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WALKING ON THE ROAD WITH JESUS

Joseph's Journey to Egypt

Genesis 50:20–21

BIG IDEA:
God works all things for good.

WALKING ON THE ROAD — with Jesus —

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A JOURNEY OF FAITH

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JOSEPH'S JOURNEY TO EGYPT

GENESIS 50:20–21

BIG IDEA

God can use difficult things for good.

BOTTOM LINE

God is still working even when life is hard.

SUPPLIES

- Half-woven rug on a loom (or weaving project)
- Optional: yarn or tool to weave a row

TIME BREAKDOWN

Welcome & Hook	3 min
Bible Story	8 min
Main Activity	10 min
Teaching Illustration	3 min
Prayer & Wrap-Up	2 min

Total: 26 minutes

BIBLE STORY

Genesis 50:20–21

Joseph's brothers hurt him by selling him into slavery. He was taken to Egypt, became a servant, and was later put in prison. But God was with Joseph through every part of his journey. In the end, Joseph forgave his brothers and said, "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives."

KEY POINTS

- Joseph went through hard and unfair times.
- He didn't understand God's plan.
- God was working on a bigger picture.
- God used Joseph's story to help many people.

DISCUSSION PROMPTS

Use these to start a simple discussion.

1. What are some hard things Joseph went through?
   Possible answers: His brothers sold him. He became a servant. He was put in prison.
2. How did Joseph feel during those times?
   Possible answers: Sad, scared, lonely, confused.
3. What does this story teach us about God?
   Possible answer: God is always working, even when we don't understand.

MAIN ACTIVITY

Object Lesson: God Is Still Weaving

Use a half-woven rug on a loom.

Show the loom.

- What do you see? (Loose strings, messy, not finished.)
- Is it finished? (No.)
- Can you tell what it will look like when it's done? (Not yet.)

TEACHING CONNECTION

Joseph's life felt unfinished for a long time.
He couldn't see the finished picture.
But God was still working. Every row matters, even when we don't understand.
God is weaving a bigger story than we can see.

RESPONSE ACTIVITY (OPTIONAL)

Give each child a piece of yarn.
Have them add one row (or a few stitches) to the loom. Remind them that every small step matters, and God is still working.

PRAYER & WRAP-UP

Dear God, thank You for Joseph's example.
Help us trust You when life is hard.
We know You are still working.
Help us remember that You can use difficult things for good. Amen.
CLOSING REMINDER: God can use difficult things for good.

LEADER REMINDER

Please use the blue or green Bibles in the classroom to read the story.
Joseph's story is long and covers many chapters in Genesis.
Today we are focusing on one part of the story:
Genesis 50:14–21.

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MEMORY VERSE

"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives."

GENESIS 50:20 (NIV)

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BIBLE STORY SUMMARY

Joseph's brothers were afraid to see him because they remembered how badly they had treated him. But Joseph forgave them. He reminded them that even though they had meant to cause harm, God had been working through the whole story to bring about something good and save many lives.

JOURNEY TALK

- Is there anything coming up that you're excited about?
- Is there anything coming up that makes you feel nervous or unsure?
- Have you ever worried about something that turned out better than you expected?
- How can we remember that God can take all things and work them towards good?

OBJECT LESSON: GOD IS STILL WEAVING

Look at the half-woven rug on the loom.

- What do you see? (Loose strings, messy, not finished.)
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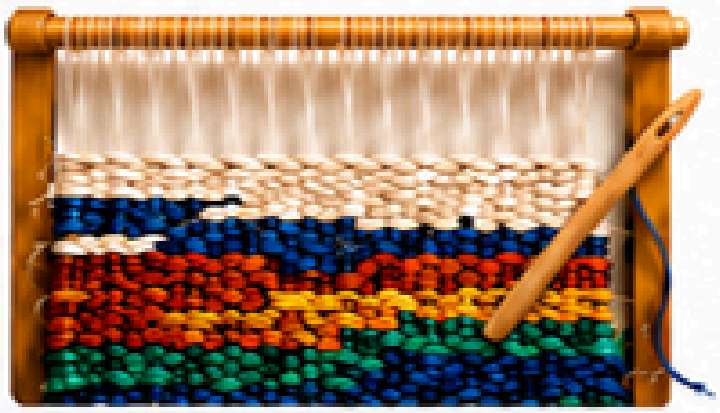

THE JOURNEY TRUTH

God can take all things and work them towards good.

He sees the whole picture, even when we don't. We can trust Him with our story.

FAMILY PRAYER

Dear God,
Thank You for Joseph's story. Help us trust that You can take all things—our worries, our questions, and our unknowns—and work them towards good. Help us trust You in every part of our journey.
Amen.

LOOKING AHEAD

This week, talk together about something coming up that feels new or uncertain.

A trip · Camp · A new activity · Meeting new friends · A change in routine

Then finish this sentence together:

"I don't know exactly what will happen, but I know God will work it towards good."

THIS WEEK'S ROAD SIGN

We don't always know what's ahead, but God is with us every step of the way.