



UNIT 2, SESSION 3

THE STORY OF JOSEPH

GENESIS 37-45

KEY POINT

God has a good plan for our lives.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Who has a good plan for our lives? God!

MEMORY VERSE

This is the day the Lord has made. Psalm 118:24

PREPARE



Take time to reflect
on today's lesson.

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

Joseph's story in Genesis is one of decades of struggle. For years, he was forced into truly awful situations: sold into slavery, accused of crimes he didn't commit, jailed as an innocent man, forgotten about in prison. But through it all, God remained faithful to Joseph.

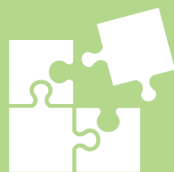
After he was sold to Potiphar in Genesis 39, the Bible tells us, "The Lord was with Joseph so that he prospered" (Genesis 39:2a). Later, when Potiphar's wife accused him of misconduct, and he was thrown in jail, the Lord was with him and even showed him kindness (Gen 39:21). And Joseph, for his part, continued to trust God.

When Pharaoh called Joseph for help with understanding a dream, Joseph made it clear that he couldn't interpret it. Instead, Joseph told Pharaoh, "I cannot do it, but God will give Pharaoh the answer he desires" (Gen 41:16).

As believers, we will face struggles and uncertainty. There will be times when we wonder what God is doing or if He hears us. But Joseph's story, and the story of the Bible as a whole, reminds us that God is in control and He is always with us. He is trustworthy, faithful, and always working for our good.

This week, pray that we would be bold to trust God even in times of struggle, and pray for our kiddos, that they would begin to trust Him even in preschool!

WELCOME & OPENING



Connect with children as service starts.

WELCOME

Play music through the undercabinet radio (flash drive), or connect your phone to Bluetooth through the radio and play Christian preschool/Bible songs as you greet children coming into the classroom. Help them transition in and feel welcome as they play games and interact with others.

MEMORY VERSE SONG

Gather children and sing the memory verse song to the provided tune:

This is the day
this is the day
the Lord has made
the Lord has made.
We will rejoice
We will rejoice and be glad in it
and be glad in it.
Psalm 118:24

THE LORD'S PRAYER/TEN COMMANDMENTS

Toddlers & Twos: Use the provided poster to review the Lord's Prayer with the children in your class.

Threes & Fours: Using the provided poster, review the Ten Commandments with the children in your class. Read through each one, then have children repeat after you as you say them together.

CRAFT



Help children with a craft connected to the lesson.

CRAFT: JOSEPH'S COAT

Pass out the provided coat templates, paper squares, and glue. Help children glue squares of paper onto their coat templates to create Joseph's coat of many colors!

As you work, talk about/review the Bible story. Be sure to write each child's name on their craft so you know which one to send home with them!





BABIES & TWOS BIBLE LESSON

Joseph had eleven brothers. His father loved Joseph best and gave Joseph a colorful coat. His brothers were jealous and angry. They wanted to get rid of Joseph. They sold him as a slave to Egypt.

In Egypt, someone told a lie about Joseph. Joseph got put in jail. But God had a plan. Joseph could understand dreams. One day, the king of Egypt called Joseph to help with a bad dream. Joseph said, "It means there will be no more food."

The king put Joseph in charge. One day, Joseph's brothers went to Egypt for food. Joseph forgave them and shared his food. God had a good plan for Joseph.

THREES & FOURS BIBLE LESSON

Joseph had eleven brothers, but his father, Jacob, loved Joseph best. He gave Joseph a beautiful, colorful coat. Joseph's brothers were jealous. They decided they would do a very bad thing. They sold Joseph as a slave and told their father, "Joseph is dead." Jacob was very, very sad. But God had a plan.

Joseph worked for a man named Potiphar. God blessed Joseph. But Potiphar's wife told a lie about Joseph. Joseph was sent to prison. Joseph met two men in the prison and explained their dreams. One of the men promised to help him. But he didn't remember. Joseph stayed in prison for a long time, but God still had a plan.

One night, Pharaoh (the king) had a strange dream. No one could help him understand it. Finally, the forgetful man remembered Joseph. Joseph listened to Pharaoh's dream and said, "There will be seven years with lots of food, and then seven years with no food." Pharaoh asked Joseph to help. Joseph helped the people in Egypt save food.

One day, Joseph's brothers were very hungry, so they went to Egypt to buy some food. They did not recognize Joseph. Joseph recognized his brothers and forgave them. He said "I will not harm you. You did a bad thing to sell me, but God used it for good." Then Joseph's family came to live in Egypt. Joseph and his father were happy to see each other and Joseph shared food with his family.

Through all the hard things, God always had a good plan for Joseph, and He has a good plan for us!

SNACK & CLOSING



Continue to engage children near the end of the morning.

SNACK & DISCUSSION

Have everyone wash their hands, then serve a snack. Ask the following questions and retell parts of the lesson as needed.

1. What was your favorite part of today's Bible lesson?
2. What did you learn about God in today's Bible lesson?
3. What did Joseph do when he saw his brothers again in Egypt?
4. Who has a good plan for our lives? **God!**

CLOSING ACTIVITIES

Sing the clean up song. Have children help put toys on tables.

Gather them on the rug in a circle and have one volunteer read today's Bible lesson from the children's Bible. Have a regular Bible ready as well.

Sing the "B.I.B.L.E." and "Everything in the Bible is Absolutely True" songs. Remind children that the Bible is God's Word and the most important book in the whole world!

The other volunteer should stand at the door and help with pick up, matching stickers, gathering children's things, etc.

BEFORE YOU GO...

Second service leaders, please clean up by doing the following:

1. Spray down toys with disinfectant.
2. Spot sweep if needed.
3. Return toys to closet, close door.
4. Throw away any trash left on counters and in room.
5. Return binders to the cabinet.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US!