



# Promise: God Will Not Forget His Promises

## MAIN IDEAS

- **God never forgets His promises and is watching over His Word to perform it.**
- **God is at work, even when we don't see what He is doing.**

## MEMORY VERSE

“...I am watching over my word to perform it.”—Jeremiah 1:12b

## SCRIPTURE

- 1) Genesis 37:19-20
- 2) Genesis 37, 39-45 (portions)
- 3) Isaiah 40:8
- 4) Jeremiah 1:12b



## LESSON SUMMARY

How often we misjudge God simply because we are not aware of what He is doing. God is always at work; He is watching over His Word to perform it. And yet His work is often hidden to us. This is where faith comes in. Will we trust Him even when things look wrong, or when it looks like He is not at work?

This is the situation that Joseph was in. He had been given two prophetic dreams by God, and yet he found himself at the bottom of a pit. Where was God? Where was the fulfillment of His plan, purposes, and promise? Joseph had two choices at that point. He could look down at himself and his situation, and swim in a sea of self-pity, or he could look up to God in wonder and amazement at what He might be doing.

We have these same two choices every day. Will we look at our circumstances, difficulties, and unfulfilled dreams, and feel that God has cheated us? Or will we, with the shield of faith, stand firm trusting the almighty, sovereign, good God and Father of His children? This is the battle facing every Christian. May you walk in victory as you lead your child to see that he or she can put his or her confidence in God.

*Pray this week that you will have a heart of faith that looks up at the goodness and sovereignty God and faces each day free from complaining, worry, and self-pity. Ask God to open your child's eyes and heart to see and trust that he or she can put confidence in Him.*

## AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

- *Why are the works of God often hidden from us?* [Help your child see that our understanding is limited, but God sees the beginning and the end of all things. Help your child see that God sometimes does not give us understanding of what He is doing, because He wants us to trust Him.] *How do we know God is at work even when we don't know what He is doing? How do we know that we can trust God?*
- Share with your child about a time when God was working for your good, but you did not see His good hand in things until the end of the matter. Talk with your child about how you battle for faith when you are not sure what God is doing. Help your child to see some of the promises God has kept in your family.

## ACTIVITY

Read Genesis 37 with your mom or dad. Then circle the correct answers to the questions below and fill in the blanks of the sentence in the box on the right.

1. How old was Joseph?    7        17        77

2. Why did Jacob love Joseph more than his other sons?

Joseph was the oldest son.

Joseph was the smartest son.

Joseph was born when Jacob was an old man.

3. Why did Joseph's brothers hate him?

Because Jacob loved Joseph the most.

Because Joseph took their things.

Because Joseph was a whiney little brother.

4. What did the dreams God gave Joseph show?

One day Joseph would have a lot of wheat.

Joseph would grow up to be an astronomer (someone who studies the stars).

One day Joseph would rule over his brothers.

5. When Joseph's brothers saw him coming to check on them, they decided to:

Throw a party for him.

Kill him.

Leave him with the flocks so they could do something more fun.

6. What did Reuben convince the brothers to do?

Tie Joseph to a tree.    Put him in jail.        Throw him in a pit.

7. What did the brothers do with Joseph in the end?

Sell him as a slave.        Send him to their uncle's house.        Send him home.

8. What did the brothers tell Jacob happened to Joseph?

He ran away.        He drowned in a river.        A wild animal ate him up.

9. Where was God when Joseph's brothers threw him in the pit and then sold him?

Sleeping.

Not paying attention.

With Joseph, working out His good plan for his life and keeping His promises.

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