

BIG TRUTH: GOD IS IN CONTROL

Psalm 33:10; Proverbs 16:9; 19:21; 21:1, 30; Isaiah 14:24; Daniel 4:34-35; Ephesians 1:11; Colossians 1:17; Hebrews 2:8

BIBLE VERSE: PSALM 138:8

The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

BIG IDEAS

- God rules creation.
- God rules nature.
- God rules life.
- God rules angels.
- God rules tomorrow.

BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 37-45 (JOSEPH)

Joseph's story reminds us that God is always in control. Even in things that happen that are bad, God is not surprised by them. In fact, He is working in them for good and for His glory. This is true even when Joseph's brothers sell him into slavery because of their jealousy. God is with Joseph through all of his life, protecting him and caring for him and setting him up to be able to take care of his people and family, because God is in control of all things.

STORY: CREATION

God created everything. Everything we see, hear, feel, taste, and that exists was created by Him. Not only did He create everything, but He created everything perfectly, including humanity. He created mankind in His very image and likeness to reflect His worth. All of creation was made just like He wanted and designed it to be. To His delight, God looked at everything He made and declared that it was good. All creation exists for God, is good, and was created to bring Him glory.

BIG AIMS**Every child should know that:**

- God is the Creator and He rules over all that He has created

**Every child should feel:**

- Trust that God is in control of the future

**Every child should:**

- Talk about ways that God is faithful

**Every child should want:**

- To live with security knowing that God is in control of our lives

REVIEW

Guide 9 acts as a review for the preceding weeks. Use this guide and devotion to support, reinforce, and review concepts learned throughout the past weeks and to test your child's understanding and memory of these truths.

DISCOVER IT: *(Use the passage to illustrate the Big Truth.)*

Genesis 37:12-28; 41:1-42:24; 45:1-8; 46:1-3; 50:15-20

THINK ABOUT IT: *(Use the commentary to reinforce the Big Truth.)*

Joseph followed God and was gifted by God to understand dreams. This made his brothers jealous, so they sold him into slavery. On the surface, this can seem like just a bad story about the bad things that Joseph's brothers did. If we look closer, we will see that it is a story about how God is in control of all things, even the things that seem bad to us in the moment. While Joseph was enslaved, he did not sin but instead continued to follow God. God blessed him and gave him favor with others so that he began to be a leader in Egypt. A famine came but God had made it so that they had extra food in Egypt, which allowed Joseph to provide food for many people, including the brothers that had sold him into slavery before. Joseph was reunited with his brothers and his father. At the end of the story, Joseph is able to forgive his brothers because he knows that God is in control of all things. Joseph's brothers meant the things that they did for evil, but God meant them for good, and God is all-powerful and is in control of all things.

TALK ABOUT IT: *(Use the questions to discuss the Big Truth)*

- What are some things that happened in Joseph's life?
- What are some of the ways that you see God is working in Joseph's story?
- Who is in control of our lives? (God is in control. Not us, not other people, God)
- What are some examples of things that God is in control of? (God is in control of all things)



As a family, memorize Psalm 138:8 by playing a game of Hangman with your child. Play a couple of times until they have learned the verse.



Help your child create a coat of many colors like Joseph had using a paper coat template and markers or watercolors. Talk with your child about how God used Joseph's hard times for Joseph's good and eventually reunited his family.



Using several pieces of paper taped together or one long piece of paper, help your child make a timeline of Joseph's life beginning with the time he received the coat of many colors. Use Genesis 37, 39-46 to help you plot the events of his life. Talk with your child about how God used each event for His glory and Joseph's good.



Before bedtime, spend a few moments thanking God for the way He works things for our good.