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GODTIMES

Read Genesis 39:20-25

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Joseph faced some crazy situations. From being sold off by his brothers to being wrongfully accused and thrown in jail to being promoted as second in command over all of Egypt, Joseph's life seems like one big roller coaster ride. But through all the ups and downs and twists and turns, Joseph wasn't alone. He trusted and believed that God was with him. And even in the midst of some of the worst situations, God blessed Joseph and took care of him.

You'll probably never face circumstances like the ones Joseph faced. But you will face hard things. What you have to remember is that in the good and in the bad, you are never alone. God is with you, always. He made you, He loves you, and He will never leave you. So just like Joseph, you can choose to live like you know God is with you.

Grab the shoes that you wear each day. With your parent's permission, use a permanent marker to write the words, "God is with me" on the bottom of your shoe. This will remind you that no matter where you go, God is with you.

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"I know the plans I have for you," announces the Lord. "I want you to enjoy success. I do not plan to harm you. I will give you hope for the years to come."

It's hard to imagine what it must have been like for Queen Esther all those years ago. She didn't choose to be queen, and she certainly didn't sign up to defend her people against Haman's evil plot. But God had chosen her—it was all part of the plan He had for her life. And because of that, Esther was able to stand up with courage to the King and save her people.

Just like Esther, God has a plan for you. God's plan for you is bigger and better than anything you could ever dream up on your own, because God made you and He loves you. Your job right now is to start praying that God would show you His plan for you so that you can follow it. So what should you pray? Here's an idea:

"Dear God, I know You love me. I believe Your plan is better than my plan. Help me to see what You want me to do — because I believe You have a plan for me, and I don't want to miss it."

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Read John 10:10b

"I have come so they may have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."

Jesus left Heaven and came to Earth to show us who God is. At the end of His time on earth, Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for our sins — the wrong things we do. And because our sin separates us from a perfect God, Jesus came to suffer and die to fix that relationship forever.

But here's the really AMAZING part: Jesus died on the cross, but He didn't stay that way. Three days later, the tomb where Jesus had been buried was empty. Jesus is ALIVE! He came back from the dead to prove once and for all that nothing, not even death, could separate us from God. So here's a BIG question: do you live like Jesus is alive? Do you know what Jesus did for you, and have you chosen to trust Him as your Savior? Jesus came so that you could have LIFE—that means life here on Earth, and life forever one day in Heaven with God.

To find out more about how you can have a relationship with Jesus, look up the following verses and read them with a trusted adult.

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Romans 10:9-11
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The people who made up the early church didn't have much, but they shared what they did have. Maybe you're thinking, "I'm just a kid. What difference can I make?" But you can't let your age be an excuse, because you can share. You can give. And you can make a difference.

God wants us to love the people around us. When we see a need, He wants us to do something about it. Because God made every person you come in contact with, He loves him or her as much as He loves you. That's why God wants you to live like people matter. But first you have to see the need.

With your mom or dad or another trusted adult, make a list of some needs that you see around you. What are some ways you could help meet those needs? Get creative as you think of ways to help.

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Read Ephesians 2:8-10

God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift. It is not based on anything you have done. No one can brag about earning it. We are God's creation. He created us to belong to Christ Jesus. Now we can do good works. Long ago God prepared these works for us to do.

The story of Paul's life is pretty crazy. Paul hunted down Christians and had them thrown into prison. But God completely changed Paul from the inside out. Paul went on to tell others about Jesus. He realized that there was a bigger story, the story of God.

And here's the really cool thing. You have the same opportunity that Paul did! When you trust Jesus as your Savior, you join that bigger story. God has chosen us, as His followers, to do His work here on earth. What is that work? To let everyone know how much God loves them.

How? You could invite someone to church. You could share a verse to help a friend who is sad. You can meet a need and then pray for the person you've helped. There are lots and lots of ways you can show God's love to others and join that bigger story.

Think about your day. Who do you see on a regular basis? Write their names in the space below:

What is one thing you could do to show God's love to someone on that list?

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