

GOD CARED FOR JOSEPH

Bible Reference: Genesis 37, 39-42, 45

Date:

Age: 2's/3's + 3's/4's

1st Service

Memory Verse:

**"For nothing is impossible with God."
Luke 1:37**

Theme:

**God Cares
For Us!**

Schedule

- **Arrival/Attendance/Directed Play.....8:55-9:10**
- **Clean Up and Gather For Story.....9:10-9:15**
- **Bible Story.....9:15-9:30**
- **Craft/Coloring Page:.....9:30-9:40**
- **Friends from Afar.....9:40-9:50**
- **Songs/Memory Verse/Prayer.....9:50-10:05**
- **Snack Time at Tables.....10:05-10:15**
- **Free Choice Play.....10:15-10:40**

Notes and Reminders

Today's lesson is a great chance to get children thinking about how they would react if they were the characters in the Bible story. Consider asking the children how they would have reacted throughout different points in the story and how they think Joseph might have felt.

OUTLINE



Arrival/Attendance/ Directed Play

8:55-9:10

Welcome the children and mark them as present on the attendance sheet on the clipboard by the door. Set up the activities and introduce the children to the lesson through these activities. Encourage the kids to participate in both activities as they play together. You may need to ask the kids to come to the different areas so all of them have the opportunity to participate.

Color Elimination Game

- As children come into class, write down the different colors they are wearing on small pieces of paper and put them into a cup. You can also use the color of their hair and eyes. Have all of the children stand on the carpet. Give each child a turn to pick a piece of paper from the cup and then read what it says. If a child's clothes, hair, or eyes are the color that is called, they must sit down. Keep playing until only one child is standing up.
- SAY You are all wearing so many different colors today! In our story today, a boy named Joseph is given a beautiful coat by his father. The coat has many colors on it, maybe it even has as many colors as we are all wearing, but on just one coat!

Sensory Tube Color Exploration

- Show children the sensory tube filled with jewels and pom-poms. Have the children help you to identify what colors they see in the tube. Have children take turns shaking the tube so that you can find different colors. Have the children help you try to count how many different colors you can see in the tube.
- SAY Which of these colors is your favorite? Joseph had a colorful coat that he loved very much, but his brothers were jealous. They sent him away from home, and he had to live in a different country. But God cared for Joseph and kept him safe!





Clean Up and Gather for Story

9:10-9:15

Invite the children to begin cleaning up toys and putting away their activities at 9:10. Then remind them to meet at the carpet for Bible story time. Remind the children that we are going to do our best to be good listeners.

Bible Story

9:15-9:30

Welcome Song

- Welcome all the children by singing their welcome song
- (Tune of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star)
- Welcome, Welcome Everyone
- Now you're here Let's have some fun
- First let's clap our hands like so
- Then reach down and touch our toes
- Welcome, Welcome Everyone
- Now you're here Let's have some fun
 - You can call a group of children names to welcome them and they can stand up and wave if you'd like.

Begin telling the story of Joseph. You may use the words provided below (from the Beginner's Bible pg. 71-77) and the pictures in your bin to tell the story. You may also choose to use the Spark Story Bible pg. 48-53 to tell the story.

- Joseph was one of Jacob's twelve sons. Jacob loved him more than all of his other sons.
 - Jacob made Joseph a colorful robe. His brothers were jealous. They wanted nice robes too. And they wanted to be loved as much as Joseph was loved.
 - Joseph had a dream. He told his family, "We were bundling grain from the field. Your bundles of grain bowed down to mine."
 - Then Joseph had another dream. He said, "This time, the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me." His father asked, "Does this mean our family will bow down to you someday?"
 - The brothers were even more angry. They threw Joseph into a dry well.
 - Along came some traders. The brothers sold Joseph to them as a slave.
 - They lied to their father about what happened to Joseph. But God was with Joseph.
 - Joseph was taken to live in Egypt, where God protected him from danger.
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Craft/Coloring Page

9:30-9:40

After the story, have the children go to their tables and prepare for a craft to go along with the lesson. Our **BIG IDEA** of the week is: **God Cares for Us!**

Pass out the picture of Joseph's colorful coat. Allow the children to color or add stickers from your room to the coat.

As children finish, distribute the coloring page with the Bible story on the back for children to continue coloring. Have the children place both the craft and coloring sheet in their bin when they are finished.



Friends from Afar

9:40-9:50

You will find today's activity for Friends from Afar in the Binder on the counter. The information for this month's Global Partner family and an activity to learn about where they are serving are included. Necessary supplies are located in your bin.





Songs/Memory Verse/Prayer

9:50-10:05

There is a list of songs for today's lesson on the TV. Use the directions located with the remote to access them.

Prayer (Use these words, or your own, to pray about today's Bible lesson. Take time to listen to prayer requests from the children and pray for them as well!)

- Dear God, thank you that you are with me no matter what happens. Thank you that you can protect me from scary things. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Memory Verse

- "For nothing is impossible with God." Luke 1:37
- This is the children's first week learning this verse. Remind them that nothing is too scary or hard for God. He wants to help us with everything! Teach the children these motions as you say the verse together.
 - For nothing- shake your finger 'no'
 - is impossible- make an X with your arms
 - with God- point up to the sky

Snack Time at Tables

10:05-10:15

Prior to serving the snack have the children use hand sanitizer before choosing a seat at the table. Each child will have veggie straws on a napkin and a small cup of water. **NOTE:** some children with allergies will have their own snack or drink...parents usually remind shepherds of this at drop off. If a question, please contact Kid Min Staff in hallways. Thanks.

While the children are eating their snack, please read the read aloud book that is in the bin labeled Read Aloud book for snack time. Thanks.





Free Choice Play

10:15-10:40

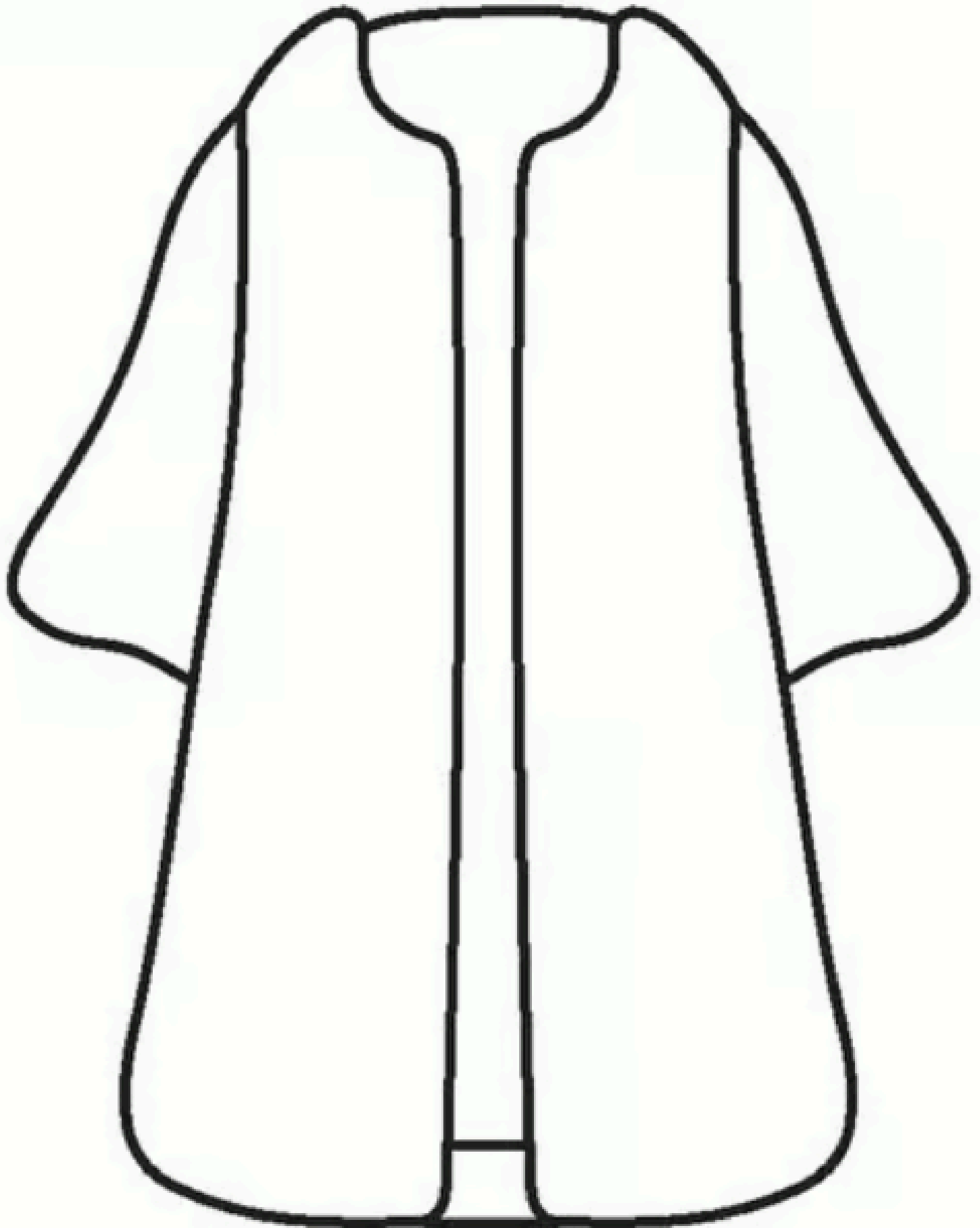
Once the snack and read aloud are finished, the children may choose free play until their parents come to pick them up.

At dismissal, please make sure to check the child's tag number to match the parent's tag. Have the children take home any papers from their bin. Finally, check them off the attendance as being picked up (the last column for the date).

Thanks so much for shepherding the little ones this week. We appreciate you!



Joseph's Colorful Coat



Joseph and His Brothers

Genesis 37



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