



BRING IT HOME

Conversation starters to continue at home what began at Immanuel.
Our desire is to see families use this resource
as you live out Deuteronomy 11:19.

UNIT 3:

GOD IS IN CONTROL

God is in control of all things in heaven and on earth. Nothing is outside of His good plan. We see this in the lives of Jacob, Joseph, and Job. God is a faithful promise keeper who is always present with His people despite their difficulties and suffering.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Who is in control of everything?

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KEY PASSAGE:

Genesis 50:20

As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.



AT HOME RESOURCES

October 27 | Session 1

JACOB AND ESAU | GENESIS 25; 27



STORY POINT:
Rebekah and Jacob tricked Isaac into blessing Jacob.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

God's covenant with Abraham continued to the next generation. Esau sold his birthright, giving Jacob the right to the wonderful blessings God promised to his father Abraham. Through Jacob's family, God would send the promised Savior to bring blessing and salvation to the world.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

What were some differences between Jacob and Esau? What were some similarities?

How did God's promise to Abraham continue through Jacob?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

Gather scraps of colored paper. Rip the paper into small pieces about the size of a quarter. As a family, work together to create a piece of mosaic art using the torn pieces of paper. Some ideas might be to create a cross, your last name, or the word "Promise" using the paper pieces. As you work on the mosaic art, review the story of Jacob and Esau. Remind your kids that God was faithful to keep His promise to Rebekah even when she messed up. Like the torn pieces of paper forming a piece of art, God uses every part of our story—even the hard parts—to point us to Jesus. Through Jesus, God can take our broken lives and give new life that is for His glory!

TO SERVE :

Make a large pot of soup or chili. Divide the food and share with a neighbor or family member. If possible, share with them what your family is learning about God's faithfulness. Pray that the recipients of the food will trust and follow God's plan for their lives.

November 3 | Session 2

JACOB FLED FROM CANAAN | GENESIS 28; 32



STORY POINT:
God promised to be with Jacob.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

God changed Jacob and gave him a new name, Israel. Jesus came so that we might have a changed life, forgiven of sin. Jesus' death and resurrection provided sinful people the way to be welcomed into God's family forever.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

Why did God change Jacob's name?

How does God show that He keeps His promises in this Bible story?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

Challenge members to a stair race. See who can climb a set of stairs the fastest. You can make it more interesting by adding obstacles or doing it relay-style. As you rest after the activity, talk about Jacob's dream and what it teaches us about God's desire to be near us. Remind your kids that God sent Jesus from heaven to earth to save us from sin. Through faith in Jesus, one day we can be with God forever.

TO SERVE :

Write the words or phrases of a Bible verse on separate sheets of paper. Place the sheets on the stairs in your home or along a path your family walks often. As you walk the stairs or path this week, practice memorizing the verse by saying the words in order. Make it more of a challenge by removing some of the sheets during the week but challenging kids still say those words of the verse!

November 10 | Session 3

JOSEPH TAKEN TO EGYPT | GENESIS 37; 39–46; 50



STORY POINT:
God was always with Joseph and blessed him.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Even when bad things were happening in Joseph's life, God had a plan for good. Bad things also happened to Jesus. Jesus never sinned, but He was arrested, beaten, and killed on a cross. Those things happened to bring about our good – so people could be saved from sin and death through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

How did God bring good out of the bad in Joseph's life?

In what ways did Joseph faithfully serve God?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

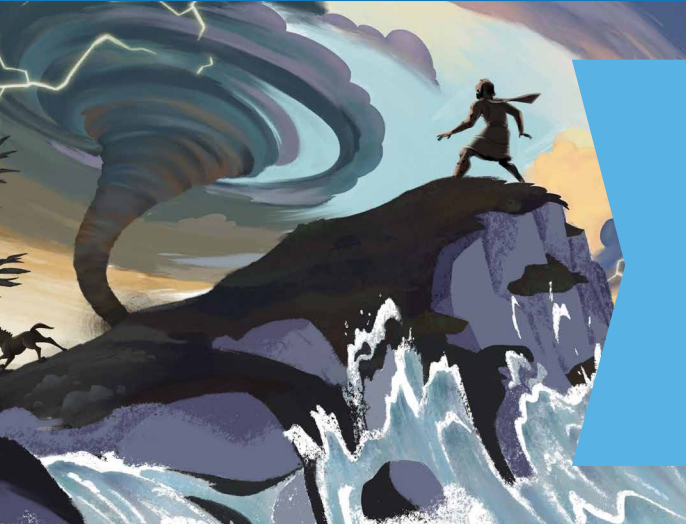
Bake bread or a similar treat (brownies, cinnamon rolls) together as a family. Give each family member a job like measuring, mixing, kneading, or shaping the dough. Talk about the cupbearer and baker that Joseph met in prison. Discuss how God used them in His plan. Then, discuss how God might use your family to help others know Jesus and believe in Him.

TO SERVE :

Gather food to donate to a food pantry or make a monetary donation to a food bank. Talk with kids about how your family can provide for others' needs to help them feel the love of Jesus and hear more about Him. Talk about how God used the hunger of Joseph's brothers to bring them to Egypt, which ultimately led to their salvation from the famine.

November 17 | Session 4

THE SUFFERING OF JOB | JOB



STORY POINT:
God is good even in suffering.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

In his suffering, Job recognized that God is all-powerful and good. When we face suffering, we can hope in God. God sent Jesus, the only truly innocent One, to suffer and die so that everyone who trusts in Him can have forgiveness and eternal life.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

What did Job learn about God?
In what part of your life do you need to trust God?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

Plan a day of fun for your kids, but do not tell them any of the details. If they ask where you're going or what you'll do, remind them to trust that you have a plan. After the day of fun, talk about how it can be frustrating to not know what will happen next. Even in those moments, we can trust that God is all-powerful, sovereign, and good. We can always trust His plans for us.

TO SERVE :

Visit an assisted living facility or hospital to comfort the residents. Read books, play games, or think of other tangible ways your family can bring peace and joy to their lives. Talk with kids about how we can be a comfort for those who are suffering because we can know and trust God as the ultimate source of comfort.



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