

## Prepare

Prepare your preach by reading the passages listed, praying, and then thinking of a creative way to hit the Key Point. Take a look at the [Program Overview](#) for context. You can use the illustration idea or come up with your own. Make sure you hit the key point and give a 'next step' practical application of that point. Only read 2-3 scriptures verbatim. Finally, have a 'ministry moment' where you give kids the opportunity to receive Jesus and/or pray for them around the topic.

**Preach Length:** 7-10 mins. For further support, see our [Preach Guide](#).

## Week 3 Preach: Keeping Faith

### Scriptures

Share the third & final part of Joseph's story found in Genesis 39:20 to Genesis 41:46. Supporting Scriptures: James 1:3, Deuteronomy 31:8, Hebrews 6:12, James 1:12

### Desired 'Next Step':

That kids will choose to be patient with their prayers from God (and keep praying for them).

### KEY POINT: FAITH REQUIRES PATIENCE

Joseph was given his dreams from God when he was 17 years old (Gen. 37:2). They promised Joseph great leadership over his family. Then he was sold as a slave, thrown into prison, and after he interpreted the dream of the cupbearer and asked him to remember him - he was instead forgotten for 2 years (Gen. 41:1)! Until something began to shift - Pharaoh had a dream. Joseph was 30 years old when God's promise of leadership finally came to pass (Gen. 41:46)! The bible tells us that testing our faith produces PATIENCE (James 1:3)! Faith means believing in what you cannot see. To keep believing for 13 years without seeing? That requires patience. God gives us many promises too and it can be hard to believe He will help us when we are facing tough challenges - but that's His promise. Keep your faith and be patient - you will be blessed like Joseph (Heb. 6:12).

### SUPPORTING POINTS

#### God is with you, even when you are waiting for His answers.

The Lord was with Joseph and was kind to him, even in his trouble! Everything Joseph did under Potiphar and in prison was successful and blessed (Gen. 39:3-4, 20-23). Why? Because God was WITH Joseph! God gave Joseph a gift to interpret dreams which led to his freedom! God is with you too, even in your hardest seasons, believe that He will never leave you and will help you (Deut. 31:8).

#### God rewards those who keep their faith

Joseph kept his faith in God and served God even in prison, showing kindness and using his gift from God to interpret dreams for others. And he was richly rewarded - becoming a ruler in Egypt! (Gen. 41:39-41) When you keep your faith in God no matter what, you too will be greatly rewarded! We must not give up until we inherit the wonderful promises of God; promises of heaven, of blessing, of freedom and more (Heb. 6:12, Jms. 1:12)!

### ILLUSTRATION IDEAS

Show the kids 2 1/2 mins of the challenge '[Toddler temptation \(don't eat it\)](#)' where kids are given a tempting treat and have to wait to eat it! They don't last very long, do they? They've been shown a promise of something but told to wait until they can enjoy it! They need to build their 'patience' muscle. Faith requires patience, too. Unlike these toddlers - we are believing for something that will come that isn't right in front of us for us to see. We might want God's blessing/answers NOW but do we believe it's coming even if we have to wait to see it?