



Family Worship Guide: *Lesson 9*

Joseph

Main Idea:

God's providence is at work through all the ups and downs of our lives. He not only works through the bad to achieve His good purposes, but He allows the bad into our lives as a means to achieve those ends.

Parents Read Ahead of Time:

Before gathering for family worship, read *Genesis 39–50* on your own to refresh your understanding of Joseph's story. This will help you guide the discussion and point your children to God's providence with greater confidence.

Read Together Aloud:

✠ *Genesis 50:20*

✠ *Romans 8:28*

Lesson Review:

1. What happened to Joseph after his brothers sold him?
2. How did God use Joseph's suffering to save many people?
3. What does the word providence mean? (That God is in control of everything and works all things for His glory and our good.)
4. How does Joseph's story remind us of Jesus? (Both were rejected and suffered so that others could be saved.)



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Catechism Connection – Baptist Catechism (1693):

Q19. What is God's providence?

A. God's providence is His most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all His creatures and all their actions.

Q20. What special act of providence did God exercise toward man in the estate wherein he was created?

A. When God had created man, He entered into a covenant of life with him upon condition of perfect obedience, forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil upon the pain of death.

Family Devotion Questions:

1. How does Joseph's story show that God is in control even when bad things happen?
2. What does Joseph mean when he says, "God meant it for good"?
3. Can you think of a time when God used something hard in your life for good?
4. How does Joseph's story help us understand what Jesus did for us?

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank You for being in control of every part of our lives. Even when things are hard, help us trust that You are working all things together for good. Thank You for sending Jesus, who suffered so that we could be saved. Teach us to rest in Your providence and to see Your goodness in every circumstance. In Jesus' name, Amen.