



*God is with us*

## THE BIBLE:

Genesis 37:12-36, 38: 1-6

## BIG IDEA:

God is with us, even when we can't see it

### Verse of the Series

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.”  
Psalm 46:1-3

## AT HOME GUIDE

### BEFORE YOU START

1. Visit [www.resonatemovement.org/reskidsonline](http://www.resonatemovement.org/reskidsonline)
2. Set aside a time and place to go through this guide with your child(ren) and let your child(ren) know when and where that is so that you can make it an important part of your day.
3. Watch together or have your child(ren) watch the teaching video on the website.

### HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

1. Use the prompts to guide you: **PRAY** together, **READ** together, **SAY** to your child(ren) and **ASK** your child(ren).
2. When asking questions, allow time for them to think about their answers before explaining the answers to them.
3. This is only a guide. Parents, because you know your child best, feel free to use it in a way that works for you and your child(ren)

### DO TOGETHER

**PRAY:** Father, thank you that we can always trust You. Help us to look to You when we are afraid or uncertain. Remind us each day that we have hope because of You.

**SAY:** In our story today, we see that God is with Joseph when Joseph is sold, and ends up at Potiphar's house. Even though Joseph's brothers meant to harm Joseph, God uses their sin and Joseph's suffering for His purposes to save His people (more to come).

**Bible Story (5 minutes)**

**NOTE TO PARENTS:**

This week, the bible story is from Genesis 37 we use the ESV version at Resonate. You can read the story straight from the bible and/or download a children’s version on our website. Use this guide to review the lesson from the teaching video.

**Discussion (5 minutes)**

Use the following questions to help prompt your child in their thinking and answers:

**ASK:** Why did Joseph’s brothers hate him?  
**ANSWER:** Jacob, their father loved Joseph more than his other sons.

**ASK:** What did the brothers plan to do to Joseph?  
**ANSWER:** Joseph’s brothers threw Joseph into a pit but then they took him out and sold him into slavery.

**ASK:** Who did the slave traders sold Joseph to?  
**ANSWER:** They sold Joseph to a man named Potiphar.

**ASK:** Is it a sin to be angry or feel hurt? What does God show us through this story about what we can do in hard times?  
**ANSWER:** *Parents help the kids see that, although our feelings of hurt and anger are real, we don’t have to let them control us. Discuss the idea that God wants us to do good to those who hurt us and not to seek revenge.*

**ASK:** How do you think we can trust God when people hurt us?  
**ANSWER:** *Guide kids to see the ways Jesus provides us comfort and hope for the future. Help them see that no matter what sorrow we face in this life, we have hope in God. He will bring justice, and we can trust Him.*

**Key Passage (5 minutes)**

**SAY:** When we read and learn God’s word, it helps us to know what God wants to tell us. Let’s find this week’s verse in the Bible together.

**READ:** Psalm 46:1-3 “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.”

**PARENT EXPLAIN:** God is our power and protector! When trouble comes, He always steps up and is always there for us.

**GOING DEEPER WITH YOUR 3RD - 5TH GRADER (10 minutes)**

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 Here are some verses and a few questions that you can go through with your 3rd-5th grader to help them find a personal application of this week’s lesson.

**ASK:** Have you ever felt jealous about someone else’s success? Why should we be happy when God blesses others?  
**ANSWER:** *Parents guide kids to recognize believers as part of one family--God’s family. We honor and love one another by sharing in both joy and trials. Romans 12:15; Luke 6:31*

**ASK:** How do you think Joseph felt when he was in the pit? How can we react when others mistreat us?

**ANSWER:** *Invite kids to imagine Joseph’s anger, sadness, and fear; point kids to a great trust that God is ultimately in control and can bring healing and forgiveness through Jesus. Romans 12:19-21. And we can forgive because Jesus forgives us when we mistreat others too. (Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:13)*

**ASK:** How can challenges in life actually help us? Why do you think God allows believers to experience hard times?

**ANSWER:** *Parents lead kids to consider how difficult circumstances and suffering can help us grow and change to depend on God and be more like Jesus. James 1:2-4*

**Parent’s share the gospel connection:**

God is with Joseph, just like God is with us because He sent Jesus to be with us. God uses Joseph to save Joseph’s family, God uses Jesus to save the world.

**Pray together**

Lord God, thank You for Your word. Thank you for stories like Joseph’s so we can know you better. You are working in our lives even if we do not realize it. Help us to trust You for everything. Amen.

**OPTIONAL JOURNAL ACTIVITY  
(10-30 minutes)**

Journaling is one way to take something newly learned, reinforce it and make it your own. This can be something that you have your child(ren) do on another day as a reflection activity or something to do by themselves so they can process their ideas and thoughts more. Some questions to think about when journaling:

- *What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?*
- *What does the story teach me about myself?*
- *Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God’s glory and my good?*
- *Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?*
- *How does this story help me to live on mission better?*

Have them write out the verse of the week or draw pictures that the words in the verse bring to their mind. Allow the Holy Spirit to work in this space.

For younger kids, you can give them some guidance and tell them to draw or write down ideas about how they can put God first in their life.