

Family Discussion Guide

Family Road Trip – Part 3: This Wasn't The Plan – Detour Ahead

Theme

Sometimes God's greatest work happens on the roads we never wanted to travel.

Main Truth

God's detours are never without purpose.

Read Together

- Genesis 37:3–8
- Genesis 39:2
- Genesis 50:20
- Romans 8:28

Talk About It

1. What is a 'detour' you've experienced in your life?
2. Why do you think Joseph's story included so many hardships before his promotion?
3. How does Genesis 39:2 change the way we view difficult seasons?
4. What does it mean to trust God's route before understanding His reasons?
5. Have you ever seen God use a painful experience to help someone else?
6. Why is it dangerous to 'build a house on a detour'?
7. What does Romans 8:28 promise—and what does it not promise?
8. How can our family encourage one another when life doesn't go according to plan?

Family Challenge This Week

Each family member should identify one current detour they are experiencing.

Pray together: God, what are You teaching me? How can I remain faithful today? How might You use this experience to bless someone else? Throughout the week ask one another: *“How are you trusting God on your detour today?”*

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You that Your plans are higher than ours. When life takes unexpected turns, help us remember that You never leave us and never waste our pain. Give us faith to trust Your route before we understand Your reasons. Shape our character, strengthen our faith, and use our stories to bring hope and healing to others. We believe that what the enemy intends for evil, You can redeem for good. In Jesus' name, Amen.