

# Cliffhanger: The story isn't over



First, watch  
this week's  
video!

**Grit: Refusing  
to give up when  
life gets hard**

### Memory Verse

"Let us not become  
tired of doing good.  
At the right time we  
will gather a crop  
if we don't give up."  
Galatians 6:9, NIV

### Bible Story

Joseph Forgives  
His Brothers  
Genesis 41-45

### Key Question

When has something  
turned out better  
than you expected?

Use this guide to help your family  
learn how God can help us have grit.

## Activity

### Screen Time

#### What You Need:

Smartphone or Wi-Fi-enabled device

#### What You Do:

Explain that you'll be playing a game with a video that gives ultra-zoomed-in images of various objects. Challenge your child to call out what they think the object is before the full-size image is revealed. See how many they can guess before the image is revealed. Or, make it a competition between the two of you to see who can guess the image first.

- ▶ Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kffd0F1AYWU>
- ▶ If time allows, play again with another video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QBhiBMb8KwM>

After the activity, say, "Do you remember how last week, we learned about all the bad things that happened to Joseph? Even though those challenges seemed like a lot, they were really only a small portion of the story, right? Today we saw that there was a much bigger story being told all along and that God was using those tough situations for good."



## Talk About the Bible Story

If you had been Joseph, would you have been able to forgive your brothers?

How was Joseph able to show forgiveness to his brothers? (*He realized that there was a bigger story; he knew that God forgave him for all the things he did wrong; he loved God*)

When has something turned out better than you expected?

Even though we know there's a bigger story, why is it so hard to believe that sometimes?

*Parent: Share a personal example of a time where perhaps the small details in your life didn't make sense . . . but then God allowed you to eventually see it all come together for a bigger story.*



## Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"Thank you, God, for our family. Help us to grow closer to each other. When we face difficult things in life, help us to believe that You have a bigger story—even if we can't always see it. Be with us throughout the week, as we continue to trust You. In Jesus' name, Amen."