

Family Discipleship Plan

Genesis—Joseph



Joseph, a real man, lived nearly 4,000 years ago and faced many of the trials and temptations you may face. Jealousy, strife, rivalry, and shattered dreams were a part of his childhood. This study of the life of Joseph can help you in the twists and turns of life and show you how to rise above difficulties by trusting God.

This character study on the life of Joseph is a great place for your family to get to know one of the heroes of the Bible.

Below you will find a list of the different Joseph studies available for your family to use to study together.

Books for Adult Study

Depending on your experience with Precept™ Inductive Bible Studies, you can select one of the studies below as part of the Joseph Family Discipleship Plan:

- **Precept Upon Precept®—*Genesis Part 5: Keeping Your Focus When Your Dreams Are Shattered--A Study on Joseph***
Precept Upon Precept® offers the most in-depth Bible study Precept Ministries has to offer. These studies require about 5 hours of homework a week.
- **New Inductive Study Series—*Teach Me Your Ways*** (The Pentateuch)
This is a study great for parents with time constraints during the week. This book has 37 weeks of study, but adults will only use a portion of the book for this plan. Feel free to study the rest of the book on your own or with your family!

Books for Student Study

The below books are recommended for different aged children. Please read each description to decide which book best fits your child's needs.

- **Inductive Bible Study Curriculum—*Joseph, Surrendering to God's Sovereignty***
Middle and high school students will learn how to study inductively using this 45- minutes-a-day study. Parents and students can work through this study together if Precept Upon Precept® seems too difficult or daunting for parents. This book has four units of study.
- **Discover 4 Yourself®—*Joseph, God's Superhero***
Children from 8 to 12 years old will love this fun and interactive study.

All the above studies can all be completed in four weeks or at a pace set by your younger children's needs.

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Syllabus

Supply List for Joseph

Bible – *New Inductive Study Bible**

Curriculum Workbook* (see introduction for list of books)

Colored pencils, pen, pencil* (instructions for using these are included in each curriculum workbook)

Notebook with paper* (helpful for making notes and lists while studying)

The New How to Study Your Bible

How to Study Your Bible for Kids DVD

Word Study Tools

How to do a Word Study Online (included at the end of the syllabus)

*Indicates items recommended. Some items (colored pencils, pen, pencil) can be shared by the entire family.

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Syllabus

Week One Schedule

Adult Study Guide

- Precept Upon Precept®—*Genesis Part 5: Keeping Your Focus When Your Dreams Are Shattered—A Study on Joseph*: Week 1, Days 1-5
- New Inductive Study Series—*Teach Me Your Ways* (Genesis): Week 3, Days 1-3

OR Student Study Guide

- Inductive Bible Study Curriculum—*Joseph, Surrendering to God's Sovereignty*: Unit 1, Lessons 1-7
- Discover 4 Yourself®—*Joseph, God's Superhero*: Week 1, Days 1-5

Week Two Schedule

Adult Study Guide

- Precept Upon Precept®—*Genesis Part 5: Keeping Your Focus When Your Dreams Are Shattered—A Study on Joseph*: Week 2, Days 1-5
- New Inductive Study Series—*Teach Me Your Ways* (Genesis): Week 7, Days 5-7 and Week 8, Day 1

OR Student Study Guide

- Inductive Bible Study Curriculum—*Joseph, Surrendering to God's Sovereignty*: Unit 2, Lessons 1-7
- Discover 4 Yourself®—*Joseph, God's Superhero*: Week 2, Days 1-5

Week Three Schedule

Adult Study Guide

- Precept Upon Precept®—*Genesis Part 5: Keeping Your Focus When Your Dreams Are Shattered—A Study of Joseph*: Week 3, Days 1-5
- New Inductive Study Series—*Teach Me Your Ways* (Genesis): Week 8, Days 2-5

OR Student Study Guide

- Inductive Bible Study Curriculum—*Joseph, Surrendering to God's Sovereignty*: Unit 3, Lessons 1-7
- Discover 4 Yourself®—*Joseph, God's Superhero*: Week 3, Days 1-5

Week Four Schedule

Adult Study Guide

- Precept Upon Precept®—*Genesis Part 5: Keeping Your Focus When Your Dreams Are Shattered—A Study on Joseph*: Week 4, Days 1-5
- New Inductive Study Series—*Teach Me Your Ways* (Genesis): Week 8, Days 6-7

OR Student Study Guide

- Inductive Bible Study Curriculum—*Joseph, Surrendering to God's Sovereignty*: Unit 4, Lessons 1-7
- Discover 4 Yourself®—*Joseph, God's Superhero*: Week 4, Days 1-5

Feel free to adjust the length of these studies to fit your needs. Move through each lesson at your children's pace and let the Holy Spirit guide your time studying together as a family. The inductive study skills that you and your children will learn as you work through the study will establish a foundation for a lifetime of learning.

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Ideas for Including Non-Readers

Inductive Bible Study Flash-Card Symbols—Read aloud to your younger children the scripture(s) for each day's study. Cut out colored symbols to represent key words from the scripture(s) being studied. Glue the symbol onto a Popsicle stick or draw onto an index card. When you or your older children read aloud the scripture to the younger children, help your non-reader to recognize and hold up the stick or card with the corresponding symbol when they hear the key word read.

Artwork Options (choose from the following)

- Have younger children draw a picture of what they heard and learned for the scripture of the day. Use clay or Play-Doh to model the story.
- Let the younger child draw the characters. Make paper dolls from their drawings and let them use their paper dolls to retell the story.
- Make a Diorama from a shoebox to tell the story.
- Make a mobile featuring marking symbols with key words of the scripture studied.

Sharing Aloud Have your child retell the reading to you or a member of the family.

Lights, Camera, Action! (choose from the following)

- Have them act out the study or scripture for that day. This could include props and costumes that you make. Videotape the productions as a play or news broadcast. Use all the children in the production.
- Let them use puppets to retell the story.
- Let the younger child pretend to be the Bible character being studied and let an older child conduct an interview for a pretend radio or television show.

Fun for All (choose from the following)

- Play games that reinforce the facts of the scripture.
- Let the older children make up a game for the younger children to play.

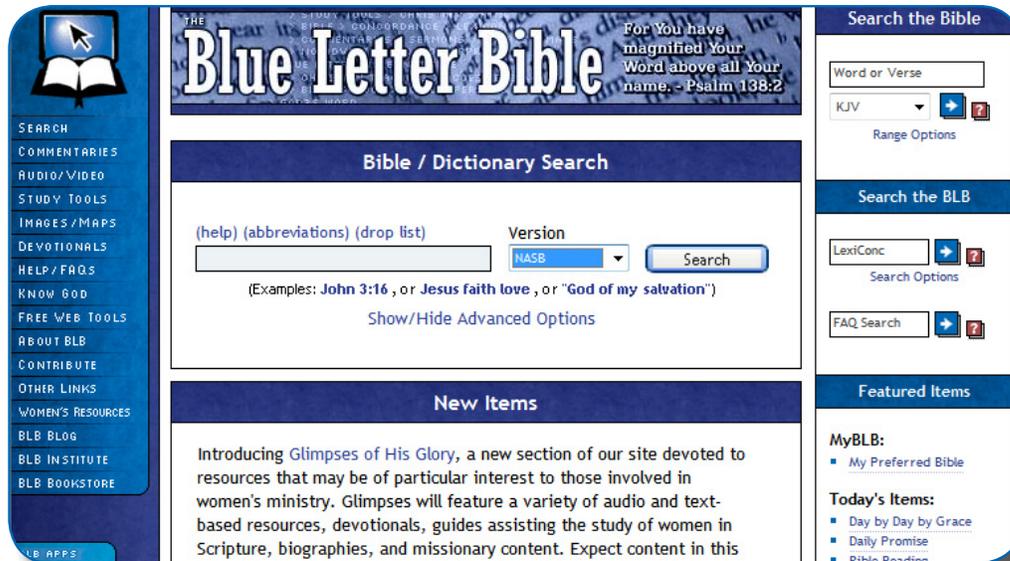
Time for Review—Let the younger child ask *who, what, when, where, why* and *how* questions (the 5 Ws and an H) of the other members taking part in the study.

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How to do a Word Study Online

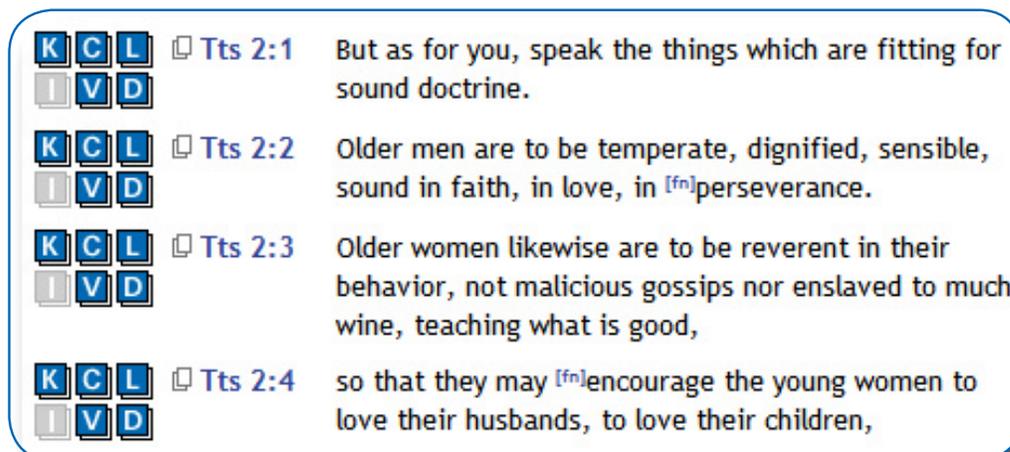
1. Open your Internet browser and go to www.blueletterbible.org



2. Type in the passage that contains the word you want to look up (you can change the version of the Bible to the right of the search box).



3. Hit search and the following screen will appear:



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How to do a Word Study Online (cont.)

4. Find the word you want to look up and find the box labeled “C” to the left of the verse

K C L Tts 2:2 Older men are to
I V D sound in faith, in

5. Click the “C” box and the following screen will appear:

Lexicon / Concordance for Titus 2:2

GNT Morph

2:2 πρεσβύτες νηφάλιους εἶναι σεμνοὺς σώφρονας
ὑγιαίνοντας τῇ πίστει τῇ ἀγάπῃ τῇ ὑπομονῇ

English (NASB) ?	Strong's	Root Form (Greek)
Older men PHR.	G4246	πρεσβύτες <i>presbytēs</i>
are to be PHR.	G1510	εἰμί <i>eimi</i>
temperate,	G3524	νηφάλιος <i>nēphalios</i>
dignified,	G4586	σεμνός <i>semnos</i>
sensible,	G4998	σώφρων <i>sōphrōn</i>
sound	G5198	ὑγιαίνω <i>hygaiṅō</i>
in faith, PHR.	G4102	πίστις <i>pistis</i>
in love, PHR.	G26	ἀγάπη <i>agapē</i>
in perseverance. PHR.	G5281	ὑπομονή <i>hypomonē</i>



How to do a Word Study Online (cont.)

6. Find the word you want to look up and click on the Strong's number to the right of the word. This screen will appear showing the Greek word (if searching in the New Testament) and the appropriate definitions:

Lexicon Results	
Strong's G4998 - <i>sōphrōn</i>	
σώφρων	
Transliteration	Pronunciation
<i>sōphrōn</i>	sō'-frōn (Key)
Part of Speech	Root Word (Etymology)
adjective	From the base of σωζω (G4982) and that of φρον (G5424)
TDNT Reference	Vines
7:1097,1150	View Entry
Outline of Biblical Usage	
1) of a sound mind, sane, in one's senses 2) curbing one's desires and impulses, self-controlled, temperate	
Authorized Version (KJV) Translation Count – Total: 4	
AV – sober 2, temperate 1, discreet 1	
Thayer's Lexicon (Help)	
<p>σώφρων, -ον, (fr. <i>σάος</i>, contr. <i>σῶς</i> [cf. <i>σῶζω</i>, init.], and <i>φρήν</i>, hence the poet. <i>σαόφρων</i>; cf. <i>ἄφρων</i>, <i>ταπεινόφρων</i>, <i>μεγαλόφρων</i>), [fr. Hom. down]; a. <i>of sound mind, sane, in one's senses</i>, (see <i>σωφρονέω</i>, a. and <i>σωφροσύνη</i>, a.). b. <i>curbing one's desires and impulses, self-controlled, temperate</i>, [R. V. <i>soberminded</i>], ([<i>ἐπιθυμεί ὁ σώφρων ὧν δεῖ καὶ ὡς δεῖ καὶ ὄτε</i>, Aristot. eth. Nic. 3, 15 fin.], see <i>σωφροσύνη</i>, b.): 1 Tim. iii. 2; Tit. i. 8; ii. 2, 5.*</p>	

7. For further commentary on the Greek word, click on the link to the Vines Commentary.

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How to do a Word Study Online (cont.)

8. Clicking on the Vines link will provide you with additional information concerning the word in question.

Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words

A-1 Adjective Strong's Number: G4998 Greek: *sophron*

Discreet, Discreetly:

"of sound mind, self-controlled" (for the derivation, see [DISCIPLINE](#)), is translated "sober-minded," in its four occurrences in the RV, 1Ti 3:2 (AV, "sober"); Tts 1:8 (AV, "ditto"); Tts 2:2 (AV, "temperate"); Tts 2:5 (AV, "discreet"). See [SOBER](#), [TEMPERATE](#).

[\[View Entry in Its Context\]](#)

A-1 Adjective Strong's Number: G4998 Greek: *sophron*

Sober, Soberly, Soberminded:

denotes "of sound mind" (*sozo*, "to save," *phren*, "the mind"); hence, "self-controlled, soberminded," always rendered "sober-minded" in the RV; in 1Ti 3:2; Tts 1:8, AV, "sober;" in Tts 2:2, AV, "temperate;" in Tts 2:5, AV, "discreet."

Remember, word studies are helpful skills for interpretation, but they should be conducted only after extensive observation.