

## Joseph Goes to Jail (Genesis 39)

**“The Lord is good, a strong  
refuge when trouble comes.”**  
(Nahum 1:7)

### God is good no matter what... and can turn bad into good.

Joseph had some bad days.

He was hurt by his brothers. Forced to move away. Lied about. Thrown in prison. Things were *really* hard.

But Joseph didn't blame God. Instead, Joseph faithfully trusted God. It took years and years before Joseph could see how God used those bad days for good.

Because that's what God does: God turns bad into good. And just like he did it for Joseph, he does it for you.

Whatever's hard in your life right now—at home, with a friend, or at school—God can turn it into something good. Maybe by changing the situation, or maybe by changing you and helping you rely more on him.

When things aren't going well, ask God what you can learn from what's happening. Tell him you trust that he'll bring good out of what's bad. And lean on Jesus. He's a friend who's with you during hard times.

#### Talk-Starters

What's something hard in your life right now? What do you think God might teach you through that hard thing?

#### Try This @ Home

Find a spot where you can exercise, and then do 10 jumping jacks. Then 10 more. Then *another* 10. Whew! Your legs may be telling you this was a bad idea, but you're helping them build muscle and strength—and that's good! Remember that the next time you have a bad day—God may be using it to help you grow.



#### Explore More @ Home

Here's a wonderful promise that helps when you're having a hard day like Joseph had: Read Romans 8:28.



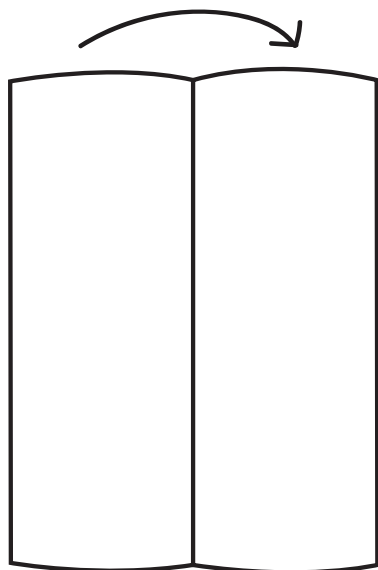
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Fold a flyer. When you get home, try tossing your plane as high as you can

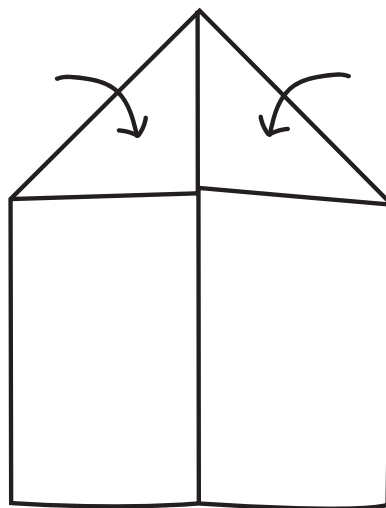
...and then catching it. See if a parent can do it, too!

## Here's how:

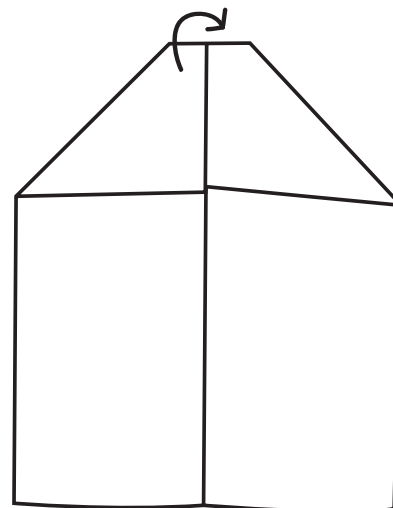
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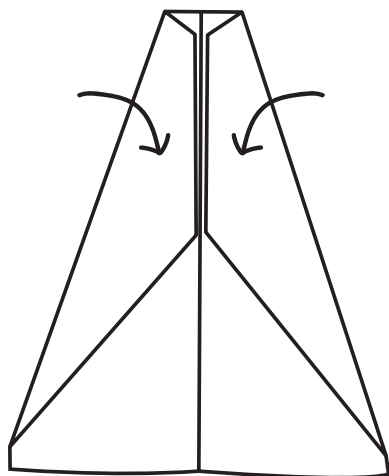
- 2 Fold both upper corners to the center.



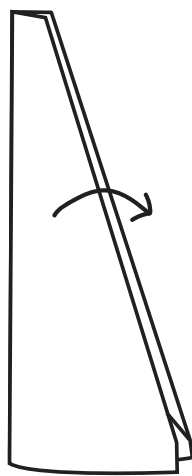
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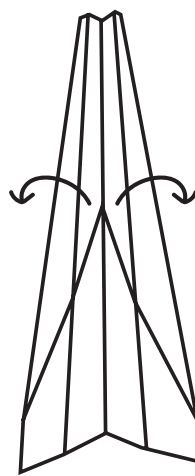
- 4 Fold both upper edges to the center line.



- 5 Fold in half.



- 6 Fold out the first and second wings.



- 7 Take aim, and let it fly!

