

Lesson 19: God Preserves His Chosen People (Gen 42-50)

Big Idea: God saving Joseph according to his plan was only part of an even greater salvation.

From the story we learned that Joseph had faith in God all the way through his troubles. He knew that God was working our his grand purpose even when he didn't understand it.

Please help your child to memorize the verse and the Scripture reference. Please review with them the place of the book of Genesis in the Bible.

Scripture Memory Verse:

Genesis 45:7-8 - And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Have each students repeat one thing this story told us about God. "God has always been faithful and his will always be sovereign. He is always bringing about his grand purposes"
- 2. What did Joseph mean when he said that his brothers "meant evil against me but God meant it for good?"
- 3. What is the solution for their sin and ours?
- 4. How does seeing the bigger purposes of God help you understand the problems or difficulties in your life?

Catechism Question:

Question 9: What does God require in the first, second, and third commandments?

Answer 9: First, that we know God as the only true God. Second, that we avoid all idolatry. Third, that we treat God's name with fear and reverence.