



Faith Talk Ideas

Joseph: Meant for Good

In our passage this week God continues writing the great reversal in Joseph's life. The stage is being set for Joseph to bless not only his family and God's people, but all the earth.

READ Together: Genesis 40-41

THINK Together: Think about the many ways Joseph's life is turned around as the story progresses. Consider Joseph's attitude, even as he remains in prison for something he did not do, even as Pharaoh's cup bearer 'forgets' to mention Joseph to Pharaoh when he is released. He remains faithful in the most difficult of circumstances.

DO Together: As we continue learning about the life of Joseph during this sermon series, keep working together to create a book about Joseph. You can work together, partner with a family member, or let everyone make their own. Track the life of Joseph by paying attention to the action or conflict in the story, who the characters are, and the resolution of the action or conflict. Work together to make illustrations for the book. Come up with a title for your book and make a title page. This week we see how God gives Joseph the ability to interpret dreams which moves Joseph from the status of prisoner to powerful leader. What a story! What a God!

As you think about how to consider this episode in Joseph's life, notice how often the author repeats themes of God's presence and blessing. Remember how Pastor Josh encouraged us to consider the life of Joseph in three ways:

- 1) Life lessons that illustrate the negative and positive examples drawn from the lives of the people.
- 2) Theological truths that tell us about God's providence and his character.
- 3) Gospel truths that point to Jesus.

All three of those elements are present in our passage this week. Talk together about those themes and record them in your book.

How does Joseph's story build your confidence in God? Read Psalm 105:1-22 aloud. Note that verses 1-6 suggest responses for God's people when they remember the wondrous works that God has done. What responses are mentioned in these verses?

Joseph's story is evidence of God's purposes and promises in salvation and redemption. How is Jesus a 'greater Joseph'?

PRAY Together: Rejoice together that God is faithful to continue to work out his purposes in his people. Pray for hearts that would respond in faith and obedience.