# 1 Youth Ministry

## Grades 7-12

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#### **Bible Verse**

Romans 15:13 13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

#### Bible Study

Come check it our midweek youth/adult Bible study every Wednesday night at LWA starting at 7:00pm.

#### **Community Service**

The LWA Youth, along with several adult volunteers provide an ongoing monthly community service project with the Department of Child Services (DCS).

On the 3rd Saturday of each month we meet at 10:00am at the DCS offices located at 1201 South Living Word Ahwatukee 1 Youth Update for the week of 10/14/18



Last week we looked at our identity regarding our faith and trust in God especially during dark or difficult times in our lives.

We said that it's easy to have faith and trust in God when things are going well but sometimes it's also easy to forget God's goodness

when things don't seem to going our way. Sometimes we not only forget everything God has promised, we may even start to actually blame God for our troubles.

We looked at one of the examples of having faith and trust in God in the story of Joseph found in **Genesis 37-50**.

We looked at the story of Joseph and his dream that his family was bowing to him signified by wheat. We saw his brothers wanting to kill him then selling him into slavery in Egypt where he was falsely accused by Potiphar's wife and thrown into prison while all the time, his father thought he had been killed by animals as his brothers had said.

All through Joseph's darkest times, he never lost his faith or trust in God's promise to him nor did his father, Jacob, ever lose his faith in what God had promised him about his family.

We then saw God interpret Pharaoh's dream, through Joseph, that there would be 7 years of plenty followed by 7 years of famine and Pharaoh then making Joseph 2nd in command over all Egypt to consequently save the people from famine.

Joseph saw his dream realized 20 years after his brothers sold him into slavery when they came to him (not knowing who he was) and bowed down to him pleading for food.

We said that not only did Joseph not lose his faith in God, he also remembered to give God all the glory for what he was able to do through all of Joseph's troubles.

We said that while God does not cause our troubles, He can use our negative circumstances to complete His good plan

X	Alma School Road (on the SE corner of Alma School and Southern Ave.	$\geq$	for us. We were reminded that God's plan for us is always good and ultimately, nothing we or the world can do can keep us from God's goodness in His way at His time.	1	
X	We typically spend about an hour or so		We also saw Joseph display God's love, grace, mercy, and forgiveness for his brothers and what they had done to him	~	i.
74	cleaning the family visitation rooms and the toys that the children play with while they are there.		for all to see in <b>Genesis 50:20</b> when he told them to not be afraid and said "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives."	1	ł,
X	Please join us and be a part of this blessing		We said that while our own lives may not have troubles as bad as Joseph's, the truth is that we all have troubles and go	1	ţ
X	we bring to these children, to their families and to the tireless workers at DCS.	$\geq$	through dark times in our lives. But, no matter how dark things may seem at the moment, the end result is always God's goodness.	~	
XX	Foster Care Teens Personal Care Items	$\geq$	We said that when things are not going well in our lives is when our faith and trust in God needs to be the strongest. Joseph's strong faith in God and his promises gave him peace	1	in the second seco
XX	1 Youth is continuing to collect "Personal Care Items" for the teens in foster care		in his most difficult times until God was able to raise him to a position to save many lives.	1	
X	throughout the year. Items for both male and female teens are being collected in the		We asked how we can keep our faith even through difficult times.		1
)w(	two bins just outside our youth room. These items will be sorted into personal bags and	$\geq$	1- Study and remember various stories of strong faith in Bible such as Joseph; Daniel; Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego; Abraham; Jacob; David; Esther; Ruth; and many		- MAR
X	given to DCS to be distributed to teens who may not even		others.	1	- THE
X	have their own tooth brush or comb.	1	2- Like we saw David do with Goliath, remember all the past difficult times that God got you through and know that He will do it again without fail.	1	
	Whenever you're out shopping for your own personal care items		3- Most importantly, remember who you are as a child of	0	2
X	such as soap, deodorant, tooth paste, feminine hygiene items		God and what it means to be a child of God. We said that we don't always have to understand why things	1	ţ
X	or when you see the "travel size" shampoo, mouthwash, etc., pick up a few extra items and drop them in the	$\geq$	happen but to have faith and to trust that God has a plan, it's always a good plan, and we are a part of that good plan and whatever we give over to God, He always uses for our good.	July 1	ļ
X	bins. Help share God's love		Watch for our post event borol	1	-
X	by letting these teens know that somebody really does care about		Watch for our next event here!	2	- SHIE
	them.		If you haven't already heard, Winter Jam is unfortunately coming out our way this year.		
X		$\geq$	We are planning on putting together some Friday, movie nights in the near future and possibly looking	1 m	
XX			into some different concerts.	~	-

