

## City LG—October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

**Today's Bible Story:** Down in a Hole (Joseph Sold by Brothers and Joseph in Jail) • *Genesis 37, 39–40*

**Today's Bottom Line:** Hold on because God is with you.

**Monthly 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 (NIRV)

**REMINDER: Kids will need to be grouped into Small Groups to begin Service**

**WORSHIP: "Undeclared" and "Something Good"**

"Hello, friends! It's great to be with you as we continue God's Big Story. (*Hold up Bible.*)

"In the beginning, God created the world—including the first people, Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve broke the rule God gave them and broke their relationship with God. Still, God had a good plan to make things right. God made a promise to a man named Abraham. God promised to bless the whole world through Abraham's family.

"Abraham and his wife Sarah had a son named Isaac. Isaac grew up and had a son named Esau and a son named Jacob. Then Jacob grew up and had TWELVE sons! That's a lot of boys—am I right? (*Pause*) Jacob's next-to-youngest son was named Joseph. He's who we'll be learning about today. He was given a special coat. What is your favorite thing to wear? Take 3 minutes a talk it out with your groups.

**CG: 3-minute Countdown Video**

Great job everyone. Let's take a look at our story today!"

**CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 10:00)**

"Isn't it interesting how Joseph had all those ups and downs in his life? And after all that had happened to him, here he was . . . stuck all alone . . . in a foreign land . . . in prison. He probably felt forgotten. But even then, God was with him.

"I can't wait to find out what happened to Joseph next. But for now, let's think about what Joseph did while he was in the middle of all those ups and downs. He trusted God. He kept holding on—because he knew that God was with him. Let's learn this week's Bottom Line!"

**CG: Bottom Line Video (Runtime: 1:00)**

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

**[Bottom Line] "Hold on because God is with you.**

“We all go through good times and tough times. Maybe our ups and downs aren’t exactly the same as what Joseph went through. But like Joseph did, we can choose to hold on and remember that we’re never alone. God is with us, through it all. Let’s pray.”

**PRAY:** “God, thank You so much for the reminder today that You are always with us. Help us remember that when we feel alone or afraid. Help us trust You and believe that You’re with us—through all the ups and downs of life. Please give us the strength to hold on, no matter what challenges we’re going through. Thank You for loving us! We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

“Whew! I’ve got to be honest—that was a workout. Lots of costume changes. But it just goes to show that Joseph went through a LOT of changes in his life.

“Just when it seemed like things were going great for Joseph, something bad happened. And just when it seemed like he was stuck in a bad situation, things turned for the better.

“Think about it. Joseph started out by getting a special robe as a gift from his dad.

“But then he ended up being sold by his brothers, lied about, and sent to prison!

“Through it all, God was with Joseph. God was there through all the ups and downs and good and bad things in his life.

“When we remember that God is with us, that helps us have grit. It helps us hold on.

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

**[Bottom Line] “Hold on because God is with you.**

“It would take some time, but eventually, God used Joseph’s family to bless the whole world! Jesus, God’s own Son, would be born into Joseph’s family line.

“As we think about Joseph’s story, it’s important to remember that God is with US—through all the ups and downs of OUR lives. There will be amazing days in your life when it seems like everything is going great! And then there will be some days when things just don’t go the way you want them to. You can believe that God is always with you and that God is still working in your life. That’s what will help you hold on and keep going!

*Share a brief, age-appropriate story from your own life about how you faced something tough but you held on because God was with you.*

“We have a really awesome memory verse for this month. These are the apostle Paul’s words in Galatians 6:9.

**SLIDE: 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. (NIRV)*

“In this verse, Paul was saying that if we keep holding on, it’ll be worth it in the end!”

**OFFERING:**

As some of you may already know, we are highlighting some of our Parkview Global Missionaries from the beautiful country of Mexico. Here is a picture of our Missionary Friends Eli and Mandy Garcia!

**CG: *Eli and Mandy***

Parkview has spent many years developing a very important partnership with an organization called Vida Nueva Ministries in Mexico. This group has been working in many of the under-resourced areas to plant churches, start schools, and care for the amazing people of Mexico. Here’s a picture of some of the kids at the school down in Mexico.

**SLIDE: *Kids at School (Image 6620)***

So if you brought an offering today, you can bring it up now knowing that it is going to help a lot of people just like you in the great country of Mexico!