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Have you ever been in a situation where you intended to do something, but in the end, you couldn't accomplish it? Maybe you promised you'd clean the whole house for your mom. But after trying for a while, you realized you just couldn't do it. The vacuum cleaner was too heavy and the dusting was too high for you to reach. Although you'd intended to do something good for your mom, you weren't able to do what you wanted to do.

This never happens to God. God always does exactly what he wants to do. His plans and purposes are always good, and he is always able to carry them out. Think about the great truths we learn in these verses:

- ☆ There is only one God and there is no one else like God. All other gods are false gods.
- ☆ God knows from the beginning, what will happen at the end. How? Because God has the power to do all that he pleases. Nothing is too hard for God. God always wins; his plans always succeed.
- ☆ Nothing will ever prevent God from accomplishing his purposes in our lives and in the world around us.

Do you remember the story of Joseph? Even though lots of bad things happened to Joseph, God had a special plan for him. Joseph was taken from his home, sold as a slave, falsely accused, and thrown into jail. But God used even the bad things in Joseph's life to accomplish good. Talk about Joseph's story with your dad or mom (Genesis 37-45). Then read what Joseph says to his brothers in Genesis 45:5-8 and 50:20. What truth did Joseph believe about God? How can knowing this truth make a difference in your life?