



Weekly Family Devotions

Third Week of April, 2017



Reading of Psalm and Proverb

The LORD is in his holy temple; the LORD is on his heavenly throne. He observes everyone on earth; his eyes examine them. (Psalm 11:4)

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and the one who is wise saves lives. (Prov. 11:30)



Shorter Catechism:

Question 11: What are God's works of providence?

Answer 11: God's works of providence are, His most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all His creatures, and all their actions.

Psalm 103:19 – The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.

Isaiah 28:29 – All this also comes from the LORD Almighty, whose plan is wonderful, whose wisdom is magnificent.



I sing the Mighty Power of God

YOUTUBE: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5iJ9ngpGhBE> Sing Along

Bible Lessons



“God meant it for Good” (Genesis 45:3-8; 50:15-19) – Bible Text on the other side

- What was Joseph's explanation to his brother about how he ended up in Egypt?
- Who does Joseph give credit for his coming to Egypt?
- What was God's intention in sending Joseph to Egypt?

Family Prayer



- Share Prayer topics for Family, Church, Friends, Missionaries, Nation
- Take turn in praying.
- When finished, hug each other.



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Genesis 45:3-8; 50:19 (NIV)

³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! ⁵ And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. ⁶ For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. ⁷ But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

⁸ "So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt.

Genesis 50:15-19

Joseph Reassures His Brothers

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these

instructions before he died: ¹⁷ 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

¹⁸ His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.

¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹ So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.