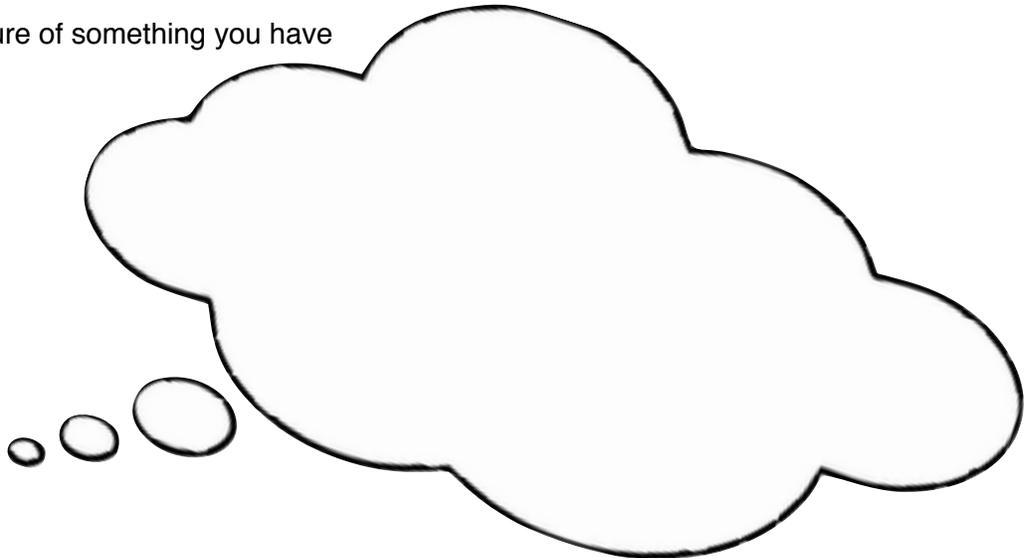
Memory Verse: The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does. Psalm 145:13b



Joseph and His Family | Genesis 37; 39-47

Joseph started his life as his father's favorite child. Life looked good until his brothers sold him to some travelers who were on their way to Egypt. Once he was in Egypt, Joseph found himself working as a slave to an Egyptian man, and then in jail for something he didn't do. But God was with him. One day, Joseph was brought before the king of Egypt—the pharaoh—to help him understand his dreams. God showed Joseph what the dreams meant, and Joseph told the pharaoh. Because of this, Pharaoh made Joseph the second-in-command over all of Egypt! No matter what happened in Joseph's life, God was with him.

Draw a picture of something you have dreamed.



Repetition is an important part of your child's development and growth. Enjoy re-reading the story and declaring God is a With Us throughout the day. Use the extra activities to connect with God's Word this week.

PRAY

God is with you.

- Ask God to help you know and trust that He is with you when you are happy and when you are sad.
- Pray for others to know that God is with them.

EXPERIENCE

God was with Joseph and showed him how to prepare for a time when there would not be enough food for everyone.

- At meal time thank God for the food you have to eat. Thank God for your favorite food.
- Show others that God is with them—take a meal or some groceries to someone in need.

BLESS

A blessing can be a spoken prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words of encouragement and guidance over your child. For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in *HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource* @ HomeFrontMag.com.

Child's name, may you know that your Heavenly Father loves you. May you know God is with you.

God was with Joseph. God helped Joseph with a plan to collect a lot of food for all the people. Color Joseph and draw your favorite foods to fill the basket.



God Statement :: God is With Us

Memory Verse :: *The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.*
Psalm 145:13b

SEPTEMBER | Week 4

Joseph and His Family **Genesis 37; 39-47**

Joseph started his life as his father's favorite child. Life looked good until his brothers sold him to some travelers who were on their way to Egypt. Once he was in Egypt, Joseph found himself working as a slave to an Egyptian man, and then in jail for something he didn't do. But God was with him. One day, Joseph was brought before the king of Egypt—the pharaoh—to help him understand his dreams. God showed Joseph what the dreams meant, and Joseph told the pharaoh. Because of this, Pharaoh made Joseph the second-in-command over all of Egypt! No matter what happened in Joseph's life, God was with him.

Discover

- Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery because they were jealous of him.
- God placed Joseph as second in command of Egypt, an unheard of position for someone brought in as a slave!
- God used Joseph's life experiences, both good and bad, to train him for what he would face later in life.
- God used Joseph to save many lives, including those of his own family. He reunited with his brothers during the great famine as they came to him for food.

Experience

Spend some extra time with your children while putting them to bed. Begin a conversation about the things that worry them. Share with them that God is good—will work all things together for good. Then read the story of Joseph in **Genesis 37 and 50:20**. Share with your children how good God is. Talk with them about the many ways He used the events in Joseph's life for good.

Follow

After reading through **Genesis 37 & 50:20**, discuss these questions together:

- What are some of the ways Joseph had to trust in God to lead him?
- How did God show Joseph He was with Joseph?
- How have you seen God's presence in your life?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to have conversations about how God is With you throughout your everyday life.

Bless:

A blessing can be a spoken prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words of encouragement and guidance over your child. For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource @ HomeFrontMag.com.

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's Name), **may you know that your Heavenly Father loves you. May you know that God is with you always! May you feel His presence throughout every day of your life as you follow the plans He has for you.**

God is With Us

Joseph and His Family

Genesis 37: 39-47

