

# FAMILY DEVOTION!

## “Dream A BIG Dream”



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### Read:

Read the story of Joseph in Genesis 37:5-11 and discuss how God gave Joseph a BIG dream.

### Ask:

- What brought on Joseph’s dreams? Did he have anything to do with it? *(God inspired Joseph’s dreams because of a problem he knew would occur in the future. Joseph had little or nothing to do with it.)*
- Did Joseph completely understand his dreams? Did he question them? What can we learn from this?
- How specific were the dreams Joseph had? Did they make a lot of sense at first? What can we learn from this?

### Say:

Explain to your kids that God rarely gives us a road map explaining every step of the dream he places in our hearts. If He did, we might be too overwhelmed to follow the dream. Assure them, though, that if God places a dream in their hearts, He’ll give them everything they need to accomplish the dream.

End the devotion by speaking a dream into your kids’ lives. Think about the unique gifts and talents that each of your kids have and talk about different ways God might use those gifts and talents in their lives. For instance, you might say, “Emily, you’re so patient, and you seem to love to be around older people. I can see how God might use you in the future to help the elderly.” Make sure you stay positive; don’t make it a backhanded compliment by saying, “You’re really patient. If you could only learn to control your tongue, you could do some great things.” You also don’t need to be too specific - God gives the dreams, after all, not you. By speaking encouraging words into their lives, your kids can start to see different things God may have in store for them in the future.

### Pray:

Pray together, thanking God for being a dream giver. Ask Him to help you better understand the dreams He has for your lives.

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