God's surprising plan to bless the world

Genesis 39 – God is always with his people in good and bad circumstances. Real success is persevering in trusting and living for God in all circumstances.

2. What does God's presence lead to?

(v3) s_____ for Joseph in everything.

(v5) b______ on the whole household.

Injustice - Read Genesis 39:6b-20a

3. What three reasons does Joseph give for not sleeping with Potiphar's wife?

(v8) Potiphar _____ Joseph

(v9) She is Potiphar's ______. (Yes, this seems obvious!)

(v9) It would be a ______ against ______ .

4. Who seems to be 'successful' in this situation? Why?

God is still with Joseph - Read Genesis 39: 20b-23

5. Who is actually better off ('successful') in the end (out of Joseph and Potiphar's wife)? Why?

6. How would you describe Joseph's trust in God? Why?

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, We can see that Joseph's trust in God was strong because he continued to trust and live for God even when faced with injustice, temptation and prison.

1. What do you learn about what life as God's people can be like? What do you learn about real 'success'?

2. Why might people during Jesus' life have thought Jesus' life was 'unsuccessful'? Was that really the case?

3. Think forward to 10 years' time. If you were 'successful' in the same way Joseph was successful, what do you think your relationship with God would be like? What would you faith in Jesus be like?

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Find and read Gen 12:2-3 to

remind yourself of God's promise.

How is God keeping his promise through Joseph at this point in the story?

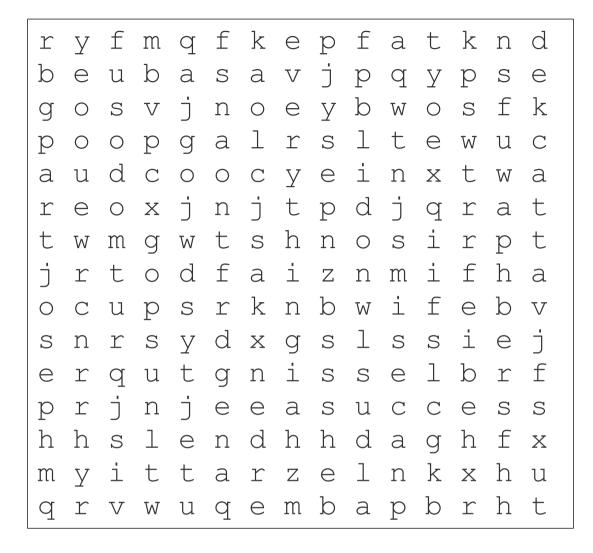
> Use these words: wife trusts sin God

When you see a little 'a' or 'b' after a verse number, it means 'the first bit of the verse' (a) or 'the second bit of the verses' (b). You'll often see an obvious split in the verse.

So reading Gen 39:1-6a means

it's even a new paragraph.

Genesis 39



Egypt	favour	cloak
Potiphar	blessing	anger
Joseph	handsome	prison
God	wife	kindness
success	trusted	favour
everything	attacked	responsible