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Scripture/Bible Story/Theme

Joseph – Genesis 43-45
Joseph, Benjamin and the Silver Cup
God has a plan and is always with us

Children’s Illustrated Bible – p.p. 64-65 – This is the first week with this section of the 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

Jeopardy

Opening Prayer

Dear God,

God, help me to know how to control my feelings so that my actions won’t hurt anyone. Help me do what you would have me do. 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

Note Jeopardy questions below.

Activity

Before starting the Jeopardy game review the story with the following questions.

Why did Jacob give Joseph a special coat? to show his love for Joseph

What do you think Joseph's brothers thought when Joseph received his special coat? Why didn't I get one too? Dad likes Joseph best; jealous feelings.

When Jacob gave this special gift to just Joseph and no one else, it was like Jacob saying, "Joseph is special!"

Did Joseph act like he was a special person?

How did that contribute to the feelings of rivalry in his family?

Do you know anyone who brags about the things they own?

How does this make you feel?

If we are angry or jealous of someone, does that make us feel close to that person, or separated from that person?

Feelings of anger or jealousy separate us from family or friends. The good news is that God is never separated from us. God is always close to us. One way we can feel closer to God is through prayer.

Make sure everyone understands the general idea of the game Jeopardy: you are given an answer and you try to come up with a question for that answer. Teams will work together to come up with the correct question.

Explain the procedure for the game: (If any of this is too complicated simply use the questions and answers with individuals and forget the team concept)

The first player of Team A chooses any category and any point value.

Read the answer.

The player then confers with his/her teammates. When the team has consensus, they state the question. Questions are supposed to relate to the Bible story. If stumped, they may use their Bibles. If correct, that team receives those points. If incorrect, the other team may try for those points by seeing if they can determine the correct question. Use your own judgment as to whether a given question is close enough to the one written in this lesson. Be sure to explain any answers and questions that need clarification while playing. Take all opportunities for teaching moments!

Play then passes to Team B to repeat steps 1-4. Continue alternating between teams until the board is empty or you run out of time – be sure to leave a few minutes for closing discussion.

Take turns so that every player on each team has a chance to choose a category.

The team with the most points wins. But don't put too much emphasis on winning.

Jeopardy questions:

Basic format – points:: answer::question

- **Category: VOCABULARY**
 - 100:: Genesis - What is the first book of the Bible? or Where is the story found?
 - 200::Egypt - Where does the story take place? Or where is Joseph sold to slavery?
 - 300::Wheat – What did Joseph tell his brothers his dream was about?
 - 400:: Coat – What did Joseph's father give to him?
 - 500::Canaan - Where did Joseph live?
- **Category: NUMBERS**
 - 100::12 – How many brothers did Joseph have?
 - 200: 3 – How many days before the baker was to be hanged?
 - 300::10 - How many brothers went to Egypt to buy grain?
 - 400:: 3 – How many days did Joseph have his brothers thrown into prison?
- 500::3 - How many items were in the cupbearers dream? or How many days Joseph predicted before the cupbearer would be released?

- **Category: MAJOR CHARACTERS**

100::Joseph - Who is the main character in the story?

200 Potiphar - Who bought Joseph from the slave traders? Or who was the captain of the Pharaoh's guard?

300: Pharaoh - Who put Joseph in charge of Egypt?

400::Jacob - Who was Joseph's father?

500::Benjamin - Who didn't go on the first journey to Egypt?

- **Category: OTHER FACTS**

100::Seven years of plenty - What did the 7 fat cows represent?

200:: Collect food during good years and store up the grain -How did Joseph plan to prepare for the 7 years of famine?

300::The Cupbearer - Whose dream did Joseph interpret while in prison?

400::Simeon - Which brother did Joseph put in jail to ensure the other brothers would return with Benjamin?

500::The Silver Cup - What did Joseph hide in the grain to further test his brothers?

- **Category: SEEING GOD IN ALL SITUATIONS**

100:: When his master saw that the Lord was with him, and that the Lord gave him success in everything he did. - How did Joseph come to be in charge of Potiphar's household?

200:: The Lord was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. - How was God with Joseph in prison?

300:: Grain was gathered and stored for seven years. – How did they prepare for the famine?

400:: Since God has made all this known to you, there is no one so discerning and wise as you...I hereby put you in charge of the whole land of Egypt. - How was it that Joseph came to be the most powerful man in Egypt?

500:: Do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. - What did Joseph tell his brothers when he revealed who he was?

Reflection/Evaluation

After completing the game use the following for a concluding discussion.

Why is it important to pray when we're feeling separated from family and friends? God already knows we need his help; prayer is a way we show our trust in God.

Ask for any prayer requests. Ask if anyone would like to lead the group in prayer. Be prepared to say a prayer yourself, working in prayer requests. A suggestion: "*Dear God. Thank you for being with us in every situation. Help us not to get jealous or angry when others have things we don't have. Help us remember your love is always with us. Amen.*"

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

What can you do to keep feelings like jealousy under control so they don't cause trouble? How can God help you?

Lord's Prayer