

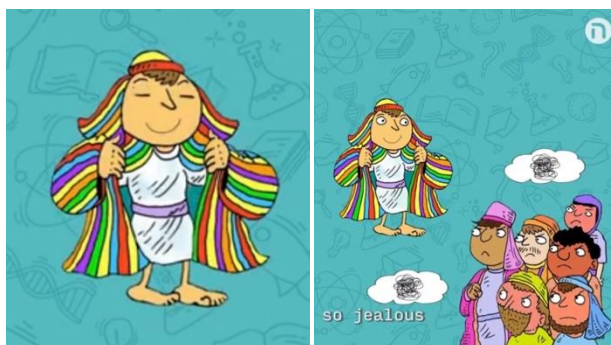
神与我同在，赐我成功

神与约瑟同在，他就百事顺利。—— 创世记 39:2

孩子们，你试过在面包上涂花生酱或果酱吗？想象一下，面包烤好了，现在你所需要的只是涂上果酱。于是，你拿起果酱罐头，以下这一幕发生了：不管你怎么努力，试了又试，盖子就是打不开……。这下怎么办？感到失望？想要放弃？如果只是你一人在家，没人帮你，或许也只能放弃了。但如果你不是一个人，有一位比你高大强壮的家人，比如你爸爸，或者你的大哥哥，你还会呆在那里为自己感到无助吗？我想你不会了，你只需要走到你爸爸面前说：“你能帮我打开这个吗？”在一个比你更高大更强壮的人那里，你可以肯定你的问题对他来说根本就不是问题。



今天的圣经故事是关于雅各的儿子——约瑟。约瑟年轻时，没有遇到任何问题，生活对于他来说是如此的美好。约瑟有十个哥哥，但他的爸爸雅各最爱的是他。雅各非常爱约瑟，他给了约瑟一件漂亮的彩衣。问题是，这个举动让十个哥哥非常嫉妒。



他们太嫉妒约瑟了，以至于决定要除掉约瑟。他们做的第一件事就是把他扔进一个坑里。接下来，他们把约瑟卖给奴隶贩子。那些奴隶贩子把约瑟带到埃及地——远远地离开了他的家人和朋友。作为一个远在他乡的奴隶，约瑟一无所有，既没有家人也没有了朋友的帮助。他甚至和埃及人说的语言都不一样。他的生活肯定很艰难，充满了种种难题，对吧？



如果约瑟真的是孤单一人在埃及的话，他的境况的确会很糟糕。但是看看圣经是怎么说的，在创世记 39 章 2-3 节告诉我们：“**耶和华与约瑟同在，他就百事顺利；他住在他主人埃及人的家中，他主人见耶和华与他同在，又见耶和华使他手里所办的尽都顺利。**”原来，约瑟在埃及并不孤单，神与他同在！他在坑里的时候，耶和华并没有离开他；在埃及的路上，耶和华也没有离开他。这一路上走过的每一步，耶和华都与他同在。因为神与他同在，每当遇到问题时，约瑟就把它交给我们伟大而奇妙的神。所以，凡他所遇到的问题最终都不成问题了。

神对约瑟的祝福和恩惠是如此真切，以至他的埃及主人也觉察到是神在帮助约瑟。不久，约瑟就成了主人的头号管家，掌管主人的一切。约瑟的生活又好起来了，对吗？事实并非如此。因他主人的妻子撒谎陷害约瑟，就这样，约瑟下了监狱。约瑟的人生又一次跌入了低谷。故事应该就此结束了吧？的确会是这样，如果约瑟真的是孤单一人在监狱里的话。但好消息是，我们良善信实的神从来没有离开过约瑟——甚至在他被关在监狱里的时候也没有。《创世纪》第39章21节告诉我们：“**但耶和华与约瑟同在，向他施恩，使他在监狱长的眼前蒙恩。**”因为神与约瑟同在，约瑟在监狱里也遇事顺利。他是如此的顺利成功，以至于他成了囚犯的首领——负责管理所有其他囚犯。



圣经还告诉我们，神帮助约瑟能解梦。有一天，两个囚犯告诉约瑟他们做了一些不寻常的梦。约瑟就把梦的意思解释给他们听，然后说：“你们得释放的时候，要记得我，把我的事情告诉法老，好救我出监狱，我没做错过什么。”有一个人出监狱了，他还记得约瑟吗？可惜，没有。可怜的约瑟又被关多两年。

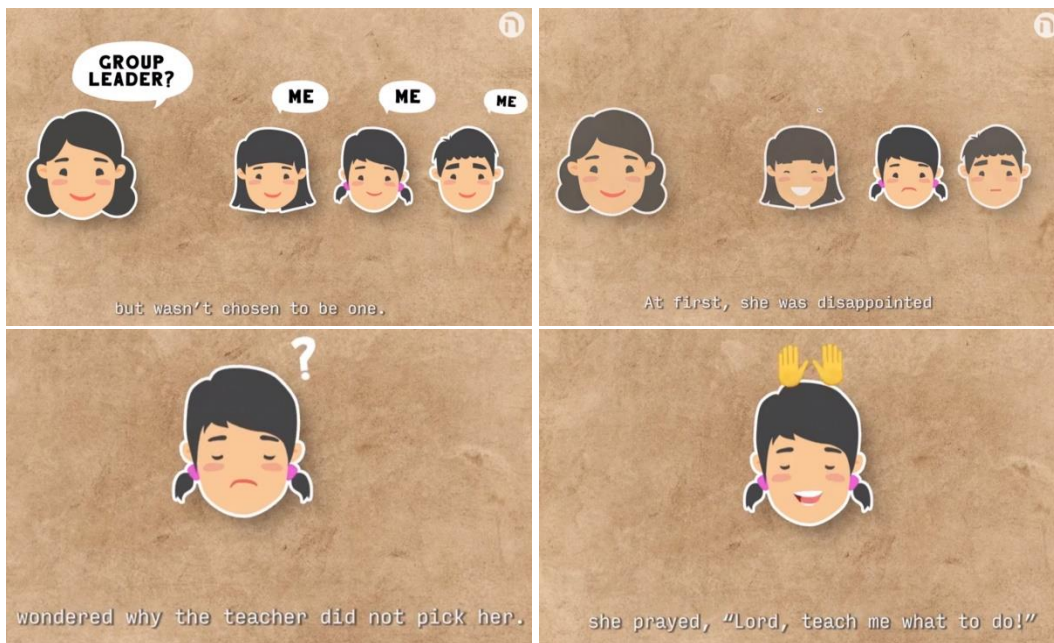


两年后的一天，法老作了两个莫名其妙的梦，所有的智慧人士和术士都不能给法老他所需要的答案。那一天，约瑟在监里所帮助过的那个人将约瑟的事告诉法老。那个人说：“监狱里有一个希伯来人，他能解梦……”法老听见了，就立刻召约瑟来，对他说：“听说你能解梦。”猜猜约瑟会如何回答？约瑟并没有说：“是的，我能解梦！”反而他说：“我不能！但是上帝能，祂可以为你解释这个梦！”哇！约瑟知道他不能独自做任何事情，但他也知道上帝会帮助他的。他知道神与他同在助他成功！他相信神会继续给予他所需要的一切帮助。神是信实的！

法老非常喜欢约瑟，他让约瑟作自己的第一把手。就这样，囚犯约瑟成了宰相约瑟，成了埃及第二号最重要人物。囚犯变宰相，命运大翻转，真令人难以置信！圣经清楚地告诉我们答案：“**神与约瑟同在，他就百事顺利。**”好消息是，在圣经中所应验在约瑟身上与神同在的真实经历，今天仍然会真实地发生在我们身上。我们属于一个良善而奇妙的的神，祂爱我们，在我们前行的每一步祂都帮助我们。我们越能看见神常与我们同在助我们成功，我们就越能依靠祂去做我们自己所不能做的事。



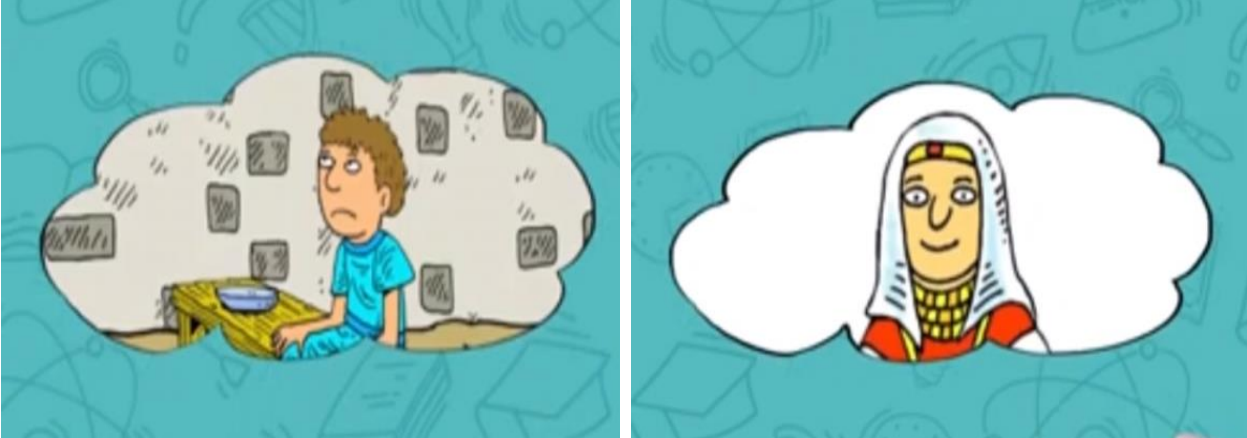
接下来，让我告诉你一位来自教会的女孩子，她是如何依靠神为她做她自己所不能做的事。有一年，她想成为一名组长，但没有被选中。起初，她很失望，不知道为什么老师不选她。但是她没有为自己感到沮丧，而是把这件事告诉了天父上帝，“主啊，我真想在学校里成为一名领导者，求你教导我该怎么做！”



几个星期后，她被选为班里的班长，她非常高兴。现在她不只是帮助一组同学，她可以帮助到整个班的同学了。每次，当她被安排去做对于她来说太难做到的事情时，她都会祷告说：“主啊，求你教导我该怎么做！”神使她所做的每一件事都很顺利成功，例如在她的领导力上，功课上，交朋友等等方面。她的表现如此出色，以至一年后，她的老师选她当学校学生会会长。因为神与她同在，她无论到哪里做什么都顺利成功。



孩子们，我们今天学到了什么？我们学习了约瑟成功的秘诀。翻到创世记 39 章第 2 节，你可以在圣经中标记强调一下这节经文：“神与约瑟同在，他就百事顺利。”因为神与他同在，帮助他，教导他，所以约瑟能做一切单靠他自己所不能做的事。好消息是，在圣经中所应验在约瑟身上与神同在的真实经历，今天也同样会真实的发生在我们身上。我们并不孤单，我们不需要独自埋头苦干独自奋斗，有神与我们同在！



还记得开果酱罐头的事吗？当我们的手不够大不够强壮时，我们不必失望或受挫，我们可以直接求我们慈爱的天父上帝帮助我们。成功的关键不在于我们有多棒，而在于我们的神对我们有多好！我们可以像约瑟所说的那样宣告：“我不能，但上帝能。”成功的关键永远不在于你能做什么或不能做什么，而是在于神有多好有多信实！祂就是那位能给你带来成功的大能者，你所要做的就是信靠祂！所以，无论你处境如何，无论你身处何方，都要像约瑟那样去行：只要坚信神与你同在！让我们一起诵读我们今天的经文，这一次，填上你自己的名字，让我们宣告它，相信它，接受它——“神与_____ (说你的名字)，我是个成功的耶稣孩子！”所有孩子们一起说：阿门！

孩子们，如果你正在听这个故事，你从来没有邀请耶稣进入你的生命，成为你的主和救主，你现在可以这样做，跟着我重复这个祷告：“亲爱的主耶稣，感谢你为我死在十字架上。你是神的儿子，你死了，也被埋葬，第三天又复活了。你宝血洗去了我所有的罪，使我得以永远与阿爸天父在一起。我请求你现在进入我的生命里，成为我的主和救主，我永远是个义人，永远是有福的，永远是神的孩子。奉耶稣的名，阿门！”

With Me and For Me

The Lord was with Joseph, and he was a successful man... Genesis 39: 2; NKJV

Hey Rock Kidz, have you ever wanted a slice of toast with maybe either peanut butter or jam? The bread is toasted and buttered... and the milk is nice and cold. All you need is the jam! You pick up the jar, and this happens... You try and try and try ... urgh! But no matter how much you struggle, the lid just won't open. What do you do? Do you give up and feel disappointed? Well, if you were all by yourself with no one to help you, maybe. But what if you were not alone? What if there was someone bigger and stronger than you – like your dad, or your big brother? Would you still sit around feeling sad and sorry for yourself? No! you would simply go up to your dad and say, "can you please open this for me?" and in the hands of someone bigger and stronger than you, you can be sure that what was a problem for you is no problem for him at all.

Today's Bible story is about someone who started life with no problems at all. Life was good for young Joseph. He had ten older brothers, but his dad Jacob loved him the most. Jacob loved Joseph so much that he gave Joseph a beautiful coat of many colours. The problem was that this made the ten older brothers very jealous.

They were so jealous that they decided to get rid of Joseph! The first thing they did was to toss him into a pit. The next thing they did was to sell Joseph to some slave traders! The slave traders took Joseph to the land of Egypt – far, far away from his family and friends. As a slave in a faraway land, Joseph had nothing. He had no family or friends to help him either. He didn't even speak the same language as the Egyptians. His life was sure to be difficult and full of problems, right?

Well, yes – if Joseph was all by himself in Egypt. But look what the Bible says: Genesis 39: 2-3 tells us that "The Lord with Joseph, and he was a successful man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. And his master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord made all he did to prosper in his hand." Joseph was not alone in Egypt – the Lord was with him! The Lord never left him when he was in the pit, and the Lord never left him when he made the long journey to Egypt. The Lord was with Joseph every step of the way. And because the Lord was with him, every problem that Joseph faced became no problem at all once he handed the problem to our big and amazing God!

God's blessing and favour on Joseph was so real that even his Egyptian master knew it was God who was helping Joseph in everything he did. Soon, Joseph was made the number one man – in charge of everything his master owned. Life was good once more for Joseph, right? Wrong. His master's wife lied about Joseph and just like that, Joseph was thrown into prison. Once more, Joseph's life had hit the bottom again. This should have been the end of the story, right? Well, yes – if Joseph was all alone in that prison. But the good news is that our good and faithful God never left Joseph – not even when he was in prison! Genesis 39: 21 tells us: "But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison." And because the Lord was with Joseph, Joseph was a successful prisoner! He was so successful that he was made the number one prisoner – in charge of all the rest.

Imagine that! The Bible tells us that God helped Joseph to understand the meaning of dreams. One day, two of the prisoners told Joseph of the unusual dreams that they had. Joseph explained the meaning of their dreams to them, and said: "When you are free, remember me. Tell Pharaoh about me so that I can get out of this prison. I have done nothing wrong!" Well, one of the men got out of prison, but did he remember Joseph? No, he didn't. and poor Joseph was stuck in prison for two more years.

Then Pharaoh had two strange dreams that he could not understand. None of the wisemen and magicians could give Pharaoh the answer he needed. That day, the man that Joseph helped in prison told Pharaoh about Joseph. The man said, "There is a Hebrew man in prison who can explain the meaning of dreams..." When Pharaoh heard this, he sent for Joseph at once. "I heard that you can explain the meaning of dreams!" Guess what Joseph said? Instead of saying, "Yes! That's me!", Joseph replied, "I cannot! But God can. He can explain the dream for you!" Wow! Joseph knew that he could not do anything on his own. But he also knew that God would

help him. He knew the Lord was with him and for him! He was sure God would continue to give him all the help he needed. And God was faithful.

Pharaoh liked Joseph so much he made Joseph his number one man. And just like that, Joseph the prisoner became Joseph the prime minister, the second most important man in all of Egypt! How is it even possible to go from prisoner to prime minister just like that? The Bible tells us the answer loud and clear: "The Lord was with Joseph, and he was a successful man!" the good news is that what was true for Joseph in the Bible is still true for us today. We belong to a good and an amazing God who loved us and help us every step of the way. The more we see how He is always with us and for us, the more we can depend on Him to do the things we cannot do ourselves.

Let me tell you about a girl from church who depended on the Lord to do for her what she couldn't do for herself. One year, she wanted to be a group leader, but wasn't chosen to be one. At first, she was disappointed and wondered why the teacher did not pick her. But instead of being upset at herself, she told the Lord about it. "Lord, I really want to be a leader in school. Teach me what to do!"

A few weeks later, she was chosen to be the leader of her class. She was very happy. Instead of just helping a group of classmates, she could now help her whole class. Each time she was asked to do something that was too big to handle, she prayed, "Lord, teach me what to do!" and the Lord gave her success in everything she did – in her leadership, in her schoolwork and in her friend ships as well! She did so well that a year later, her teacher chose her to become a school leader. Because the Lord was with her, she had good success wherever she went!

Rock kidz, what did we learn today? We learned the secret to Joseph's good success. Turn to Genesis 39: 2. You can highlight this in your Bibles. It says: "The Lord was with Joseph, and he was a successful man..." Because the Lord was with him, helping him and teaching him – Joseph could do all the things he otherwise could not do for himself! The good news is that what is true for Joseph is also true for you and me today. We are not alone. We don't have to work alone or struggle alone. The Lord is with us.

Remember the jar of jam? when our hands are not big enough or strong enough to get the job done, we don't have to be disappointed or defeated. We can simply ask our good, good God to help us! Success is not about how good we are, but all about how good our Lord is to us. We can say what Joseph said, "I cannot, but God can!" it is never about what you can or cannot do. It is only about how good and faithful God is. He is the one who brings you good success. All you have to do is trust Him. So, no matter what comes your way, no matter where you are, do what Joseph did: just keep believing that the Lord is with you. let's say our verse together. This time, fill in your own name. Let's say it, believe it and receive it. "The Lord is with _____ (say your name), and I am s successful Jesus kid!" And all of Rock kidz say, Amen!

Hey Rock Kidz, if you are listening to this story and you've never asked Jesus to come into your life to be your Lord and Saviour, you can do so now. Just repeat this prayer after me, "Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for dying on the cross for me. You are the Son of God, who died, was buried and on the third day, you rose again. Your precious blood washed away all my sins making me forever right with Daddy God. I ask You now to come into my life to be my Lord and Saviour. I am forever righteous, forever blessed, forever a child of God. In Jesus' name," and everyone say, "Amen."