

Don't Let Go!

Genesis 39; Patriarchs and Prophets, pp. 213-218

Can you remember the last time someone wanted you to do something that you knew was wrong? What did you do? Did you remember what you had been taught at home or at church about living for Jesus? Did that help you make the right choice?

Joseph remembered that his family's God was with him and would help him. Let's read about it.

When Joseph was sold by his brothers, he might have been tempted to give up on God. He might have thought that God should not have let him be sent far away. But then his thoughts turned to his home, and what his father had taught him about God. He had told Joseph that God always keeps His promises. Joseph decided to give himself fully to his father's God. In return, God blessed him.

The Bible says, "The Lord was with Joseph" (Genesis 39:2). When Joseph was sold to a man named Potiphar, God was with him and blessed Potiphar too!

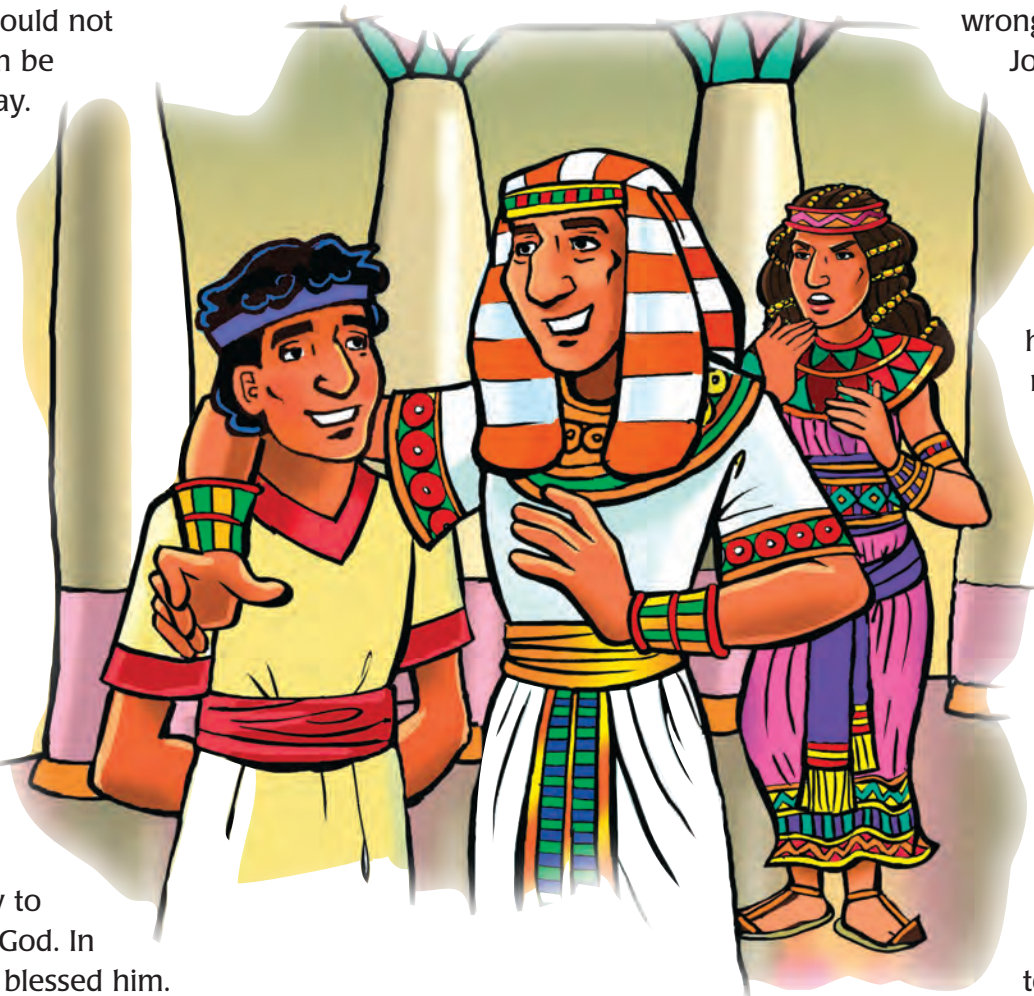
Soon Potiphar gave Joseph responsibility for his entire house. God blessed Joseph, and many people liked him.

Potiphar's wife noticed what a good job Joseph did. She also saw that he was very handsome. Satan used her to tempt Joseph.

One day Potiphar's wife asked Joseph to do something he knew was

wrong. Since Joseph was so close to God, he said, "No!"

Actually, he said more than that. He said, "How can I sin against God?" Joseph knew that doing what this woman asked him to would



The Message

My Christian family prepares me
to live for Jesus.

Memory Verse

**“Hold on to what you
have, so that no one
will take your crown”**

(Revelation 3:11, NIV).

be wrong. And it would be a sin, and would make God sad.

But Potiphar's wife didn't give up. Every day she asked Joseph to come to her. And each day he refused. When she realized Joseph wasn't going to do what she wanted, she decided to get Joseph into trouble.

“I want to be alone with you,” she told Joseph.

Again Joseph said, “No.” As he turned to go, she grabbed his coat, pulling it off.

“Help!” she called to the other servants. “Joseph tried to attack me!”

It wasn't true. Joseph had been faithful to God and loyal to his master, Potiphar. But Potiphar's wife showed him Joseph's coat. She told him that Joseph had attacked her and left his coat behind. So Potiphar sent Joseph to prison.

Poor Joseph! He had lost his job even

though he had done nothing wrong. Yet, even though Joseph was in prison, he knew that God was still with him. He believed that God would continue to bless him.

God wants to be with you, too. When He is with you, it is much easier to live for Jesus. It is easier to say “No” to Satan.

Joseph learned this when he was at home with his family. He never forgot it. Always remember what you have learned about God in your Christian family.

Knowing Him better will make you strong. And you don't have to worry about what will happen to you.



S A B B A T H

DO Take a Sabbath walk with your family. Look for animal, bird, and insect homes. How do their homes protect them from enemies? How does your home protect you from our enemy, Satan? Read 1 Peter 5:8, 9. Read today's lesson story about Joseph. How did Joseph's home help to protect him from Satan?

READ Read Revelation 3:11 and tell what it means to you. Thank Jesus for your home.

M O N D A Y

READ During family worship, go through your house and collect things that protect you (insect repellent, umbrella, coat, boots, etc.). From what does each protect you? Who protects us from Satan? With your family read Genesis 39:7-9.

DO Look at your Life Saver memory verse picture. Then cover it up. How much can you say without looking?

W E D N E S D A Y

DO For family worship, draw a picture of Joseph working in Potiphar's home for the *Story of Joseph* book that you started last week. Write a few words about your picture.

SHARE Read and discuss Genesis 39:13-19. Has anyone ever been angry with you for choosing to do God's will? Why? Did your Christian family help you? How?

DO Say your memory verse. Ask God for courage to do right no matter what others say or do.

S U N D A Y

READ During family worship, read and discuss Genesis 39:1-6 and *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 213, paragraph 3. Hold on to what you have learned!

DO To be rescued in the water you must hold on tightly to the life saver that is thrown to you. If possible, get some Life Saver candies and glue them in a big circle onto construction paper. Write your memory verse in the center. Hang this in your room.

PRAY Pray that you always will hold on to what you have learned.

T U E S D A Y

READ With your family, read and discuss Genesis 39:10-12. Joseph ran away from Satan's temptation. Satan also runs away. Read James 4:7 together and discuss how to make Satan run away.

DO Run 100 yards (meters) as fast as you can. Have someone time you. Can you run fast enough to get away from Satan? Who will help you?

DO Say your memory verse in your own words. Sing "Dare to Be a Daniel" (*Sing for Joy*, No. 116) before prayer. Ask Jesus to help you keep away from Satan.

T H U R S D A Y

READ What Joseph learned at home was tested again. For worship, read about it in Genesis 39:20-23.

DO Cut 15 narrow strips of paper. On each strip copy one word from the memory verse. Make a chain with the strips (put the words in the right order). Your memory verse explains how Joseph stayed true to God while in prison.

DO Before prayer, sing "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" (*Sing for Joy*, No. 119). Thank Jesus for leading you.

F R I D A Y

SHARE During family worship, share with one another about times this week that God has helped you say "No" to Satan's temptations. Ask God's forgiveness for any time you said "Yes."

DO Read 1 Corinthians 10:13. Then read it again and say your name instead of "you." Pray for each other and thank God for helping each of you to say "No" to temptation.

DO Show "Joseph's chain" that you made yesterday. Ask your family to say your memory verse with you. Then thank God for helping you resist Satan's temptations.

Joseph worked for Potiphar for ten years and was in prison for three.



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PUZZLE

Directions: The life of Joseph helps us learn about living for Jesus. Figure out the sentence.

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God's _____ makes _____ !