

LEARNER TAKE-HOME SHEET:

JOSEPH

Genesis 37–50



Take this sheet home and keep it someplace near the dinner table like on the fridge. At least three times next week at dinner, use Prayer Time and one other family activity to make your confirmation learning come alive!

PRAYER TIME

God of Joseph and all our ancestors, we see so much evil around us that we wish you could turn to good. You call us to be your partners in your miracles. Give us the courage and creativity to join you in caring for the world. Amen

TALK TIME

- Print out these words from Genesis and post them in a frequently used spot at home (on the fridge or washing machine) to help you remember the main point of the Joseph story.

*I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. **So it was not you who sent me here, but God** (Genesis 45:4-8).*

- Joseph kept doing good even when others were unfair to him. When are others unfair to you? Make a chart showing unfair things done to you, and then show how you will act to be like Joseph in each situation.
- Research places where slavery, of any form, still exists today. You might be surprised that it's so close to home. Talk about how this can still occur.
- Check out nearby museums for exhibits that highlight ancient Egypt.

WEB TIME

Search the Internet for the Key Words, starting with *slavery*. Then do a search for *Joseph*. Look for a summary of Joseph's life. Read about Joseph and then tell others about five significant events in his lifetime.

RITUAL TIME

Enjoy a feast of the foods Joseph would have eaten in Egypt (after he was freed): duck, cucumbers, leeks, onions, garlic, olives, pomegranates, dates, figs, walnuts, almonds, and wild honey. With whom can you share your feast?



KEY WORDS

Keep a family white board someplace near the dinner table, and write these words on it. Try writing a family definition for each one during the week.

DREAMS

SLAVERY

MYSTERY



