

FAMILY CHALLENGES

CRACK

CODE

SUMMER 2018



- KNOW RIGHT** Know God's Word (2 Timothy 2:15)
- THINK RIGHT** Memorize and meditate on (think deeply about) Bible verses (Psalm 1:2)
- DO RIGHT** Live out God's Word (James 1:22)
- FEEL RIGHT** How we should feel when we are obedient to God's Word (Psalm 23)



WEEK 1 – GENESIS 37

KNOW RIGHT Joseph’s brothers sell him into slavery.

THINK RIGHT Proverbs 3:5-6 (DL Top 12)

DO RIGHT I will trust in God’s plan for my life.

FEEL RIGHT I can feel loved because God has a plan for my life.

I can feel loved because God has a plan for my life!

Are you ready to "Crack the Code"? By accepting the mission of knowing and trusting that God has a plan for your life, you are on the right path to discovering a treasure that will impact your life fully!

To “Crack the Code” you need to search the world and His Word through God’s eyes, not your own. This is called having a solid biblical worldview. When you do this you will recognize God is at work and has a purpose-filled plan for your life.

CRACK THE CODE! – FAMILY CHALLENGE

KNOW RIGHT

Read Genesis 37 as a family. You can also divide these verses into smaller sections and read portions each day. For younger students, paraphrase sections to make them more age-appropriate.

THINK RIGHT

Memorize Proverbs 3:5-6 as a family this week. Hey kids, YOU may have to help your parents memorize. If you already know these verses, read and/or memorize verses 7-9.

DO RIGHT

Play “I spy” and look for God@Work in your life. During the dinner hour, share how you saw God@Work and how it might link info about God’s plan for your life. Parents, recognize this may take some coaching to create spiritual conversations around your dinner table.

JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT

For every "I spy" sighting, place a marshmallow in a jar. At the end of the week, have a campfire and celebrate God@Work as you roast marshmallows.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What was the land called where Joseph's family lived?
2. What did Jacob give to Joseph?
3. Why did Jacob give Joseph the colorful robe?
4. What did Joseph's dreams mean?
5. What did Joseph's brothers end up doing to him?
6. What did Joseph's brothers want Jacob to believe about Joseph?
7. Can you give an example of ways we can see God's plan in Joseph's life?
8. Is it always easy to understand God's plans?
9. Do you believe God has a plan for your life?

ANSWERS: 1. Canaan. 2. A colorful robe. 3. He loved Joseph the most of all his sons. 4. He would rule over his brothers someday. 5. They sold him as a slave to Egypt. 6. That he had been killed by a ferocious animal. 7. Joseph's dreams, Reuben protecting Joseph's life, Joseph going to Egypt. 8. No. 9. Various.



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WEEK 2 – GENESIS 39

KNOW RIGHT God is with Joseph in Egypt.

THINK RIGHT Joshua 1:9 (DL Top 12)

DO RIGHT I will believe that God is always with me.

FEEL RIGHT I can feel safe because God is with me.

Would your decisions, actions, or words change if you could physically see God by your side? Joseph knew and lived with God by his side. Because of this, Joseph's life was changed.

CRACK THE CODE! – FAMILY CHALLENGE

KNOW RIGHT

Read Genesis 39 as a family. You can also divide these verses into smaller sections and read portions each day. For younger students, paraphrase sections to make them more age-appropriate.

THINK RIGHT

Memorize Joshua 1:9 or Proverbs 3:5-6 for PS and B3. Hey kids, YOU may have to help your parents memorize.

DO RIGHT

How do you know God is always with you when you can't physically see Him? Fly a kite and challenge your kids to ponder how the kite remains in the air. Explain that even though you can't physically see the wind, you can see the effects of the wind. Challenge your kids to know the air is holding the kite up. This is a good representation of how God is always with us even though we can't see Him.

For Older Children –

While flying the kite, talk about God being with you during the good and difficult times. Share a personal God@Work story from your own life. Knowing God is by your side at all times should impact your choice of TV shows, websites, music, words you speak, and attitudes. Do a family check – does it affect these things?

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Where was Joseph taken as a slave?
2. Was Joseph alone or was someone with Him?
3. Joseph had to make many wise decisions. What were they?
4. What type of decisions do you make?
5. Knowing God is by your side, how does that impact your decisions? Why?
6. Is it always easy to make right decisions with God by your side? Why?

ANSWERS: 1. Egypt. 2. God was with him.
3. Run Potiphar's household, say no to temptations, etc.
4. TV shows, movies, Internet, types of words you use, attitude. 5. You should want to do what is right, what is approved by and honoring to God.
6. Not always, you may face difficult situations because you are standing up for truth.



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WEEK 3 – GENESIS 40-41

KNOW RIGHT Joseph interprets dreams in jail.

THINK RIGHT Acts 16:31 (DL Top 12)

DO RIGHT I will point others to God.

FEEL RIGHT I can feel obedient when I point others to God.

This week, challenge your kids to verbally give God the credit for their God-given talents and gifts.

CRACK THE CODE! – FAMILY CHALLENGE

KNOW RIGHT

Read Genesis 40-41 as a family. You can also divide these verses into smaller sections and read portions each day. For younger students, paraphrase sections to make them age-appropriate.

THINK RIGHT

Memorize Acts 16:31 or Proverbs 3:5-6 for PS and B3. Optional Idea: Fill up a water balloon and play “hot potato” with the balloons as you recite the verse. The last one holding the balloon can keep it or toss it at a friend. Repeat!

DO RIGHT

As a family, discuss the gifts and talents God gave each member of your family.

Pray and thank God for blessing you with those gifts and talents. Also, pray God will give you the opportunity to use these gifts to help you point others to God.

Brainstorm ways you can use your gifts and talents to point others to God.

Go on an undercover mission as a family and use your gifts to point others to God.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What special gift did God give Joseph?
2. Joseph interpreted three people's dreams, whose dreams were they?
3. Why was the Pharaoh's dream so important?
4. Who was put in charge of Egypt under Pharaoh?
5. When Joseph had success, to whom did he give the credit?
6. When you experience success, to whom do you give the credit?

ANSWERS: 1. Interpreting/explaining dreams.
2. Cupbearer, Baker, Pharaoh. 3. It warned of the seven years of famine. 4. Joseph. 5. God. 6. Various.



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WEEK 4 – GENESIS 42:1-45:28

KNOW RIGHT Joseph forgives his brothers.

THINK RIGHT Mark 12:30-31 (DL Top 12)

DO RIGHT I will forgive others as the Lord forgave me.

FEEL RIGHT I can feel free when I forgive others.

To focus on God's plan over our selfish wants is often difficult. Even more difficult is to honestly forgive others when they deeply hurt us. Joseph was able to see God at work and put his feelings and worldly wants to the side. This is difficult, yet very important lesson to teach your kids and to learn yourself.

CRACK THE CODE! – FAMILY CHALLENGE

KNOW RIGHT

Read Genesis 4:1-45:28 as a family You can also divide these verses into smaller sections and read portions each day. For younger students, paraphrase sections to make them more age-appropriate.

THINK RIGHT

Memorize and apply Mark 12:30-31 or Proverbs 3:5-6 for PS and B3. Fun Idea: Use Lego® pieces or straws to write out key words from the verse on a table or floor.

DO RIGHT

Using chalk on the driveway, draw pictures of how you feel when people hurt each other. Discuss how sin hurts people and how God dislikes it. As a family, discuss how you should avoid sinning and how you can grow by forgiving others when they hurt you. End your conversation by taking water and washing the drawings away, reminding your kids God wants us to forgive others as He forgave us. Draw happy faces and talk about how you feel after you forgive people.

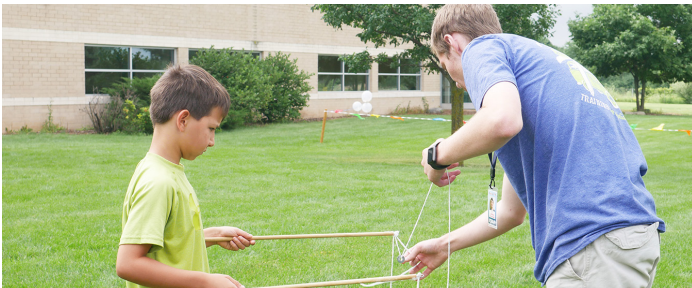
For Older Children –

Do the above activity on paper (perhaps around a campfire or fire pit) and talk about the reality of sin and the consequences of sin. Then discuss the value of forgiveness. Toss the paper into the fire to represent what Jesus does when your sins are forgiven and what you should do when you forgive others.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Why did Jacob send his sons to Egypt?
2. What did Joseph do when he saw his brothers?
3. Why didn't Jacob want Benjamin to go to Egypt?
4. What does it mean to forgive?
5. As you studied the life of Joseph, why did God allow Joseph to suffer so much?
6. God had a plan for Joseph; do you really believe God has a plan for your life? Are you willing to trust Him with your full life?

ANSWERS: 1. To buy food. 2. He pretended to be a stranger, accused them of being spies, then later he wept. 3. Jacob was afraid that Benjamin would be harmed. 4. Letting go of my anger and desires to punish someone who has wronged me. 5. God was with Joseph and had a plan for him and for his family. He used suffering to help Joseph grow and trust God in a better way. Because Joseph followed God, God used him to work out His plan, which ultimately saved his family. 6. Various.



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WEEK 5 – EXODUS 1:1-2:10

KNOW RIGHT Moses is born.

THINK RIGHT Joshua 1:9 (DL Top 12)

DO RIGHT I will face my problems with courage from God.

FEEL RIGHT I can feel strong when I face my problems with courage from God.

We've studied Joseph for the past four weeks and now 400 years later, we begin an adventure with Moses and the Israelites as they face their problems with courage.

CRACK THE CODE! – FAMILY CHALLENGE

KNOW RIGHT

Read Exodus 1:1-2:10 as a family. You can divide this into smaller sections to make them more age-appropriate. Fun idea: As we learn about Moses for the next five weeks, create a comic/picture books from each lesson.

THINK RIGHT

Memorize Joshua 1:9 as a family.

DO RIGHT

I will face my problems with courage from God!

For Younger Children – Parents, become a spy and try to catch your child facing a problem with courage. If caught, reward with a gold nugget of chocolate or a treat.

For Older Children – Go out for ice-cream and ask your child what type of problems they face or their friends face. Create space for a good spiritual conversation with them about how to walk through these difficult times of life while referring back to Joseph.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. How did the Israelites end up in Egypt?
2. Why didn't Pharaoh like the Israelites?
3. Who did the Israelite midwives love and obey?
4. Why did the mother place her baby in the basket?
5. What was the baby's name?
6. Did the midwives show courage in this lesson? How?
7. With God how are you able to face your problems and be courageous? Why?
8. What verse tells you to be strong and courageous?

ANSWERS: 1. Joseph brought them to Egypt to save them from the famine. 2. He felt threatened because there were so many of them. 3. God. 4. To save his life from the Egyptians. 5. Moses. 6. Yes, they obeyed God instead of Pharaoh. 7. Various. 8. Joshua 1:9.



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WEEK 6 – EXODUS 2:11-25, 3:1-6:1

KNOW RIGHT God sends Moses to free His people.

THINK RIGHT 1 Corinthians 15:58 (DL Top 12)

DO RIGHT I will trust God to help me do His work in this world.

FEEL RIGHT I can feel useful when I do God’s work in this world.

There are two types of leaders in this world, those who are naturally gifted with leadership and those who work to become leaders. If you have a child who is a believer in Jesus Christ, it is critical you build spiritual leadership into your child, whether or not they are naturally gifted leaders. Why? In this world, your child will need to lead – lead others to Jesus, lead friends away from temptations, lead through words and actions. As we study the life of Moses, recognize this is not a “cute” story. It is truth from God’s Word and a lesson to teach us to know God, trust God, and become spiritual leaders.

CRACK THE CODE! – FAMILY CHALLENGE

KNOW RIGHT

Read Exodus 3:1-6:1 as a family. You can divide these verses into smaller sections and read portions each day. For younger students, paraphrase sections to make them more age-appropriate. Make it fun by acting it out using Legos® or Play Doh® to create scenes from the lesson.

THINK RIGHT

As a family, memorize 1 Corinthians 15:58 or Joshua 1:9 for B3 and PS. If you already know this verse, read and/or memorize 1 Corinthians 15:57 too.

DO RIGHT

Be a leader and do something to make a difference for Jesus this week. Need ideas? You can encourage a neighbor in need, visit a nursing home, talk with someone there about Jesus, share your faith with a friend, or invite someone to attend church.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Why did Moses go to Midian?
2. How did God speak to Moses?
3. What did God want Moses to do?
4. Did Moses always trust God?
5. Who did God provide to speak for Moses?
6. What happened when Moses and Aaron asked Pharaoh to let the people go?
7. What did Pharaoh do to the Israelites?
8. God was doing something big in the lives of Moses and the Israelites. This would make a huge difference for future generations. Do you really believe God can use your life to make a difference in this world? Why or why not? Are you willing to obey and do what He tells you to do?
9. Can God give you the power to do great things?

ANSWERS: 1. To flee from Pharaoh. 2. Through the burning bush. 3. Lead the Israelites out of Egypt. 4. No, Moses questioned God. 5. Aaron. 6. He said "No." 7. He made them work harder. 8. & 9. Various.



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WEEK 7 – EXODUS 7:14-10:29

KNOW RIGHT God sends the plagues.

THINK RIGHT Proverbs 3:5-6 (DL Top 12)

DO RIGHT I will believe in God's power.

FEEL RIGHT I can feel excited when I believe in God's power.

With God by my side, I will never give up doing what is right! With each plague, Moses and the Israelites needed to continually trust God for protection and remain focused on the ultimate goal. Being a Christian isn't always easy. It takes commitment and true focus on our all-powerful God to trust and honor Him and continually do what is right.

CRACK THE CODE! – FAMILY CHALLENGE

KNOW RIGHT

Read Exodus 7:14-10:29 as a family. You can also divide these verses into smaller sections and read portions each day. For younger students, paraphrase sections to make them more age-appropriate. Idea: Each day, discuss the different plagues and how God displayed His great power.

THINK RIGHT

Memorize Psalm 147:5 or Joshua 1:9 for B3 and PS.

DO RIGHT

How big is your God? Do a little research on the universe, weather patterns, mountains, or other cool things God made and controls. Option: Set up a tent and camp out in your backyard. Check out the stars and moon our all-powerful God made. Read Psalm 147:4-5.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Why did God send plagues to Egypt?
2. Why didn't Pharaoh let the Israelites go?
3. What does it mean to have a "hard heart" towards God?
4. What were some of the plagues?
5. With God by his side, did Moses ever give up?
6. Is our God the one and only true powerful God?
7. Has there been a time in your life when you wanted to give up doing something for God?
8. What verse reminds you to trust in God?

ANSWERS: 1. So that the Egyptians would know the power of God and the Israelites would be set free. 2. Because Pharaoh didn't know God and his heart was hard. 3. Everything that is in you wants to go your own way instead of God's way. 4. Water turned to blood, frogs, gnats, flies, livestock died, boils, hail, locusts, darkness. 5. No. 6. Yes. 7. Obeying, witnessing to a friend, being kind to a mean person. 8. Proverbs 3:5-6.



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WEEK 8 – EXODUS 11:1-12:30

KNOW RIGHT God sends the final plague.

THINK RIGHT Hebrews 9:22b (DL Top 12)

DO RIGHT I will be saved only by Jesus' blood.

FEEL RIGHT I can feel forgiven when I am saved by Jesus' blood.

The Israelites were told there was only one way to be saved from the final plague. They needed to listen to and obey God. Today, many people challenge our kids to coexist and submit to all religions. Our kids need to be trained to understand there is ONE way to heaven (John 14:6). The only way is through Jesus Christ, God's only perfect Son, who shed His blood for our sins.

CRACK THE CODE! – FAMILY CHALLENGE

KNOW RIGHT

Read Exodus 11:1-12:30 as a family. You can also divide these verses into smaller sections and read portions each day. For younger students, paraphrase sections to make them more age-appropriate.

THINK RIGHT

Explain and memorize Hebrews 9:22b. Here's a fun Idea: Write each word from the verse on a separate piece of paper. Hide them around a room in your house and have your kids race to find them and put them in order.

DO RIGHT

Jesus sacrificed His life (and shed His blood) on the cross to forgive our sins. What does this mean to your family? Make something this week to remind you of His sacrifice. Get creative! Here are some ideas: Draw a picture of a cross or make one out of wood, make a poster with verses about Jesus, or paint a rock with words of thanksgiving and praise to our God.

Bonus Challenge – Mission Possible

Pray and go out and tell someone about Jesus using the Wordless Book.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What were some of the specific instructions that Moses gave the Israelites?
2. If the Israelites refused to do this, what would have happened?
3. Did God save the Israelites?
4. Are there several ways you can be saved from your sin?
5. What verse teaches us that Jesus is the only way to have our sin forgiven?
6. What does the Passover remind us of?
7. Have you made a decision to fully believe and trust in the one and only true God? If yes, when?

ANSWERS: 1. Prepare the Passover meal, take the blood of a perfect male lamb and put it on the door frame of their homes. 2. Their first-born child would die. 3. Yes, because they were obedient to God. 4. No, only through Jesus. 5. Hebrews 9:22b, John 14:6. 6. Jesus dying on the cross for our sin and saving us from eternal punishment. 7. Various.



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WEEK 9 – EXODUS 12:31-42, 13:17-14:31

KNOW RIGHT God sets His people free from the Egyptians.

THINK RIGHT John 14:6 (DL Top 12)

DO RIGHT I will listen to and follow God’s Word.

FEEL RIGHT I can feel obedient when I listen to and follow God’s Word.

The Israelites needed to take the Word of God seriously. Obedience wasn’t optional; it was required! Their lives and freedom depended on it. What was true then is still true today – we need to take God’s Word seriously! Parents, it is important you coach your kids to read and obey the Bible every day while they are young. As they get older and the temptations they face are more harmful, they will be able to stand firm in their faith (1 Corinthians 15:58).

CRACK THE CODE! – FAMILY CHALLENGE

KNOW RIGHT

Read Exodus 12:31-42 and 13:17-14:31. You can also divide these verses into smaller sections and read portions each day. For younger students, paraphrase sections to make them more age-appropriate. Continue to highlight the value of obeying God as you read about the “Great Escape” from Egypt.

THINK RIGHT

Memorize John 14:6 or Joshua 1:9 for B3 and PS children.

DO RIGHT

Have your family play a card or board game together. Discuss the value of obeying the rules of the game. Connect this activity with the importance of obeying God’s Word in your life.

For Older Children –

What would happen if only one person followed the rules of the game and the rest didn't? What happens when people do not apply God's Word to their lives? Is it easier to obey God or follow the ways of the world? What are the results of each way?

Parent tip: Obedience to God's Word is important, but you must be sure kids understand it is not by works we are saved (Ephesians 2:8-9). Obedience is the result of our salvation.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. When the Israelites escaped, what did the Egyptians give them?
2. How did God lead the Israelites?
3. Did Pharaoh change his mind after the Israelites escaped?
4. How did God protect the Israelites from the Egyptian army?
5. What did God do to the Egyptian army?
6. Did Moses obey God?
7. Will you obey and follow God?
8. How do you feel when you obey God?

ANSWERS: 1. Gold, silver, bread, and more.
2. A cloud by day and fire by night. 3. Yes.
4. Through Moses, God parted the Red Sea and allowed the Israelites to cross. 5. The water closed in and the Egyptians died. 6. Yes. 7. Yes or no.
8. Various.



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WEEK 10 – LET'S REVIEW

KNOW RIGHT Reviewing what we've learned.

THINK RIGHT 2 Peter 3:18a (DL Top 12)

DO RIGHT I will remember God's Word.

FEEL RIGHT I can feel wise when I remember God's Word.

Thank you for ten great weeks. God's Word is filled with incredible truths that will impact your life both now and into eternity. We pray that God revealed to you the truth that has been placed in His Word.

Proverbs 1:1-5

*My son, if you accept my words
and store up my commands within you,
turning your ear to wisdom
and applying your heart to understanding –
indeed, if you call out for insight
and cry aloud for understanding,
and if you look for it as for silver
and search for it as for hidden treasure,
then you will understand the fear of the Lord
and find the knowledge of God.*

We are looking forward to seeing you this fall in Discovery Land. Until then...

- Read your Bible.
- Pray as a family.
- Review and memorize key verses.
- Continue to "Crack the Code" by living your life for Jesus.