

**Date – October 10, 2021**

**Scripture/Bible Story/Theme**

**\*\*\*\*New Bible section – building on the total Joseph story**

Joseph – Genesis 42

Joseph the Governor

God has a plan and is always with us

**Children’s Illustrated Bible – p.p. 62-63** – This is the first week with this section of the Joseph story.

**As a quick review the Joseph Story in a nutshell:**

Genesis 37 begins Joseph’s story and ends in chapter 50.

He was Jacob’s (Israel’s) favorite son from a family of 12 sons and 1 daughter. Jacob gave Joseph a special robe as a sign of favoritism. Joseph’s brothers were envious of him and plotted a story to tell Jacob that Joseph had died. They returned the coat, bloodied to ‘prove it’. His brothers sold Joseph meanwhile, into slavery to Potiphar.

Despite all of these tragic events, God blessed Joseph. Joseph eventually found favor by Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. Pharaoh made Joseph a ruler.

After a terrible famine in Egypt, Joseph brothers came to Joseph for help. He forgave them and through God’s plan, Joseph’s family reconciled.

**Workshop Name**

**Technicolor Pillow Cases**

**\*\*\*\*\* Note this activity is labor intensive and without a doubt will need two adults perhaps even three to successfully complete the pillowcases.**

**Opening Prayer**

Dear God,

Help us to recognize your work in our world. Remind us not to look for you wearing a flashy coat like Joseph’s. Help us remember that you are near to us, comforting us always. Amen

**Memory Verse**

We know that God is always at work for the good of everyone who loves him. Romans 8:28a

**Objectives**

1. The story of Joseph is found in the first book of the Old Testament, Genesis.
2. Retell the story in their own words – identifying story characters and their feelings.
3. Analyze how jealousy erupted in Joseph’s family and led to the brother’s selling Joseph into slavery.
4. Discover that when they face difficulties that God is with them in all situations.

5. Learn these key words: jealousy, envy, relationship, favoritism
6. Learn that showing favoritism can cause hurt relationships.
7. God loves everyone and is with us no matter what we do.
8. God's plans helped Joseph and his brothers to be family again later.
9. Recognize that in our lives God's activity may be hidden. We may not always see it, but he does have a plan for each of us.

**Supplies**

Sharpie pens in many colors such as red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple  
Plastic cups - several per child  
Rubber bands big enough to go around mouth of cup  
Rubbing alcohol -70%  
Dropper bottles or medicine droppers – this is important to be able to drop the alcohol on the pillowcase  
Masking tape for names  
White pillow cases – I will purchase these in advance for you

**Activity**

Before beginning the activity use the following for discussion.

What is a famine?

Why did Joseph's father Jacob send his ten sons to Egypt?

Why was Egypt prepared for the famine?

Why don't the brothers recognize Joseph?

Why does Joseph put the silver they are used to pay for the wheat back in their bags?

**Very important!**

These are the vital care instructions that the kids need to do at home. Also important for each child to "heat set" the colors by placing the pillow cases in the dryer for 15 minutes before using it the first time.

Give each child a pillow case and several plastic cups and rubber bands.

Directions:

1. Write their name inside their pillowcase on the piece of tape.
2. Optional: Write the memory verse on the outside of your pillow case.
3. Place the plastic cup inside the middle of the pillow case.
4. Position the opening of the cup directly under the section of the pillowcase that you want to decorate.
5. Stretch the rubber band over the pillowcase and the cup to secure the pillowcase in place.
6. Repeat this with a few more cups.
7. Place about 6 dots of ink from one marker in a circle pattern about the size of a quarter in the center of one of stretched out fabric circles.
8. If you like, use another color marker to fill in spaces between the first dots. There should be a quarter size circle of dots in the middle of the plastic cup opening when you are finished.
9. Don't let the ink dry!
10. Slowly squeeze approximately 20 drops of rubbing alcohol into the center of the circle of dots. DO NOT flood the design area with rubbing alcohol. The key is to drip the rubbing alcohol slowly in the center of the design and allow the molecules of ink to spread outward from the center. As the rubbing alcohol absorbs into the fabric, the ink spreads in a circular pattern. The result is a beautiful flower-like pattern.
11. Apply as much or as little rubbing alcohol as desired, but do not let the pattern spread beyond the edges of the cup. Allow the developed design to dry for 3 to 5 minutes before moving the cup on to a new area of the shirt.
12. It is important to heat set the colors by placing the shirt in the dryer for approximately 15 minutes. Be sure to give students the "care instructions."

### **Reflection/Evaluation**

After completing the pillow cases use the following for a concluding discussion.

Explain that we can learn from this story that sometimes-bad things happen to us. Sometimes people can hurt us. But God loves you. God is always at work for good to happen in your life. Bad things can happen to us but we need to trust that God will take those bad things and use them for something good.

The students are to copy the memory verse into their journals. They are to write an answer to the following question. If they are unable to write an answer they may illustrate one.

How was God able to use Joseph's bad experiences? What good actually comes from the whole Joseph story?

**Lord's Prayer**