

# **The Story of Joseph: Seeing the Bigger Picture**

## **Week 07: Brothers' Trip to Egypt**

### *Discussion Questions*

#### **Elementary**

1. Joseph's brothers were scared because of what they did long ago. When you've done something wrong, what's a brave way to tell the truth and ask for forgiveness?
2. Joseph was kind even when he could have been mean. What's one way you can show mercy (kindness you don't *have* to give) to someone this week?
3. The brothers found their money returned and it surprised them. Has something "good" ever happened that made you think, "God sees me"? What was it?

#### **Middle School**

1. The brothers carried guilt for a long time. What's the difference between feeling bad and actually repenting (turning and changing)? What might repentance look like in a real situation at school or home?
2. Joseph tested his brothers, but he also cared deeply. How can discipline be loving? What's a time someone corrected you in a way that helped you?
3. The brothers didn't recognize Joseph, but he recognized them. When do you struggle to see what God might be doing in your life—and what helps you notice His hand?

#### **High School**

1. Joseph had the power to get revenge, but he moved toward mercy. Where do you feel that justice vs. mercy tension most (family, friendships, betrayal, online drama)? What would it look like to reflect God's mercy without ignoring truth?
2. Why do you think God allowed the brothers to experience fear similar to what they caused Joseph—and what does that reveal about how God brings conviction and repentance?
3. The sermon line: "The only thing we contribute to our salvation is the sin that makes it necessary." How does that confront performance-based faith—and what would it change about the way you handle shame, obedience, and grace this week?