



Family Discipleship Resource

Key Point: God is sovereign.

He has the right, wisdom, and power to do all that He pleases.

This week, we did a recap of the whole life of Joseph and saw how God was sovereign over everything. He had the right, wisdom, and power to place Joseph in charge and bring the people of Israel to Egypt. God was in charge of everything and everything He did was good.

Capture discipleship moments: After dinner one evening, talk through the questions below. Anytime we open the Bible and talk about God, we need to pray and ask Him to help us because only God can teach our hearts. Pray with your family for God to give understanding and belief.

1. What does it mean that God has the *right* to do all that He pleases?
It means that God is in charge and can do whatever He wants. He is Creator. He made everything, and everything belongs to Him. He has the right to do whatever He wants with it.
2. What does it mean that God has the *wisdom* to do all that He pleases?
It means that God knows what is best. Every decision He makes is good and best.
3. What does it mean that God has the *power* to do all that He pleases?
God is able to do anything He wants. Nothing is too hard for God.
4. If God has the right, wisdom and power to do all that He pleases, what kinds of things does He do? What kinds of things are pleasing to God?
He does whatever will bring glory to His name and joy to His children.
5. Let's think about Joseph's life for a moment. Do you think that Joseph would have planned his life the way God did? Do you think he would have chosen to be sold away from his family as a slave or be thrown in jail? No, Joseph probably wouldn't have chosen those things.
6. Who was in charge of Joseph's life? God or Joseph? God.
7. Did God have the right, wisdom and power to do all that pleased Him with Joseph's life? Yes.
8. Was what God did in and with Joseph's life good? Yes, because everything God does is good.
9. Did God take care of Joseph?
Yes. God was a refuge for Joseph and showed him great love by doing what was best.
10. How was God glorified in the story and life of Joseph?
He used Joseph to save the lives of many people when the famine came.
11. Did Joseph trust that God was sovereign? Yes. He knew that God was in charge and that what God was doing was good – even if it didn't feel good at the moment.

Read **Psalm 24:1** together.

The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,

1. Are there any words in this verse you do not recognize or understand?
2. What belongs to the LORD according to this verse?
The earth and all that fills it. (all things and all people)

3. Is there anything that God is not in charge of? **No. God is sovereign over all things.**
4. Who is in charge of your life – you or God? **God is in charge of your life.**
5. Does God have the right, wisdom and power to do whatever He pleases with your life? Why? **Yes, because He made you and you belong to the LORD.**
6. Does God have the right, wisdom and power to do whatever He pleases with the entire world and all the people in it? Why? **Yes, because all things and all people belong to God.**
7. How does it make you feel to know that God is in charge of everything and will do all that He pleases? Why?

*****Additional passages for study:**

1. Let's think back to Joseph's life for a moment. Was it sin for his brothers to want to kill him and eventually sell him as a slave? Was it sin for Potiphar's wife to lie about him and have him sent to jail? **Yes, those things were sin.**

Read **Genesis 50:20** together. (This is Joseph talking to his brothers near the end of his life.)
As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

2. What were the things Joseph's brothers did that were meant to harm (hurt) him?
They wanted to kill him. They sold him into Egypt as a slave.
3. What did God do with those evil, sinful actions? **He turned them for good.**
4. What good did God bring about from the sin of Joseph's brothers?
Many people were saved from dying in the famine because Joseph was in Egypt.
5. Can you think of something that's happened in your life or in the life of someone you know that you don't understand? Something that is painful or hard? Do you ever wonder how God can be good if bad and painful things happen? Do you think that Joseph may have thought some of those same things when he was sold as a slave or sent to jail for a wrong he didn't commit?
6. Does God ever make a mistake? **No. Everything that God does is good and right.**

Read **Romans 8:28** together.

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

7. This is a very important promise for God's children. What does God promise to do in this verse? **In all things, He promises to work for the good of God's children.**
8. What would be included in "all things"? Does that just mean good things? Or does it also include bad things?
All things means *all* things – whether they seem good or bad at the moment.
9. Where do you see this promise in Joseph's life?
10. Where do you see this promise in either your life or the life of someone you know?

Create discipleship time: Recap by asking your kids what they learned, as they **color their Sovereign Attribute Sign** for your Attribute Wall at home.

1. What is one thing you learned about God today?
God is good and in charge of everything.
2. What is one thing you learned about yourself today?
I can trust that God always works for the good of his children.

Pray together as a family. Ask each member of your family – parents included – to share one thing they would like prayer over. Have someone pray for that person’s request. Challenge them to pray for that person all week long. Parents, pray a blessing over your children as you close.

MVOTM.

When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. Psalm 34:17-18