

SMALL GROUP | DAY 2

WHAT IS A CHALLENGE I'M GLAD I GOT THROUGH?



Bible

Genesis 40:8 - "'We both had dreams,' they answered. 'But no one can tell us what they mean.' Then Joseph said to them, 'Only God knows what dreams mean. Tell me your dreams.'"

Genesis 40:14 - "'But when everything is going well with you, remember me. Do me a favour. Speak to Pharaoh about me. Get me out of this prison. I was taken away from the land of the Hebrews by force. Even here I haven't done anything to be put in prison for.'"

Vesper will make a "surprise" entrance at some point during small group

Supplies

- Bible
- Markers and pencils
- Partial images worksheets
- Question and Response Cards
- Take Action print-out

Digging Deeper

After Joseph was sold by his brothers, he went through a lot! He gained trust and favor with Potiphar, but soon after, he was thrown into jail because of a lie that was told about him!

Eventually, things started to look up for Joseph, and then once again, he was put into a scary situation. Let's remind ourselves of the part of Joseph's story we learned about in our game this morning.

<https://streamable.com/gsq8rq>

Wow... God used Joseph's gifts to interpret dreams, even in jail. But wow, it is a tough story! It looks like Joseph is in a difficult place here, things aren't making any sense. I can think of lots of times in my life where things haven't made sense [Share age-appropriate examples, listening for others to share].

*Can you invite these tough situations into your prayer time with crew? Can your crew give thanks to God for bringing your friend through their tough situation? Keeping them safe? etc?

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Activity

We're going to recap what we've been learning today about Joseph and his situation with Potiphar, as well as his time in jail with the two men.

- Establish a starting line and have all campers stand behind it. Don't identify the finish line. If campers ask, you can say, "That is a good question. I will have to think about it."
- Shuffle the "Question Cards"- Campers take turns selecting a "Question Card"
- Each card contains a question. If campers answer correctly, they draw a "Response Card" and follow the directions on the card.
- Some of the questions may have more than one answer. Allow campers to elaborate on their answers, and if their answers are correct as well, they can draw "Response Cards," too.
- To prompt campers, ask if anyone has something to add?
- When all the questions have been answered, the person closest to the starting line wins

Sometimes it's hard to remember to trust God's plan for our dreams, especially when life doesn't seem to be going our way.

Joseph's life was filled with things that seemed opposite to the dreams he had for himself, yet God was with him through it all - and eventually, Joseph came out of the challenges with God's help.

Real Talk

- What is a hard time that you've experienced?
- What or who helped you to get through that hard time?
- How does it make you feel to know that God is with you in hard times? What might make it hard to trust God? When is it easy for you to trust God's plan? When is it difficult?
- How can you help others in hard times?

Activity

Sometimes the dreams God has for us are even bigger than we can imagine. They go beyond what we can see and can often be something we don't expect - something surprising!

Today, we're going to use our imagination and build on these partial images we have and create whatever we want!

Hand out partial image worksheets

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God has a plan for me and my dreams. He can do anything.

TODAY'S TAKE ACTION

We have people in our lives who help to guide us and encourage us through our lives. Take the time tonight to call someone who always helps to encourage YOU in your dreams. Tell them you appreciate them with this small, but meaningful gesture. If you need a talking point, tell them about what you're learning at camp this week! Write down the name of the person you called in your Take Action Playbill and tell your crew leader about it tomorrow.

TAKE ACTION! PLAYBILL

I'm grateful to have someone who encourages my dreams!

Name

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Prayer

God, there are things that make no sense to us, but You know everything! You understand everything! And You alone can use the challenging, the confusing, the disappointing and use it for good. God, help us to see the things that help us through hard times, and to see that you're leading us through challenges and you know what you're doing in our lives. We thank You for the story of Joseph and his example of how to trust you even when things aren't going well for us. Help us to continue to know and trust you more! Amen.

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