



**Genesis 39:7–12;
1 Corinthians 10:13**

BIBLICAL PASSAGE

Genesis 50:20

MEMORY VERSE

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it. 1 Corinthians 10:13

We begin teaching our children from an early age what is right and wrong—those things we say yes to and those to which we say no. It’s interesting how often we find ourselves saying, “no.” It’s also very interesting to discover that our child has a mind of his or her own and has decided that no is not the answer he or she’s looking for. But our children will test us until we impress upon them the sort of behavior that is appropriate (and even afterwards). In the process, our children learn right from wrong. Then, a whole new dimension enters into the picture. After knowing from us what is right and wrong, we see that our children are confronted with the temptation to do what is wrong. It holds an attraction that appeals to their sin nature and is often more appealing than what’s right.

Read 1 Corinthians 10:13. God uses godly parents as instruments to teach their children His laws. He is also

very much aware of how our sin nature longs to submit to temptation.

Because God is keenly aware of our desire to give in to temptation, He is also aware of how difficult it is to resist temptation. But God is compassionate and 1 Corinthians 10:13 assures us that He will not allow us to face temptation without giving us a way to escape.

How has God opened an escape hatch for you under the pressure of temptation? Take the time to share this information with your teen. When you see your children struggle, don’t allow them to go through it alone. Talking about their temptation may provide them with the greatest relief and shield they can know. Just knowing that they have your support in the fight may be one way God reveals to them that they are not alone in their struggles.

FAMILY DEVOTION TIME

Connect . . .

The family gathers around a newspaper. The question is asked: “What kinds of temptations do people face in the world today?” Find evidence in the newspaper.

Explore . . .

First, a family member reads the statement: **Joseph wasn’t perfect, but he knew when to avoid temptation.** The family reads Genesis 39:7–12 together. Next, another family member reads the question: **How did Joseph escape temptation?** The family discusses the answer. Last, the family takes another look at the newspaper and decides if there are any examples of someone fleeing temptation.

Transform . . .

A family member reads the following list of temptations: **lusting, lying, cheating, stealing, drinking, smoking, using drugs, watching bad movies, telling dirty jokes.** The family discusses how each temptation could be avoided.

Pray that each of you will turn to God to know when and how to run away from temptation when it comes.