

Slave's Clothes

Connect

Parents, see if you can assign your kids some chores that they do not normally do. Assign them to those chores for 3-5 days.

After the allotted period, check in with them and see how they are.

- Did you like the chore assigned to you?
- Did you do the chores well?
- Would you like to keep doing them always?

This week, we will follow Joseph all the way to Egypt. He is now a slave, doing things for his master, whether he likes it or not. But we will soon see that Joseph did all that were assigned to him well. Let's continue reading about him.

Read the Word

Genesis 39

2 The Lord was with Joseph, and he became a successful man. He lived in the house of his master, Potiphar the Egyptian.

3 Potiphar saw that the Lord was with Joseph. He saw that the Lord made Joseph successful in everything he did. 4 So Potiphar was very happy with Joseph. He allowed Joseph to be his personal servant. He put Joseph in charge of the house. Joseph was trusted with everything Potiphar owned.

5 Then the Lord blessed the people in Potiphar's house because of Joseph. And the Lord blessed everything that belonged to Potiphar, both in the house and in the field.

Joseph was now in Egypt, not as the favorite son wearing his coat of many colors but as a slave to a powerful man named Potiphar. He was far from his family but God was with him. God blessed all of Joseph's work and His favor continued to go before him and soon, Joseph was promoted to head of the household.

6 Now Joseph was well built and handsome. 7 After some time the wife of Joseph's master began to desire Joseph. One day she said to him, "Have physical relations with me."

8 But Joseph refused. He said to her, "My master trusts me with everything in his house. He has put me in charge of everything he owns. 9 There is no one in his house greater than I. He has not kept anything from me, except you. And that is because you are his wife. How can I do such an evil thing? It is a sin against God."

Now, Potiphar's wife liked Joseph but she was married and that was not a right thing to do. Joseph knew this and he refused her, choosing not to sin against God. You see, even when Joseph had been far away from his family, even when he was surrounded by people who worshipped other gods, he never forgot God. He continued trusting and following Him, not giving in to temptation. Potiphar's wife eventually got tired of Joseph's continued refusal and so she lied about Joseph to Potiphar, who immediately had Joseph thrown in jail. (Gen 39:11-20) *21 But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him kindness. The Lord caused the prison warden to like Joseph. 22 The prison warden chose Joseph to take care of all the prisoners. He was responsible for whatever was done in the prison. 23 The warden paid no attention to anything that was in Joseph's care. This was because the Lord was with Joseph. The Lord made Joseph successful in everything he did.*

For Joseph, it seems there is no end. His situation just grew from bad to worse. He is now in prison for a crime he didn't commit. Yet he continued to trust God and he was promoted, even in prison. Just as God blessed Joseph in Egypt and in prison, God can bless us even in the midst of a bad or grim situation.

Huddle

Parent to Kid

3-6 years old

- Have you been in a situation that you did not like? Tell us about it.

7-12 years old

- What difficult situation have you been in lately? Do you continue trusting that God is with you?

Kid to Parents

- What grim situation have you been in? Did you see that God was with you through it? How?

For most of us, the past two years have been difficult in varying degrees. We can liken it to the time when Joseph was sold off as a slave - things are unexpected, uncertain with no end in sight. But we can continue trusting God because we know that no matter how hard things are, He is with us through it all. He can continue to bless us and even promote us, just like He did with Joseph.

Pray

Dear God, thank You for always being with us. Please help us see Your presence especially during the difficult parts of our lives. Help us to keep trusting in You. In Jesus' name, Amen!

Discover

Some facts about ancient Egypt:

Egypt was the place where many of the things we use today are invented - medicine, medical instruments, cosmetics to name a few. Men and women wore makeup. It protected them from the very hot sun and they also believed it had healing powers. Cats were sacred in Egypt and many households would have one as a pet. There were over 2000 Egyptian gods and goddesses.

Think about Joseph being surrounded by these different gods and goddesses and the people who worshipped them. Yet, he continued to trust and follow God alone.

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