

OVERCOMER

The Life of Joseph

What About Death?

Level of Biblical Learning:

The Bible teaches that Jesus died on a cross, was buried, and was raised from the dead.

Genesis 49:28-33; 50:1-14,22-26

Parent Helps:

- Read Pastor Darryl's focal passages, Genesis 49:28-33; 50:1-14,22-26. Note that neither Jacob nor Joseph viewed death as something to fear.
- Kids naturally have lots of questions about death. Keep your answers age appropriate, honest, simple, and full of hope! Christians view death as hopeful, not hopeless. Talking to your kids about death gives you an opportunity to talk about Jesus' gift of eternal life and salvation!

Discussion Questions:

Younger Kids & Older Kids:

1. God created everything, including you! God is in charge of everything. (Genesis 1:1; Revelation 4:11; Colossians 1:16-17)
2. Talk about good memories of someone who has died. Explain that a person dies when his body stops working.
3. What do you think happens when a person dies?
4. What questions/feelings do you have about death?

Older Kids – Take It Further

Parents – Use your conversation to share with older kids about God's gift of eternal life.

1. Sin separates people from God and deserves God's punishment of death. (Romans 3:23, 6:23)
2. God provided the perfect solution to people's sin problem – Jesus! Jesus rescues people from the punishment they deserve. Jesus alone saves people from sin. (John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9)
3. Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. (Romans 5:8, 2 Corinthians 5:21, 1 Peter 3:18, Ephesians 2:8-9)
4. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can have eternal life. (John 14:6; Romans 10:9-10,13)

Apply:

- God loves you and is in control of all things. (John 3:16; Romans 8:28)
- God is always with you and will help you. Do not be afraid. (Isaiah 41:10; Psalm 56:3)
- There is no death in heaven. (Revelation 21:4)

Activity:

Take a nature walk and collect leaves. Place a leaf under a sheet of paper. Rub a crayon over the paper to make an impression of the leaf. As your child works talk about the things God created. Remind your child that God created him, has good plans for him, and loves him.

Pray Together:

- Thank God for sending His Son, Jesus.
- Ask God to help you trust Him in all things – including death.
- Thank God for always keeping His promises.