

Date – October 31, 2021

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 second week with this section of the story, but they will still need to review it.

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

Video – Joseph and His Brothers: The Dream Reader

Opening Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you God for the forgiveness you have given to each of us when we ask. We are blessed to receive such a wonderful gift. Through Christ Jesus. 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

Video has already been purchased for each family.
Palm Tree with Psalms

Activity

The video is meant to be a culmination of the whole Joseph unit. It covers the whole story and should be a good review of the unit.

As a conclusion to the whole unit use the following questions for discussion.

Have you ever wished you could change something you had done, and perhaps do it all over another way?

Do you think Joseph's brothers later thought about having sold Joseph as a slave?

What feelings do you believe Joseph had for his brothers when he first saw them later in Egypt?

How would you feel if you were Joseph?

Why do you think Joseph didn't reveal himself immediately?

How do you think Benjamin felt when he was held in Egypt?

Do you think this was fair of Joseph to keep Benjamin?

Why do you think Joseph did what he did?

How was Joseph able to forgive his brothers?

Do you think Jacob was able to forgive Joseph's brothers?

Reflection/Evaluation

Each student should copy the memory verse into their journal.

Each student is to write an answer to the following question. If they are unable to write an answer they may illustrate one.

Has there been a time in your life you have had to forgive someone in your family?
Was it difficult to do? How can God help you forgive someone?

Lord's Prayer