

MAIN IDEA - Real Christianity stands out among hundreds of world religions as the only way to life with God.

Building Block #1 - TYPES OF RELIGIONS

HEAD

Every world religion belongs in one of three categories: monotheism, polytheism, or pantheism.

As a family, visit JoshuaProject.net and click on any of the people groups featured on the front page. Look at some of the information about these people groups: where they live, their religion, their population, how many Christians there are, etc. Talk about how there are billions of people in this world that do not know Jesus. See if you can figure out whether the people group you have chosen is monotheistic (believe in one god), polytheistic (believe in many gods), or pantheistic (believe that god is in all things).

Building Block #2 - ONLY ONE IS TRUE

HEART

Religions contradict one another on the most important questions about life.

Talk as a family about what would be different about your life and beliefs if you were born into this people group. What would you believe about God? What religious practices would you participate in? In the end, what would happen when you died if no one came to your people group to tell you about Jesus?

Building Block #3 - CHRISTIAN ESSENTIALS

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-5

HANDS

Biblical Christianity teaches salvation by grace through faith in the work of Jesus.

Talk about the gospel. Talk about what it means that Jesus died for our sins and why it is important that he rose from the dead. All of us, just like the unreached people group you learned about, have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. But God has made a way for us to be saved through the death and resurrection of Jesus. We can be saved if we have faith in his work for our salvation. Remind your family that Jesus is the way to life for you and for the unreached people of the world.

Pray JOHN 14:6

Memorize JOHN 14:6

Adoration Lord, You are the one who is worth following because you are the only way to life.

Confession I confess that without you, I am lost and without hope.

Thanksgiving Thank you for making a way to enjoy life with God.

Supplication Please use me to lead others to Your truth so that they could be saved.

SUMMARY

This week we follow Joseph to Egypt where he is sold as a slave to Potiphar. The focus of the passage is that the LORD is with Joseph in every circumstance, and sustains him even in temptation and trouble. At times Joseph is thriving and at times he is losing everything. No matter what circumstance he finds himself in, God is with him, leading and guiding him. We will take the opportunity to talk about the implications of God being with us and to walk through Joseph's godly response to temptation.

TEXT - GENESIS 39

OUTLINE

You can honor God with your life in every circumstance if you know that the LORD is with you.

Knowing the LORD is with us should make us...

1. Humble in times of blessing

- Joseph is very successful in the house of Potiphar and receives promotions and responsibilities to the point that Potiphar entrusts him with everything. All of this came as a result of God's presence in Joseph's life. In the temptation that comes next, we see that it is very important for Joseph to humbly acknowledge that those blessings are from God, not a result of his own work.

2. Honest in times of temptation

- *Shameless Temptation* - Potiphar's wife tempts Joseph bluntly but Joseph refuses to take what God has not given him.
 - *Resist temptation by humbling yourself before God.*
- *Persistent Temptation* - Potiphar's wife continues to tempt Joseph day after day, but Joseph takes steps to avoid giving in to that temptation.
 - *Resist temptation by avoiding it when possible.*
- *Aggressive Temptation* - Potiphar's wife grabs his garment when they are alone to tempt him again and Joseph flees, costing him everything.
 - *Resist temptation by running away despite the cost.*

3. Hopeful in times of trouble

- Joseph is thrown into prison, having lost everything again. But the LORD was with him. Soon the LORD made him successful again, gave him favor in the eyes of the prison keeper, and blessed him greatly in a difficult time.

Is the LORD with you?

- The circumstances of life are not so significant as the answer to this question. If God is with you, you can be humble, honest, and hopeful in any situation.
- Jesus has promised that he will always be with those who follow him. (Matt. 28:20, Heb. 13:5)

Discussion Questions

- What temptations are you struggling with?
- What steps are you willing to take to resist those temptations?
- How does the presence of God encourage us in the midst of temptation?