

## God's Way Is the Best Way (11/20/22)

**Main Verses:** Genesis 39:6b-12

**Key Verse:** Genesis 39:9b

**'Takeaway':** Though temptations to do the wrong thing are never far away, God reminds us that the right thing is always getting as far away as we can from sin.

**Getting Started:** Have you ever been tempted to do something you knew was wrong?



**READ** Genesis 39:6b-12

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

Toddler/PreK:

- What was Joseph in charge of?
- Why was it wrong that this woman wanted to be romantic with Joseph??
- How does Joseph respond?

Elementary:

- How did Joseph come to be in charge of Potiphar's household? (see also verse 2-6)
- What did Potiphar's wife want Joseph to do? Why?
- What might have happened if Joseph had agreed to Potiphar's wife's request?
- How does Joseph respond? How does Potiphar's wife respond?

Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses:

Toddler/PreK:

- We all are faced with choices and some of them "tempt" us to do what is wrong. (For example, break a toy and lie about it.)
- God wants us to remember that he is with us when we are tempted, and that if we turn to him, he helps us do what's right.
- Sometimes we don't see sin as dangerous as it really is. The right thing is always to get as far away from sin (when we do things our way instead of God's way) as possible.

Elementary:

- Sin is when we do things our way instead of God's way.
- Potiphar's wife tempted Joseph to do the wrong thing which may have made life easier for him.
- Joseph's response shows us he was more concerned about following God than anything ("and how could I sin against God?")
- God wants us to remember that he is with us when we are tempted, and if we turn to him, he helps us do the right thing.
- Sometimes we don't see sin as dangerous as it really is. The right thing is always running from temptation, that is, getting as far away from sin as possible.

An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

(Toddler/PreK) Talk to God, and thank him that he uses everything that happens to us to help us know him more. Ask God to help you to remember that he is always with you, and ask him to help you to run **to** him and run **from** sin when you're tempted to do the wrong thing.

(Elementary) Talk to God, thanking him for using everything that happens to us to help us to know him more, even things that tempt us to do wrong. Ask him to help you to run **to** him and run **from** sin as you walk through your week, knowing that God is always with you and he will help you.