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## Lesson Overview

In today's lesson, we're going to learn more about Joseph and his life in Egypt. Remember, Joseph was the favorite child of Jacob and he had his fancy robe to prove it. Out of jealousy, Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery in Egypt. Now, that alone makes for a bad day. But, things got even worse for Joseph. He ended up living in the home of Potiphar, an Egyptian officer who had a lot of power. Potiphar's wife decided to cause trouble for Joseph and ended up spreading lies about him and Joseph was sent to prison. Another bad day. But, God was working through all of these situations in Joseph's life and he had a plan. While in prison, God gave Joseph the ability to interpret the meaning of dreams. This skill came to the attention of Pharaoh, the ruler of all Egypt. Pharaoh was having some strange dreams and wanted to know what they meant. Joseph was able to interpret the dreams which were a warning about a future famine in the land where all the food would be gone. So, Pharaoh put Joseph in charge of the food and he ended up being second in command in Egypt! Kids, let's learn from this story. Bad things will happen but God can use the bad things and turn them into good things.

### Big Idea

*Bad things can happen, but God will always get his way.*

### Key Question

*Why does God always get his way?*

### Memory Verse

*Genesis 50:20 "You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people."*

### Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
2. (5 min) **WARM UP: Describe what your worst day would be like.** (Tip: We all have bad days from time to time. Joseph had some bad days, too, but God showed his faithfulness through it all. He'll do that for us, too.)
3. (5 min) **PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
5. (2 min) **RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
6. (3 min) **KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **Because God's in charge and his plans will never fail.** (God is the strongest, smartest and kindest. No-one can compare to his power and authority. So, even when life seems unfair to us, we need to remember that God has a plan for everything. Even in the hard stuff, God will use those situations to further his plans. God will never fail us. He won't forget us. He loves us and will always help us)
  - **Bonus Questions:** Why do God's plans never fail? What are some of God's other qualities that make him so awesome? **4-5th** Share a time you had a bad day and how God used it for good in the end.
7. (5 min) **EXPLORE: Read [Romans 8:28](#). How does God work in our lives? How can the hard times end up helping us?** (Answer: This verse tells us of a great promise. God will use every situation in our lives to make us smarter and stronger. It doesn't say we won't have bad days but it says that God will take the bad and make it good for us. The hard stuff reminds us to rely on God and it's fun to see how God helps us to get through it.)
8. (10 min) **PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
9. (5 min) **CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to [pursueGODkids.org](http://pursueGODkids.org) to find this week's lesson video.

**Teacher instructions:** Choose an activity for your classroom.

## OPTION 1: EGYPTIAN COLLAR CRAFT

### Instructions:

- Give each kid a paper plate cut to look like an Egyptian collar.
- Allow kids to color the plates with bright colors and patterns. Then, give each kid a piece of yarn and have them tape the ends of the string to the back side of the plate so they can wear it like a necklace.
- As they work, read the story of Joseph from Genesis 41:1-16, 25-32, 39-44. Joseph had some hard things happen in his life, but God used them all for good in the end. We can learn from Joseph's life that when hard things happen, God will be with us and will help us to get through it. His plans never fail!

**Supplies needed:** Paper plates (1 per kid, pre cut with slit at top of plate and then cutting out the middle of plate), Crayons, Markers, Yarn (1 per kid, cut into 12 in pieces), Tape

## OPTION 2: LESSON REVIEW FACE OFF

### Instructions:

- Divide the class into two teams. Give each team a bell or ringer.
- Call 1 kid up from each team for a face off. Read a question from below. First to ring in gets a chance to answer. If correct, that team gets a point. Have two new kids come up for a face off. Keep track of the points for each team. Team with the most points at the end, wins.

### Questions:

1. Who was our story about today? (Joseph)
2. Why did Joseph end up in Egypt? (sold into slavery by brothers)
3. T or F: Even though bad things happen, God will win in the end. (T)
4. What did Potiphar's wife do to Joseph that got him thrown in prison? (spread lies)

5. What gift did God give to Joseph that saved his life? (interpret dreams)
6. From what book is our memory verse found? (Genesis)
7. What was Pharaoh's dream about? (eventual famine in the land)
8. What ended up happening to Joseph in the story? (2nd most powerful in Egypt/in charge of food)
9. T or F: God can't use hard stuff to help us. (F)
10. Who died for our sins? (Jesus)

**Supplies needed:** Bells/Ringers

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BIBLE STORYLINE

# How Joseph Rose to the Top

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Bad things can happen to good people, but God will always get his way. That's what Joseph learned in Egypt.

### Key Points:

- Joseph had a \_\_\_\_\_ start when he got to Egypt. Genesis 39:20
- God was with Joseph even when he went to \_\_\_\_\_. Genesis 39:21-23
- Joseph became \_\_\_\_\_ in all of Egypt. Genesis 41:37-40
- Bad things can happen, but \_\_\_\_\_ will always get his way. Genesis 50:20

### Memory Verse:

**Genesis 50:20** You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people.

### Talk About It

1. *What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?*
2. *Describe what your worst day would be like.*
3. *Where was Joseph sent due to the lies of Potiphar's wife?*
4. *What skill did Joseph have that gained him favor with Pharaoh?*
5. *Read Romans 8:28. How does God work in our lives? How can the hard times end up helping us?*
6. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

**Instructions:** Color the picture and solve the puzzle.



**Big Idea**

**Key Question**

**Memory Verse**

Genesis 50:\_\_\_ "You intended to \_\_\_\_\_ me, but \_\_\_\_\_ intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could \_\_\_\_\_ the lives of many \_\_\_\_\_."

**Joseph's Prison Job** *By Mary Vee*

