

## FAMILY WORSHIP



### Activity: Outdoor Worship Walk

- Make time this week to go for a walk with your child. While you are walking, look with your child for ten different items in nature for which you can praise God. Your list may include a bird, a tree, a dog, the wind, clouds, sunshine, etc. Enjoy the search. While you may struggle to find ten items, don't be surprised if your child rattles them off with ease. During your search, ask God to give you the eyes of a child. After your walk, take time to pray a prayer of praise to God with your child. At bedtime, remind your child again of your walk and praise Him again for His creative goodness.

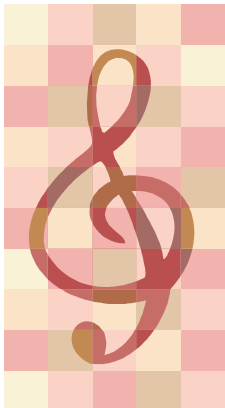
**Practice monthly memory verse.** Spend time practicing and reviewing memory verses from Cubbies and Sparks (AWANA). Talk about the meaning of special words in the verses (e.g. serve, forgive, love, covenant) to help deepen their understanding. Be intentional about using these words in day to day situations.



### February Memory Verse:

**Genesis 28:15** – *Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go.*

### Worship through singing:



#### I've Got the Joy

I like to dance  
'Cuz I've got the joy  
(Repeat 2 times)  
I like to dance-dance-dance  
'Cuz I've got the joy  
I've got the joy of the Lord in my heart

I like to sing (sing)  
'Cuz I've got the joy  
(Repeat 2 times)  
I like to sing-sing-sing  
'Cuz I've got the joy  
I've got the joy of the Lord in my heart

#### **Chorus**

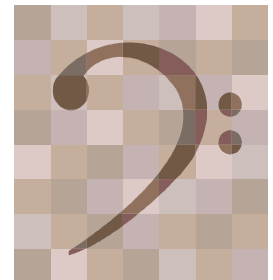
I'm gonna share the joy everywhere that I go; And I'm gonna share the joy with everybody I know  
I'm gonna share the joy every night and day; I can't keep it to myself I have to give it away

**For music and video visit:** [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search "Go Fish – I've got the joy"

I like to shout (shout)  
'Cuz I've got the joy  
(Repeat 2 times)  
I like to shout-shout-shout  
'Cuz I've got the joy  
I've got the joy of the Lord in my ♥

I like to clap (clap)  
'Cuz I've got the joy  
(Repeat 2 times)  
I like to clap-clap-clap  
'Cuz I've got the joy  
I've got the joy of the Lord in my heart

#### **Chorus**



### Parent Resource Review:

**BOOK:** Big Truths for Little Kids, by Susan Hunt and Richie Hunt

*"These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children."* Deuteronomy 6:6-7a

**"Your children are a blessing from God; A gift that brings an abundance of joy and the privilege of teaching them God's ways. When they're young their potential to learn is amazing. And because actions and beliefs go hand in hand, the lessons they learn from you now will shape their lives forever.**

**This wonderful book, with its easy-to-use story format, can help you teach the basic truths of the Christian faith to your children. They'll learn right along with Caleb and Cassie that God's ways are the best--and that even as kids, they can live for His glory every day."**

**–Crossway Books**

## Review: Genesis 37

Last week we saw Joseph sold into slavery by his brothers. Joseph's brothers were jealous of him because he got special treatment. His daddy gave him a special robe of many colors. This robe was a symbol that Joseph did not have to work like his brothers did. The robe also showed that Joseph was to receive the family's firstborn birthright from Jacob. This made Joseph's 10 older brothers mad at him. They were so mad that they decided to get revenge on him and sold him as a slave to Egypt. Then they lied to their daddy, Jacob, and told him that Joseph was killed by a wild animal.

- **Do you remember what a birthright is?** *A birthright is the privileges given to children by their parents. (Remember: These privileges are things like living in your family home, having your own bed, and playing on the family swing set.) The family birthright Joseph would receive from his daddy, Jacob, included a powerful promise of God's blessing and favor passed on to him from his great-grandpa, Abraham.*
- **What did Joseph's brothers want to do to him when they saw him?** *They wanted to kill him.*
- **Why did they want to kill him?** *They were jealous of him and his special robe.*
- **Did God want Joseph to die?** *No. God had a special plan for Joseph's life. As we will continue to learn from this story in the Bible, God uses the bad decisions and bad behavior of others to bring about good.*
- **Did God know Joseph would be sent to Egypt?** *Yes. It was God's idea for Joseph to go to Egypt. God has a plan, and it always works the way he wants it to.*

## This Week: Genesis 39-41

This week we see God's plan for Joseph's life. First, Joseph is a slave in Potiphar's house. Potiphar is blessed because God is with Joseph. Joseph is then wrongly accused and sent to prison. In prison he is put in charge of all the prisoners. The keeper of the prison is blessed by God because of Joseph. During this time, God gives Joseph the wisdom and opportunity to interpret the dreams of two prisoners. Because the wisdom is from God, the interpretations come true. Later, Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, has a dream. God gives Joseph the wisdom and opportunity to interpret this dream as well. Because of God's wisdom given to Joseph, Pharaoh makes Joseph prince over all of Egypt.

- **Is Joseph alone when he goes to Egypt as a slave?** *No. The LORD [God] is with Joseph blessing him and the persons he is serving (39:2, 3, 5, 21-23; 41:38-40)*
- **How does Joseph respond when bad things happen to him?** *He continues to serve and obey God doing good work. He does all things without complaining or arguing.*
- **Why did Joseph run away from Potiphar's wife?** *He did not want to sin against God (39:9).*
- **How was Joseph able to interpret the dreams of the cupbearer, the baker, and Pharaoh?** *God gave Joseph the wisdom and ability to know what the dreams meant.*
- **Why did Pharaoh put Joseph in charge over all of Egypt?** *Pharaoh saw that Joseph had the "wisdom of God" and that God had made Joseph wise and discerning.*
- **What are some lessons you are learning from Joseph's life?**
  - *Sometimes, God uses bad things in my life in order to bring good things to me.*
  - *I can trust God even when I am having a bad day.*
  - *There are no bad situations that God allows that we cannot work to give Him glory.*
  - *I am to do all things without complaining or arguing, even when life seems unfair.*