

The Story of Joseph: Seeing the Bigger Picture

Week 16: How to Survive a Famine

Discussion Questions

Elementary (Younger Kids)

1. When things feel really hard (like a “famine” in your life), what is one way you can remember that God is still taking care of you?
 2. Joseph couldn’t stop the famine, but he could still help. What is one small, good thing you can do this week, even if things around you feel tough or scary?
 3. Jacob knew Egypt wasn’t his forever home. How does it help you to remember that heaven is our forever home when life here feels sad or unfair?
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Middle School

1. Joseph couldn’t make the famine go away, but he stayed faithful with what God gave him to do. What’s one area of your life where you can be faithful, even though you can’t change the whole situation?
 2. When life gets more stressful or confusing, what are some practical ways you can take “the next wise step” by listening to the Holy Spirit and reading God’s Word?
 3. Jacob knew Egypt was temporary. How might remembering that this world isn’t our final home change the way you think about problems, success, or popularity?
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High School

1. Joseph’s circumstances (the famine) didn’t change, but his faithfulness inside those circumstances preserved many lives. Where in your life do you feel pressure right now, and what would “faithfulness in the famine” look like for you?
2. The people in Egypt recognized Joseph’s plan as God’s provision and responded with gratitude, not resentment. How can you practice receiving God’s provision with humility and thankfulness instead of entitlement—especially in areas like money, school, or family?
3. Jacob insisted on being buried in Canaan because he believed God’s promises and knew Egypt wasn’t the final destination. How does remembering that your ultimate home is with God shape your decisions about your future (college, career, relationships, priorities) right now?