

ELEMENTARY DISCUSSION GUIDE

CHARACTER TRAIT:

WISDOM

DEFINITION:

An understanding of God's truth that guides my actions

MEMORY VERSE:

"But, the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere." **James 3:17**

FINISH LINE:

Wisdom guides us in all situations

READ: GENESIS 39:1-5, 20-23; 40:5-8; 41:14-16; 41:28-40; 45:4-11

WHAT DOES IT SAY?

(OBSERVATION)

1. **Look at Genesis 39:1-5.** Where was Joseph? (*He was a slave in Egypt.*) Why did Joseph succeed in what he did? (*God was with him and helped him.*)
2. **Look at Genesis 39:20-23.** Where was Joseph? (*He was in prison.*) Who helped him while he was in prison? (*God did.*)
3. **Look at Genesis 40:5-8.** Who gave Joseph the wisdom to interpret the dreams? (*God did.*)
4. **Look at Genesis 41:14-16.** Where was Joseph? (*In the palace*) How did God's wisdom help him? (*It helped him interpret Pharaoh's dreams.*)
5. **Look at Genesis 45:4-11.** How did God use Joseph to rescue his family? (*God gave him the wisdom to save up food before the famine so they would not starve.*)

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

(INTERPRETATION)

1. How did Joseph show that he relied on God for wisdom? (*He always gave God the credit and shared the wisdom God gave him.*)
2. How did Joseph respond to his brothers with the godly wisdom our memory verse, **James 3:17**, talks about? (*He was merciful and forgave them, wanted to be at peace with them, gave them land and told them to come live in Egypt to be saved from the famine.*)
3. Who did Joseph believe was in charge of everything? How do you know? (*He knew God was in charge and said that God was the one who sent him to Egypt because He had a plan.*)

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

(APPLICATION)

1. When are you most tempted to trust your own wisdom or take credit for what you can do? Why do you think it is still important to seek God's wisdom for those things?
2. Does God promise that everything will always be fun and easy for you? However, does He promise to go with you, no matter where He leads you, and offer you wisdom in all situations? Why is that such good news?