



Lesson Seven

God Is with Joseph

Heart Preparation & Bible Background



Bible Truth

God saved Joseph's life and was with him all the time and in every place.

Scripture

Genesis 37, 39–41



Lesson Focus

God saves his people and is with them all the time and in every place.

Goals for the Children

- Tell how God took care of Joseph.
- Thank God that he keeps his promises.
- Thank God that he is always with them.



Memory Minute

Review Genesis 28:15a
[God said,] I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go.

There was trouble in God's covenant family. Jacob's household was filled with strife, favoritism, jealousy and deception. Yet in the midst of it all, God was in control, and he used Joseph to preserve his people, keep the promise alive, and reunite and reconcile Jacob's family.

Indeed, the Lord was with Joseph when he was handed the special robe and also when he gave his father a bad report about his brothers. God was with Joseph when he openly revealed his dreams and when he was sent out to see about his brothers. The Lord did not abandon his servant when he was thrown into a well and sold into slavery. God went before Joseph and prepared a place in Potiphar's household for him. In prison, the Lord took care of Joseph, giving him favor and wisdom. And when the king called Joseph out of prison, the Lord prospered his servant so that he would be a godly witness and a blessing in Egypt to God's people. The Lord was always with him.

Take time this week to read Genesis 37–50. You will discover that it is ultimately an account of God's care and protection, his mighty power and sovereignty, and Joseph's response of trusting obedience. However, as you consider God's Word, know that the story of his care does not stop with Joseph.

God also cares for us, and the promise of his presence is extended to us as well. He is with us through Christ, the One who was sent to save us from our sins. We are weak and helpless, as Joseph was, and in need of his saving power in our lives.

You may be facing hardship, and there may be trouble in the lives of your children. However, even in the midst of bewildering circumstances, even when things go terribly wrong, we can be sure that God is our help; he goes before us, and he has a reason and a plan even when we don't understand.

In all situations, by God's grace, may you put your trust in the Lord, as Joseph did. Remember that he is with you all the time and in every place, and has a purpose for everything. May you worship the Lord, thanking him for his loving presence and provision.