



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 47:1-6

Younger Prompt: What question does Pharaoh ask Joseph's brothers? What role does he assign them, and where, after hearing their response?

Older Prompt: According to 46:34, how do Egyptians view shepherds? What is ironic about Pharaoh's response to Joseph's brother's profession?

Pray: Lord, help us to remember that you are in control, and work all things together for good.

Day 2

Passage: Read Genesis 47:7-12

Younger Prompt: How old does Jacob say he is? How does he describe the years of his life in vs. 9?

Older Prompt: Do you think Jacob's description of his life in vs. 9 is accurate at this point? What can you observe about how God has worked to get him to this point?

Pray: Lord, give us a right perspective on life, and grant us the faith needed to trust you in all our circumstances.

Day 3

Passage: Read Genesis 47:13-19

Younger Prompt: As the famine grows, what three resources does Joseph gather as payment for grain?

Older Prompt: What do you see the Lord doing as He mobilizes resources, giving Joseph even more power in his position? (See Ex. 13)

Pray: Lord, thank you for being in full control, even when we are unable to see what you're doing. Give us eyes to see your purposes, and when we cannot, grant us faith.

Day 4

Passage: Read Genesis 47:20-28

Younger Prompt: What happens to Israel, as a nation, while living in the land of Goshen?

Older Prompt: How has Genesis 50:20 been evident in the story of Joseph at this point? Looking forward, how do the Lord's plans play out as we consider Exodus 1:8-14?

Pray: Lord, help us to remember Joseph's words in 50:20. Help us to believe what you tell us in Romans 8:28, even when it may be painful.