



UPS AND DOWNS

OLDER ELEMENTARY SMALL GROUP
JOSEPH AND HIS BROTHERS

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PREP: Print the printable pages and cut out (1 card per kid).

***A friend said
something
mean
about me.***

***I was kind to
someone who
spread a mean
rumor about me.***

***I'm not invited
to a friend's
house when
others are.***

***I know I can't be
invited to
everything, so I
find something fun
to do on my own.***

***Someone asked
to copy
my homework.***

***I said my friend
couldn't copy
my homework
but I helped
them complete
it instead.***



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***I tried my best
at the game
but still
didn't win.***

***I cheered on
kids who did
great in
the game.***

***I was asked to
apologize for
something that
was an accident.***

***I told someone I
was sorry when
I accidentally
hurt them.***

***I have to sit
by someone
that is mean
to me.***

***I can show
kindness to
someone who
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GOD COMMERCIALS

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(Psalm 145:13)



(Isaiah 26:4)



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(Psalm 33:4)



(Psalm 18:30)



ROLL-A-SITUATION

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SITUATIONS:



Your best friend is moving away.



Your parents are fighting a lot.



Your soccer team loses the championship game.



There are some kids at school making fun of you.



Your parent lost their job.



Your grandma is very sick.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: BELOW ARE A FEW QUESTIONS YOU CAN USE TO DISCUSS EACH SITUATION. VARY WHICH ONES YOU ASK EACH TIME.

- What can you remember about God in this situation?
- What can you pray for?
- How would you feel in this situation? Is there a verse that can help you?
- Who can help you? Who can you talk to about this situation?



TAKE-HOME

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POINT TO JESUS: Joseph was Jacob's beloved son who was mistreated and rejected. Hundreds of years later, there would be another man who was mistreated and rejected by those He came to serve. Jesus, God's beloved Son, died to save the whole world from sin.



MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday
and today and forever.*
(HEBREWS 13:8)

FAMILIES, ASK THESE THREE QUESTIONS!



**WHAT IS SOMETHING FUNNY THAT
HAPPENED IN YOUR GROUP?**



WHY CAN GOD BE TRUSTED?

Because He is completely good,
everything God does is right and
good. He is completely faithful.



**HOW CAN WE TRUST GOD WHEN
THINGS DON'T GO OUR WAY??**

Bad things happen because we live
in a broken world. We can trust that
God has a plan and He is good.

HOW IS GOD INVITING



TO RESPOND?

CHOOSE ONE:

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| ☐ I can talk to God about ... | ☐ I wonder ... |
| ☐ I can remember ... | ☐ I can ... |



DRAW OR WRITE YOUR RESPONSE

YOUR FAMILY'S WIN THIS WEEK ...

Read Proverbs 3:5-6 together. What are some ways people lean on their own understanding rather than trust God?

NAVIGATING A BROKEN WORLD

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**WANT MORE
AT-HOME
DISCIPLESHIP
DISCUSSION?
SCAN ME!**



GOING DEEPER

Read God's Word this week! Read each passage and answer the three questions.



DAY 1

Read: Genesis 37:18-24

HE: What do these verses tell us about God?

WE: What do these verses tell us about people?

ME: How is God inviting me to respond?

?



DAY 2

Read: Genesis 39:1-4

HE: What do these verses tell us about God?

WE: What do these verses tell us about people?

ME: How is God inviting me to respond?

?



DAY 3

Read: Genesis 45:1-8

HE: What do these verses tell us about God?

WE: What do these verses tell us about people?

ME: How is God inviting me to respond?

?



DAY 4

Read: Psalm 20:6-7

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TAKE-HOME ACTIVITIES

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COMPLETE THE COMIC

MAKE NEW WORDS

How many words can you make out of this phrase?

GOD CAN BE TRUSTED

_____	_____
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_____	_____

STICK MAN

1. Think of a word from today's story. Draw a blank for each letter.
2. Find a partner to guess letters.
3. If they guess a letter from your word, write it in the blank.
4. If they guess a wrong letter, draw a piece of the stick man.
5. Can they guess your word before the stick man is complete?

