

BIG PICTURE

WEEK ONE

GENESIS 37:3-7

When you can't see the bigger picture, remember the impact you have on your family.

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WEEK TWO

GENESIS 37:18;
GENESIS 37:23-24;
GENESIS 39:2A

When you can't see the bigger picture, remember God is with you.

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WEEK THREE

GENESIS 39:6B-10

When you can't see the bigger picture, do the next right thing.

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WEEK FOUR

GENESIS 40:5-8A;
GENESIS 40:20-23;
GENESIS 41:39-40

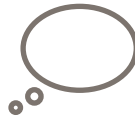
When you can't see the bigger picture, trust that God is working for your good.

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WEEK FIVE

GENESIS 45:1-5; 10-11

When you can't see the bigger picture, choose to forgive.



REMEMBER THIS:

"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives"

GENESIS 50:20, NIV



THINK ABOUT THIS:

Big Picture is a five-week series focusing on significant events in the life of Joseph. Like most of us, Joseph's life was filled with ups and downs, many of which made it difficult for him to see beyond what was happening in the very moment he was in. The inability to see past their current circumstances—to focus on the bigger picture—is definitely something middle schoolers struggle with in this phase. The hope is that, as they see how God was working on the big picture in Joseph's life, they'll begin to see that He is doing the same in their own.



DO THIS:

**MORNING TIME**

Together as a family, take time this week to create a bigger picture for your home. Talk about things like the way you want to treat each other, some goals you have for your family, the things that are important to you, or the types of things you want to do together. Write them down and post them somewhere in your home as a reminder of the big picture you have for your family.

**MEAL TIME**

Create a bigger picture together this week by doing a puzzle as a family. As you put it together, talk about how each small piece of the puzzle comes together to form a really cool, bigger picture you can't see until you're done.

**DRIVE TIME**

Create a peace playlist together as a family. Add songs that talk about peace or simply give you a peaceful feeling. As you listen to it in the car this week, talk about how you feel when you experience peace.

**BED TIME**

Ask your kid if there's a person in their life who makes them feel better simply by being with them. It could be a close friend, a family member, someone in their Small Group, or even you! Ask them what it is about that person that brings them comfort, peace, or ease when in their presence.