

Cliffhanger: The story isn't over



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this week's
video!

**Grit: Refusing
to give up when
life gets hard**

Memory Verse

"Let us not become
tired of doing good.
At the right time we
will gather a crop
if we don't give up."
Galatians 6:9, NIV

Bible Story

Joseph Forgives
His Brothers
Genesis 41-45

Bottom Line

Hold on because
there's a bigger
story.

Use this guide to help your family
learn how God can help us have grit.

Activity

Screen Time

What You Need:

Smartphone or Wi-Fi-enabled device

What You Do:

Explain that you'll be playing a game with a video that gives ultra-zoomed-in images of various objects. Challenge your child to call out what they think the object is before the full-size image is revealed. See how many they can guess before the image is revealed. Or, make it a competition between the two of you to see who can guess the image first.

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After the activity, say, "Do you remember how last week, we learned about all the bad things that happened to Joseph? Even though those challenges seemed like a lot, they were really only a small portion of the story, right? Today we saw that there was a much bigger story being told all along, and that God was using those tough situations for good."



Talk About the Bible Story

If you had been Joseph, would you have been able to forgive your brothers?

How was Joseph able to show forgiveness to his brothers? (*He realized that there was a bigger story; he knew that God forgave him for all the things he did wrong; he loved God*)

When has it been hard to forgive someone?

Parent: Share a personal story of when it was difficult to forgive someone, or when you needed forgiveness yourself.



Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"God, when we face difficult things in life, help us to trust You and believe that You have a bigger story—even if we can't always see it. Thank You for always being there for us. Please help us feel Your presence when we feel alone. In Jesus' name, amen."

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When has something turned out better than you expected?

Even though we know there's a bigger story, why is it so hard to believe that sometimes?

Parent: Share a personal example of a time where perhaps the small details in your life didn't make sense . . . but then God allowed you to eventually see it all come together for a bigger story.

Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"Thank you, God, for our family. Help us to grow closer to each other. When we face difficult things in life, help us to believe that You have a bigger story—even if we can't always see it. Be with us throughout the week, as we continue to trust You. In Jesus' name, Amen."