



## November Theme:

**Thank God for His blessings!**

## Monthly Memory Verse:

"...Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord!"

- **Psalm 144:15** (ESV)

## Monthly Challenge Verse:

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name!" - **Psalm 103:1** (ESV)



**November 20th | Life Application:**  
**God blesses families who trust in Him.**



Parents: after listening to the sermon (or reading the Bible passage), take some time during the week to have great conversations with your kids. Together, read **pages 93-99 in The Action Bible**. Refer to **Genesis 37** in your Bible as you lead your kids.

1. Read **page 93 in The Action Bible**, and refer to **Genesis 37:1-4**. **Why were Joseph's brothers angry with him?** (*They knew he was his father's favorite- because he was born in Jacob's old age, and he was also Rachel's son.*) Joseph also did something to make them angry. **What was it?** (*He went to his father and told on his brothers.*)
2. **What did Jacob do that made the brothers jealous?** (*He gave Joseph a special coat, nicer than anything they had. It set Joseph apart from his brothers.*)
3. Joseph told his brothers about a dream he had. Read **pages 94-95 in The Action Bible**, and **Genesis 37:5-8**. Talk about the dream. **Why would this make the brothers angry?** (*Pause and discuss.*) Then, Joseph told them about another dream! (**Page 96 in the Action Bible, Genesis 37.**) **What was it?**
4. Even Jacob, Joseph's father, rebuked him. Read **verses 10, 11**. But, Jacob kept what Joseph had said in his mind. **Do you think Jacob thought Joseph's dream was important?** Many times, God has revealed what will happen in dreams!
5. Now, read **pages 97-99 in The Action Bible**, and refer to **Genesis 37:12-36**. **What did Joseph's brothers decide to do?** (*They decided to kill Joseph.*) **Who talked them out of it?** (*Reuben- verses 21,22- Reuben told them not to harm Joseph, and to put him into a pit.*) **What was Reuben's intention?** (*He would go back and rescue Joseph and return him to their father.*)
6. So, the brothers stripped Joseph of his coat and threw him into the pit. Read **page 98 and verses 25-28**. **What happened next?** (*They decided to sell Joseph for twenty shekels to a caravan of Ishmaelites headed to Egypt.*)
7. Reuben was not present, and unaware of what his brothers had done. **What did he do when he discovered what had happened to Joseph?** (*He tore his coat- he was very upset.*) **What did the brothers do to cover up their actions?** (**Verses 31-35**, *They killed a goat and covered Joseph's coat with it's blood. They wanted Jacob to believe that Joseph had been killed by an animal,*)
8. **When Jacob was given Joseph's coat, covered in blood, what did he think?** (*That Joseph had been killed by an animal.*) Jacob tore his clothing and wore sackcloth for many days, mourning Joseph. No one could comfort him.

9. Meanwhile, Joseph was taken to Egypt and sold as a slave to Potiphar, an officer of the Pharaoh. We will learn more about Joseph soon, but remember that Joseph had a great faith in God- like his father, Jacob, and Isaac and Abraham. God loves those who are faithful to Him. Joseph trusted God and knew God would care for him! Remember this verse: *"Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go."* **Genesis 28:15**

### **Digging Deeper:**

**Did you know that Joseph was sometimes compared to Jesus?** Here are some reasons why:

- Joseph was Jacob's beloved son, as Jesus was God's beloved Son. *"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."* **Matthew 3:17**
- Joseph was rejected by his brothers, as Jesus was rejected by his kinsmen and brothers. **The reason: Envy.**
- Joseph was thrown into a pit and Jesus was put into a cave. Neither stayed- Joseph was taken from the pit to be sold and sent to Egypt, fulfilling the prophecy in **Genesis 15:13-16**. Jesus rose from the dead and left the cave on the third day.
- Joseph went to Egypt as a young man, as Jesus did as a child.
- Joseph sold for 20 shekels of silver, Jesus sold for 30 shekels of silver.

**Parents: This is for you. Ways to create a great foundation for your family, using Jacob's family as an example:**

- **DON'T** show preference to any of your children over the others, as Jacob did with Joseph.
- **DON'T** be passive as Jacob was, by not overseeing his sons. He even sent 17-year old Jacob to check up on his older brothers! It only fueled resentment between them.
- **DO** be involved in your kids' lives. Don't assume- be sure you know what they are doing and how they are doing. Check in with them on a regular basis. Let them know you care!
- **DO** trust God's providence. Even though Joseph was sent to Egypt, God in His providence knew that Joseph had to end up in Egypt to fulfill a prophecy you can find in **Genesis 15:13-16**, that Abraham's family would spend 400 years in Egypt until the fullness of the sins of the Amorites would be complete. Then the Jewish nation would enter the Promised Land! God can use ALL things for His purposes, and we must trust. **Develop FAITH in your kids** by pointing out all that God has done and will do. He can use evil for good, using it for His purposes.

### **Family Challenge:**

Together, watch the Beginner's Bible version of Joseph's story- through 9:55.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jy1DpebexTQ&t=464s>

### **Prayer:**

*Dear God, Help us to have great faith in You, as Joseph did. We know that You can work all things, even bad things, together for good. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*