

Discussion Questions Course 202–2

Large Group

1. Who remembers why Joy did not want to show mercy to the girl at school?
2. How does that make you feel—to know that God has a plan for you, and that it is good?
3. In our previous lesson, does anyone remember why Chris was timing all of his chores and activities?
4. Do you think it is hard sometimes to accept that God's plan for our lives is different from our plans?
5. How do you think it would feel to be Joseph and see your brothers for the first time after all they did to him?

Small Group

Game

1. Does that mean that we will never have any problems and everything will always go smoothly for us? Why do you say that?
2. How many brothers did Joseph have?
3. Jacob had twelve sons. Name as many as you can.

Teaching

1. Isn't it exciting to know that God created you, knows you, and has a wonderful plan for you?
2. Can you remember some times in Joseph's life when he may have wondered if his dreams would come to pass?
3. Was God's plan for Joseph a straight line like this?
4. When we create our own plans, do we like to include difficult tasks, hard times, ups and downs, and twists and turns?
5. If your plan is to become a professional soccer player, would you put in your plan spending 5 years in a junior league before you went to the pros?
6. Would you put in a delay of a year for an injury?
7. Joseph found himself in places and situations that he didn't expect or understand or choose. Did he respond by complaining or becoming angry or bitter?

Discipleship Challenge

1. Did any of you think about ways you could trust God and please Him when you were in a hard situation? What happened when you did?

SuperVerse

1. Do you know that God knows everything about each one of you, inside and out?
2. Do you know that He loves you unconditionally now while you are on Earth and forever when you live in heaven with Him? Think about that for a moment. How does that make you feel?

Prayer

1. Jesus is the Son of God—so if He needed to pray, do you think we should, too?

Additional Activities

Object Lesson

1. We have been discussing Joseph and how he trusted God to complete His plan for Joseph's life. Can you remember what Joseph's dreams were and how they were fulfilled?
2. Do you think it was easy for Joseph to trust God through all the things that seemed to go wrong?
3. Who was jealous of Joseph?
4. Have you ever become so tired that you wanted to give up? Does it ever seem like things take a lot longer than we expected?
5. Do we overcome the obstacle of being tired or do we become discouraged and give up?
6. Do we overcome the obstacle of failure or do we become discouraged and give up?
7. Has anyone ever spread gossip about you or accused you of something you didn't do?
8. Do we overcome this obstacle with God's help and trust His good plan for us, or do we become discouraged and give up?
9. What if we allowed ourselves to get so discouraged that we stopped before we got to the finish line? Would God's plan be completed?

Musical Activity

1. Does anyone know the name of Joseph's father?
2. Jacob is also called Israel. How many sons did he have?