

The Story of Joseph: Seeing the Bigger Picture
Week 17: The Blessing
Discussion Questions

Elementary

1. Jacob remembered that God had taken care of him his whole life. What is one way God has taken care of you?
2. Jacob blessed Ephraim instead of the older brother, Manasseh. What does this teach us about how God can use anyone, even people others might not expect?
3. Jacob was getting old, but God's promises were still true. How does it help you to know that God keeps His promises forever?

Middle School

1. Jacob could look back and say God had been faithful, even though Jacob had made many mistakes. How does that help you understand God's grace when you mess up?
2. Joseph thought the blessing should go one way, but God had a different plan. When is it hard for you to trust God when His plan is different from what you expected?
3. Jacob knew he would die, but he also believed God's promises would keep going after him. How can remembering God's promises help you trust Him with your future?

High School

1. Jacob described God as the one who had been his shepherd all his life, even through failure, conflict, and family pain. Where can you see God's faithfulness in your own story, even in difficult seasons?
2. Jacob blessed the younger son over the older, showing that God's blessing is not limited by human expectations or status. How does that challenge the way you think about success, popularity, talent, or your future?
3. Jacob was dying, but God's promise was not dying with him. How does the unchanging promise of God, ultimately fulfilled in Jesus, give you confidence when people, plans, or seasons of life change?