

# JESUS AND JOSEPH—READ

Here is a Bible reading plan to help you dig deeper and learn more about Jesus and Joseph...

## Day 1 / Week 1

Joseph...Genesis 37:1-36

Jesus...Matthew 25:14-30 / Matthew 26:1-5

Joseph is sharing a dream; Jesus is sharing a story. How is God speaking through both?

How do Joseph's brothers respond to Joseph's dream?

How do the leading priests and elders respond to Jesus' story?

## Day 2 / Week 2

Joseph...Genesis 41:1-40

Jesus...Matthew 27:11-26

How does Pharaoh respond to Joseph? Does he see God at work in Joseph? Why?

How does Pilate respond to Jesus? Does he believe Jesus is innocent? Why?

How does what we say—and what we don't say—point people to God?

## Day 3 / Week 3

Joseph...Genesis 41:47-57

Jesus...Mark 6:30-44

How does Joseph go about making sure people have enough food to eat?

How does Jesus go about making sure people have enough food to eat?

How is God involved in both methods?

## Day 4 / Week 4

Joseph...Genesis 42:1-38 / Genesis 44:18-34 / Genesis 45:1-8

Jesus...Matthew 6:5-15

How does Joseph respond to his brothers...when they first arrive and when they come back?

What does Jesus teach us about forgiveness? Why should we forgive people?

How does Joseph's story help us see that God works through those who sin against us?

How might knowing that God works in this way help us forgive people who hurt us?

# JESUS AND JOSEPH—MAKE

## GRAPEVINE

Use twine or tan-colored yarn to make a grapevine. Braid it, twist it...add thin wire to make it stiff if you like. Then, hang it up to help you remember how the grapevine fits into the stories of Jesus and Joseph. If you like, you can attach other creative projects to the grapevine with clothes pins!

## FOOD FUN

Make a snack or meal based on Jesus and Joseph. Here are some ideas, but feel free to add your own!

- Crackers or Slices of bread
- Barley, Quinoa, or other grains
- Beef jerky or deli meat
- Grapes (any color)
- Juice or water

## LISTENING PRAYER

Use the downloadable coloring pages for Jesus and Joseph and listen for God as you think about the Bible verse and the images on each page. (Leaders/Parents: consider reading the verse out loud while your kids color and pray and/or playing some background music.)

## VERSE IMAGES

Create your own verse images on plain paper! Choose a verse from the devotional, write it down, and then draw or paint around it!

## FAMILY PHOTO

Take a family photo and have it printed. Put it on a piece of construction paper or cardstock and decorate the paper as a frame. Or, simply draw a picture of your family! Display your creation as a reminder that your family is part of God's family.

# JESUS AND JOSEPH—TAKE

## FORGIVE

Choose one person you need to forgive and pray for him or her whenever you are riding in the car with nothing else to do.

## COINS

Carry a couple of coins around in your pocket during the day. Use them as a reminder of how easy it is to let anger and jealousy lead us to do things we should not do...like betray people we love.

At the end of the day, give the coins away. Put them in a tip jar at a local restaurant, donate them to a charity, or give them to a brother or sister who has a piggy bank.

## BREAD OF LIFE

Choose a Bible verse to remember each time you eat. Try it for a day or, if you are up for a challenge, a week or even a whole month!

As you pause and remember your verse, remember that God feeds us with his words, too. Say a quick thank you prayer for both the physical food and the spiritual food he provides.

## SCAVENGER HUNT

Make a list of things from Jesus and Joseph you might see on a road trip or even at the grocery store (cows, coins, cups, bread, baskets, etc.). Then, take a drive or visit the store and see if you can find them!

# JESUS AND JOSEPH WORD SEARCH

S	I	L	V	E	R	C	N	H	I	L	K	P	O	R
A	Y	N	J	E	L	S	U	F	A	M	I	L	Y	P
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JESUS

JOSEPH

EGYPT

GRAIN

DRINK

BREAD

SEVEN

BROTHERS

FORGIVE

STARS

TWELVE

BAKER

BASKET

CUPBEARER

GRAPES

COWS

SILVER

JAIL

FAMILY

BETRAY

DREAMS

KING



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