

**Date – September 12, 2021**

**Scripture/Bible Story/Theme**

**Joseph – Genesis 37**

**Joseph's Dreams/Sold into slavery**

**God has a plan and is always with us**

**Children's Illustrated Bible – p.p. 56-57**

**Workshop Name**

Yeah and Boo-o-o

**Opening Prayer**

Dear God,

Thank you for this day. Thank you for gathering us together with old friends and adding new friends to our Kids' Kingdom group. Thank you for sending Jesus to always be with us. We feel comforted when we remember you always love us. Amen.

**Memory Verse**

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

**Objectives**

**Note this is the first class of the year. Please introduce yourself and make sure that all the kids know the names of all the other students. There may be new students or Godly Play student new to the class and they need to feel comfortable and at ease in their new situation.**

**Before beginning the actual lesson for today it is important to set some standards for behavior in the class. Ask the kids to brainstorm how they feel everyone should act in the class. As they share these ideas please write them on the piece of colored poster board. In previous years the kids have provided ideas such as:**

**Treat others the way you would want to be treated**

**Be honest**

**Be fair**

**Be kind**

**Share with others**

**Don't interrupt**

**Listen while others are speaking**

**Help to clean up**

**Then ask each child to come up and sign their name to the poster. Over the next few weeks any child or teacher that was not there the first day should sign the poster. The poster will then be mounted on the wall. Sometimes it is helpful for the teacher to be able to refer back to the poster and remind all the members of the class that these were the standards we had all agreed upon at the beginning of the year.**

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 brothers selling Joseph into slavery.
4. 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.
5. Discover that when they face difficulties that God is with them in all situations.

**Supplies**

\*\*\*\* I will make sure that the poster board is there for the class standards

Colored construction paper

Marking pens

**Activity**

After reading the passage discuss the story using the following questions.

In our story who is the father? Jacob is the father.

How many sons does he have? He has 12 sons.

Who was Jacob’s favorite son? Jacob’s favorite son was Joseph.

Why were Jacob’s brothers jealous of him? His father had given him a beautiful coat of all different colors. Joseph was the Jacob’s favorite.

What did Joseph dream? He dreamed that his wheat stood upright and theirs was bent over.

What was Joseph’s second dream? He dreamed that the sun and moon and the stars all bowed down to him.

What did Jacob ask Joseph to do? Jacob asked Joseph to check on his brothers who were grazing the sheep.

What did the brothers want to do? They wanted to kill him and throw him into a pit.

What did Reuben want to do? He suggested throwing Joseph into a pit.

What was Reuben’s secret plan? Reuben was thinking that he would secretly rescue Joseph.

What did the brothers do? The brothers took Joseph's coat and threw him into a pit.

Who did the brothers see come by? They saw some traders coming. These traders were on their way to Egypt.

What did the brothers then do with Joseph? The brothers sold Joseph to the traders.

What did the brothers do with the coat? Joseph's brothers killed a goat and dipped Joseph's fancy coat in its blood.

Why did the brothers show the coat to their father? They took the coat to their father who recognized it as Joseph's coat and he thought Joseph had been killed by a wild animal.

Why was Jacob sad? Jacob was very sad because he thought Joseph had been killed.

Pass out two pieces of construction paper to each student. Ask them to print in big, bold letters "Yeah" on one piece and "Boo" on the other.

Read the sections of the story below, pausing between sections to allow the children to respond appropriately with YEAH-H-H or BOO-O-O; while holding up the right sign.

Joseph and his older brothers took care of the sheep for their father, Jacob.  
(YEAH-H-H)

His father, Jacob gave Joseph a very beautiful coat of many colors  
(YEAH-H-H)

because he loved Joseph more than the other children.  
(BOO-O-O)

One morning, Joseph told his brothers about a dream that he had the night before.  
(BOO-O-O)

They were all out in the field, gathering and bundling wheat. Joseph's bundle stood up tall while the brother's bundles gathered around Joseph's and bowed down. This dream made the brothers mad again.  
(BOO-O-O)

Joseph said, "I dreamed that the sun and the moon and eleven stars all bowed down to me." The brothers hated him even more and were very jealous of him.  
(BOO-O-O)

Jacob sent the older boys to pasture the sheep. After they had been gone from home for quite a

while, he sent Joseph out to check on them. Joseph was to find them and see if everything was all right. Then he would come back with a report for his father.

(YEAH-H-H)

Joseph's brothers could see him coming towards them from quite a distance. They were angry when they saw him coming, and started planning what they could do to get rid of him.

(BOO-O-O)

One of them said, "Let's kill him and throw his body in a pit and tell Father a wild animal got him!" But Ruben heard them planning and said, "No, let's not kill him!"

(YEAH-H-H)

Ruben said, "Let's just throw him down in a pit and leave him."

(BOO-O-O)

Ruben planned to come back to get Joseph out of the pit when the others were away.

(YEAH-H-H)

When Joseph got close to his brothers, they jumped on him, took off his coat of many colors, and threw him in an old dried up well.

(BOO-O-O)

The brothers sat down to eat supper, leaving Joseph in the well. While they were eating, a caravan of merchants came by. Judah said to the other brothers, "Let's not kill Joseph,

(YEAH-H-H)

let's just sell him as a slave to these merchants."

(BOO-O-O)

The brothers were worried about feeling guilty if they killed Joseph.

(YEAH-H-H)

The brothers pulled Joseph out of the well and sold him for twenty pieces of silver, ten pieces less than the current value of a slave, because they didn't care what they got for him, they just wanted to get rid of him!

(BOO-O-O)

The brothers thought they would never see him again. But God was in control of Joseph's life.

(YEAH-H-H)

The brothers took Joseph's coat of many colors, dipped it in goat's blood, and returned it to their father. When their father saw the coat, he was sure that a wild animal had killed Joseph. He cried and put on sackcloth and ashes.

(BOO-O-O)

**Reflection/Evaluation**

Each student is to copy the memory verse into their journal.

Discuss with the students why Joseph's brothers were very jealous of him. And then ask about times when they have been jealous.

What did they do about their feelings of jealousy?

Have people ever been jealous of them?

They are to write an answer to the following question. If they are unable to write an answer they may illustrate an answer instead.

What do you do when you feel jealous of someone else? What would God be telling you to do?

**Lord's Prayer**