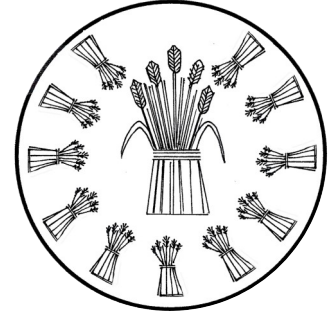


**Lesson #3-3****Joseph and His Brothers**

Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21

**Key Verse:**

“Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as [God] is doing today.”

Genesis 50:20

**The Point:**

Even when we hurt each other, God can turn our work towards good.

**Unit Theme (September 13—October 25)**

Promises Made, Promises Broken

**Evil for Good***Supplies:*

† Nothing

*Develop bad-to-good stories.*

*Instructions:*

1. Read the Bible passages listed above.
2. **We just heard Joseph's story from the Book of Genesis, in which God took an action intended for harm, and turned it into something good. I bet you can remember or imagine a story in which someone meant to hurt someone else. Maybe the story had a positive ending.**
3. **With a partner, a small group, or your family, you will create a story together in which someone intends to harm or hurt someone or something else. Your group will tell the story with each person adding a sentence or two to the story until it ends**
  4. **The first person will begin, “Once upon a time...” and will continue by introducing the main character of the story. Allow the next person to tell the next part. They will add to the story, perhaps adding more characters or what happened next. Keep going in order. The person who speaks last must conclude the story by making sure that something intended for harm turns into something good.**
  5. **Afterward, discuss:**
    - **Did your story have anything in common with Joseph's story?**
    - **How can you turn a situation intended for harm into one that honors God?**