



At the heart of our vision is the desire to build bridges and build family. This resource is intended to be a tool that would help facilitate you, the spiritual leader of your family, to grow and develop your children in the fear and admonition of the Lord. While not exhaustive, our prayer is that it would give you a place to start in effort to better steward your role as mom or dad.

What follows is a four-day devotional that loosely follows our Sunday sermon series. It includes a passage to read, a prompt or two to discuss together, and a prayer to offer in response to your time. These efforts are simply offered as helpful direction. Feel the freedom to adjust, shift, or redirect the focus as best fits the few moments you take with your kids before bedtime, after dinner, or whenever you choose to lead them in God's Word.

## Day 1

**Passage:** Read Genesis 44:1-5

**Younger Prompt:** What does Joseph command his steward to do upon His brothers departure?

**Older Prompt:** Was Joseph's plan deceptive? Why do you think he chooses to put his brothers to this kind of test?

**Pray:** Lord, help us to walk in integrity in all we do. Thank you for your patience, mercy, and grace in our lives as we seek to honor you with our thoughts and deeds.

## Day 2

**Passage:** Read Genesis 44:6-13

**Younger Prompt:** Do Joseph's brothers know the silver cup is in their sacks? What do they decide will happen to them if they are found with it? In whose sack is it eventually found?

**Older Prompt:** In what order are the sacks searched? Why do you think this might be the case?

**Pray:** Lord, help us to be humble and honest, even when we are falsely accused, knowing that You are ultimately in control of everything.

## Day 3

**Passage:** Read Genesis 43:14-23

**Younger Prompt:** What brother rises to the role of leader amongst those standing before Joseph?

**Older Prompt:** Have you seen Judah's character change? In what areas does he seem to be different, and how do you know?

**Pray:** Lord, you alone have the power to change people. Remind us that we can't change others and we can't change ourselves, without you. Make us who you want us to be.

## Day 4

**Passage:** Read Genesis 43:24-34

**Younger Prompt:** For whom does Judah seem to be most concerned?

**Older Prompt:** How does Judah "bargain" with Joseph in vs. 33-34? How is this different from the way they treated Joseph in vs. 37? Why is this such a big deal to Joseph?

**Pray:** Lord, make our hearts like that of Judah's. Help us to live lives that seek to serve others, rather than selfish lives that seek personal gain over all else.