



Joseph in Prison

September 23, 2018

Genesis 39:1-23

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle. Open your devotion with prayer.

Lord, you are faithful to those who call upon you. Show us your goodness in the midst of our trials, that we might find the strength to praise you without ceasing. In Jesus' name. Amen.



Read: Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

The chief jailer paid no heed to anything that was in Joseph's care, because the Lord was with him; and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper. (Genesis 39:23)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Joseph's unfortunate rejection by his brothers has eventually landed him in great favor with his Egyptian master . . . and his master's wife. Being framed for an un-committed crime lands him in prison, but he is soon to find a place of favor there as well. Either Joseph is the unluckiest of men, or he is perpetually blessed by a God who continues to send fortune his way.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household or community.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

What systems are in place in your community that serve to oppress? What systems deliver from oppression?

How does God bless others through you? What gifts do you bring to those around you?

For the littles: Play and pretend you are in jail. How does it feel to be locked up? God can set us free!



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God set you free. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Use your gifts to serve others this week. If you play an instrument, play it at a nursing home. If you are good with finances, offer to help someone manage their debt. Be creative! God gave you your gifts for a purpose!



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the daily readings.

Monday, Genesis 50:15-21, *Joseph Forgives His Brothers*

Tuesday, Genesis 50:22-26, *Joseph's Death*

Wednesday, Exodus 1:1-22, *Oppression of the Israelites*

Thursday, Exodus 3:1-12, *Moses at the Burning Bush*

Friday, Exodus 12:29-32, *The Tenth Plague: Death of the Firstborn*

Saturday, Exodus 13:17-22, *The Pillars of Cloud and Fire*