

ELEVATE

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Hey Parents! Here is the guide for your Elevate Online Experience. This week we continue with week three of our new series called “Big Picture”. Seeing the big picture is difficult for anybody, but especially so for a teenager. Why? Because teenagers are wired to think about what they’re feeling, experiencing, and going through *right now*. Their brains are focused on what’s in front of them in the moment. That makes seeing their circumstances from another perspective—with a big picture in mind—really challenging.

And for many, this may be the first time they’ve realized that God can use every part of their lives—the good and the bad—to do something wonderful in the big picture!

What we are learning:

Scripture: *(Genesis 39:6b-10 NIV).*

Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, “Come to bed with me!” But he refused. “With me in charge,” he told her, “my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care. No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?” And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her (Genesis 39:6b-10 NIV).

THE POINT: When you can’t see the bigger picture, do the next right thing.

Group Challenge: To encourage students to think about what it looks like to do the next right thing when they’re faced with making difficult decisions.

How we are learning:

- Watch and engage in a time of worship by watching the worship video provided.
- Practice the memory verse together
- Watch the teaching video
- Discuss the teaching

Discussion questions:

1. On a scale of 1-10 (1 being easy and 10 being almost impossible), how difficult is it for you to decide...
 - a. Where you want to eat?
 - b. What you want to wear to school?
 - c. What you want to watch?
 - d. Who you want to hang out with?
2. What's the hardest part about making decisions?
3. Have you ever felt unsure about a decision you had to make? Tell us about it.
4. Why is it sometimes difficult to choose to do the right thing?
5. Is it harder to make the right choice when you don't know how it will work out? Why or why not?
6. How do you know what the next right thing to do is?