



God Had a Plan for Joseph- Genesis 37-50

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Christ Connection

Joseph's brothers hurt Joseph, but God had a good plan. God used Joseph's hurt to save His people from hunger. One day, people would hurt God's Son, Jesus. God's good plan was to use Jesus' death to save His people from sin.

Big Picture Question

Who is in control of everything? God is control of everything.

Talk About the Scripture at Home

The movie Despicable Me introduces the villain Gru, who is on a mission to shrink and steal the moon. Gru's despicable plan includes stealing a shrink ray by adopting three orphans and using them to sneak into the base where the ray is kept. But Gru's plan backfires as he falls in love with the three girls who have joined his family. Gru's plan actually led to a happy ending and a happy family. The story of Joseph is not exactly like Despicable Me, but the whole episode does end with a happy ending and a happy family. After Joseph is placed in charge of the food supplies in Egypt, his brothers came to buy food so that they could survive. Because Pharaoh had placed Joseph in charge, Joseph was able to save the lives of his family and all the people of Israel. Even though the story began with an evil plan, God used Joseph to save his entire family from a famine. After the family had settled safely in Egypt, Joseph told his brothers, "You planned evil against me; God planned it for good to bring about the present result—the survival of many people." (Genesis 50:20). Joseph's life points us to Jesus as the greater rescuer. Jesus was hated by others. He was treated unfairly. He was punished for sins He did not commit. But every event of Jesus' life—even His death—was part of God's plan to save people from their sin. For those who believe in Jesus, His story has the happiest ending of all.

God had a plan for Joseph's life. He allowed Joseph to suffer to rescue a whole nation. In a greater way, God planned for Jesus to suffer so that many—people from all nations—would be saved from sin.

Pray: God, thank You that we can trust You in every situation—good and bad. We know that You are always in control and nothing can stop You from doing what You have planned. Thank You for using Jesus' death to bring forgiveness and eternal life to all who believe.