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## SOLD INTO SLAVERY

### PRAY

God, I'm thankful today for all those whom I love and who love me. I pray Your blessing on them.

### READ

Genesis 37

### REFLECT

What are some of the problems you see in Joseph's family? How could they have been avoided? How could they have been avoided? How have you dealt with any problems or conflicts in your family?

### APPLY

Take time during the day to record your major dreams for you and your family. Then, share some with your family and pray together that God will bless them.

### PRAY

Lord, may my dreams be ones that please You and create only harmony and blessing in my family.

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## PRISON AND A PROMOTION

### PRAY

Ask God to share wisdom from his Word with you as you read this next passage about Joseph.

### READ

Genesis 39-41

### REFLECT

How can a person deal with situations where they may be severely tempted or mistreated (as Joseph was)? How can one continue to trust God in such situations? Have you?

### APPLY

Make a plan to deal with the next time you are treated unfairly by someone. Decide how you will react, especially if you may be facing such a situation soon.

### PRAY

Lord God, I want to have the strength and maturity of Joseph the next time I'm tempted or mistreated.

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## THE BROTHERS GO TO EGYPT

### PRAY

Lord God, I thank You that you know me inside out and all that I think and feel—and still love me so much.

### READ

Genesis 42

### REFLECT

Joseph was harsh and distant in dealing with his brothers. Is that kind of behavior ever justified within families? Can that behavior ever be loving and constructive?

### APPLY

Make the effort today to tell someone close to you, perhaps in your family, how much they mean to you. Make a loving gesture to demonstrate your feelings.

### PRAY

Pray for your siblings and other close relatives today. Pray for a greater love for them and ways to show it.

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## THE BROTHERS RETURN

### PRAY

Lord, my life is a journey with You and I'm thankful to be on it. Guide me in that journey today, I pray.

### READ

Genesis 43-44

### REFLECT

Joseph's brothers had begun to change. What helps family members grow and change beyond past mistakes and sins? Have you been able to do so? What helped you?

### APPLY

Make a note of 2-3 ways you have grown and matured in your family relationships. Next, list 2-3 ways you want to continue to grow and mature.

### PRAY

My God, You know where I need Your help to grow and mature. I want to love and support my family even more.

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## JOSEPH REVEALS HIS IDENTITY

### PRAY

God, I want to know You and know more about You. Draw me closer to You today, I pray.

### READ

Genesis 45:1-46:7

### REFLECT

Can you look back on troubles and disappointments of the past and see how God has used them for good in some way? What difference will that make in the future?

### APPLY

Be prepared to deal with any challenge, frustration or problem today by first repeating to yourself: "God can use this for good---for me or for someone else."

### PRAY

Lord, I trust Your loving care and good purposes for me in spite of whatever problems I may face today.