

# GOD SAVED JOSEPH'S FAMILY



**Bible Reference: Genesis 41-45**

**Date:**

**Age: 2's/3'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.



# SHEPHERD BIBLE STUDY

Joseph's story contains all the drama of reality television. In a shocking revelation, he exposed the truth about what had become of him. The misfit whom his brothers had sold into slavery was now a powerful ruler in Egypt! What would happen now that the tables had turned and Joseph was in control? His brothers, who had plotted his death, were now at his mercy! The brothers were terrified, unable even to answer Joseph. They had lived their lives in guilt and shame, and now came the moment of truth.

Fortunately for the brothers, Joseph was focused not on revenge but on how God had been at work in his life all along. Joseph had had some time to consider his situation, and his conclusion was this: God put me here, and he has a plan for my life. Joseph could see how the difficulties in his life prepared him for the leadership position he now had. He could see how God had protected and guided him through all his experiences.

How has God been at work in your life, even in devastating times? As we mentor others, we share glimpses we have seen of God's faithfulness in our lives, equipping us for the challenges we have faced. God uses both the good and the bad for the greater good and for his glory. Tell someone today how God is working in your life!

Lord, thank you for giving us glimpses into your work in and through our lives. Thanks for using even difficult challenges for your glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Devo from: Steven and Deb Koster

<https://todaydevotional.com/joseph-and-his-brothers-seeing-gods-plan>

# 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

### Fill a Bag

- Before the children arrive, hide the pictures of food around your room. Explain to the children that we will hear a story about a man who had to save a lot of food for people who were hungry. Encourage the children to practice collecting food by finding the pictures of food around the room.
- SAY Last week we learned about Joseph becoming one of the most important people in Egypt! God took care of Joseph and helped him take care of other people. One way God told Joseph to do this was by storing up food. God knew that soon the people of Egypt would have no food growing, and would need something to eat. He was taking care of them!

### God was with Joseph

- Using the song sheet in your bin, sing the 'God was with Joseph' song to the tune of 'If You're Happy and You Know It'. Be sure to use the motions so that the children can engage both their minds and bodies in the song!
- SAY What a fun song to start our day with! It helps us all to remember that God knows what is going on in our life! God is there when we are happy or sad. He is there when something good happens and when something bad happens. He takes care of us all the time!

## 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.

Tell the story of Joseph. You can use the visuals from your bin and the words below from the Beginner's Bible to tell the story, or one of the versions of the Bible in your room.

- For the first seven years, Joseph was in charge of gathering extra food for the people of Egypt. That way, when hardly any crops grew, there would still be plenty to eat. (picture 1)
- The seven bad years began, and people in other countries had no food at all. Even Joseph's family did not have enough to eat. So Joseph's father sent his sons to Egypt to buy some food. (picture 2)
- When the brothers arrived in Egypt, they went to Joseph and bowed down to him. They did not know it was their brother. But Joseph knew. Joseph sold them some food. Then the brothers left to go home. (picture 3)
- Sometime later, they returned to buy more food. Just as Joseph had dreamed, they bowed down to him--again. Finally, Joseph told them, "I am your brother!" His brothers were afraid. (picture 4)
- But Joseph told them not to be afraid. "God meant it for good. He had a special plan for me," he said. They all hugged. (picture 5)
- Joseph's brothers rushed home. They told their father what had happened. Jacob was so happy to hear that Joseph was alive. The whole family moved to Egypt. (picture 6)

### Questions to Review:

- How many years did Joseph and the people gather extra food? Seven
  - Where was Joseph living when his brothers came to get food? Egypt
  - Why was Joseph not afraid? God had a plan for him!
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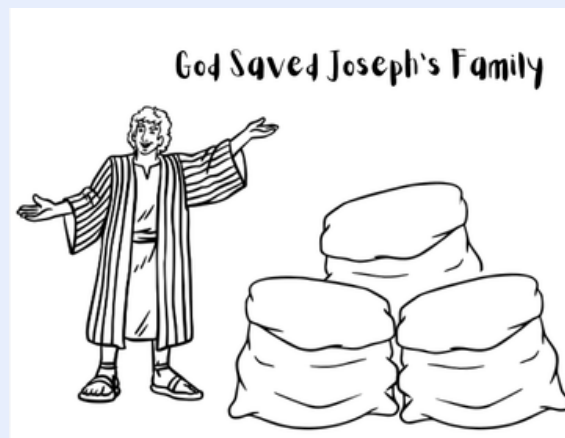
## Craft/Coloring Page

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!**

Distribute the 'God Saved Joseph's Family' craft page. Allow children to color the picture and help them to pick 3 stickers each to put at the mouths of the bags.

As children finish, distribute the coloring page with the Creation 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 for loving us. Thank you for caring for us when we need help and showing us how to trust you. Thank you for helping Joseph and showing us how he trusted you. In Jesus' name we pray, 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 pretzels on a napkin and a small cup of water. **NOTE:** There are gluten free pretzels in your snack cabinet for children with gluten allergies. Some children with allergies will have their own snack or drink...parents usually remind shepherds of this at drop off.

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.

## **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!



# **God Saved Joseph's Family**

## **(Genesis 42-45)**

Jacob's family didn't have any food. Jacob heard that there was food to buy in Egypt. He sent Joseph's brothers there to buy food. Joseph's brothers didn't know that God had helped Joseph become an important ruler in Egypt.

When Joseph's brothers got to Egypt, they asked to buy food. They did not know they were talking to Joseph. It had been a long time since they had seen Joseph. Joseph had grown up. Now he dressed and talked like an Egyptian.

Joseph pretended that he did not know his brothers. He asked them about their family. Joseph tested them to see if they were sorry for being mean to him. Then Joseph told his brothers who he was, and he forgave them. Joseph invited them all to come and live near him in Egypt. Joseph was glad to be with his family again.

## Joseph forgives his brothers.

Genesis 42:1—45:28





# Joseph Saves His Family

Genesis 42–46

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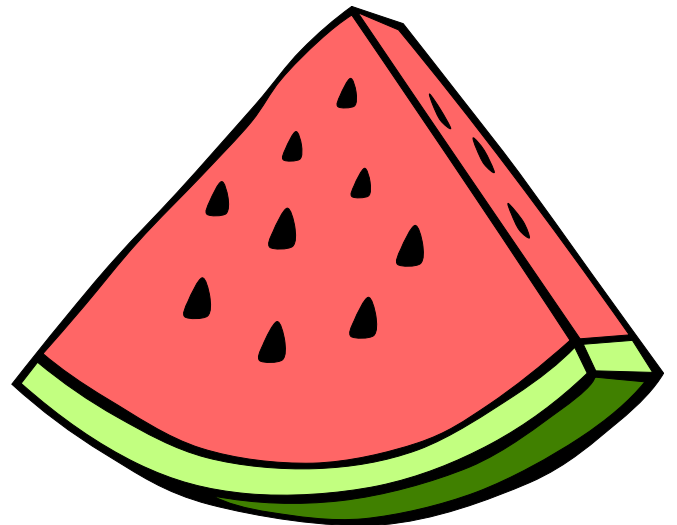
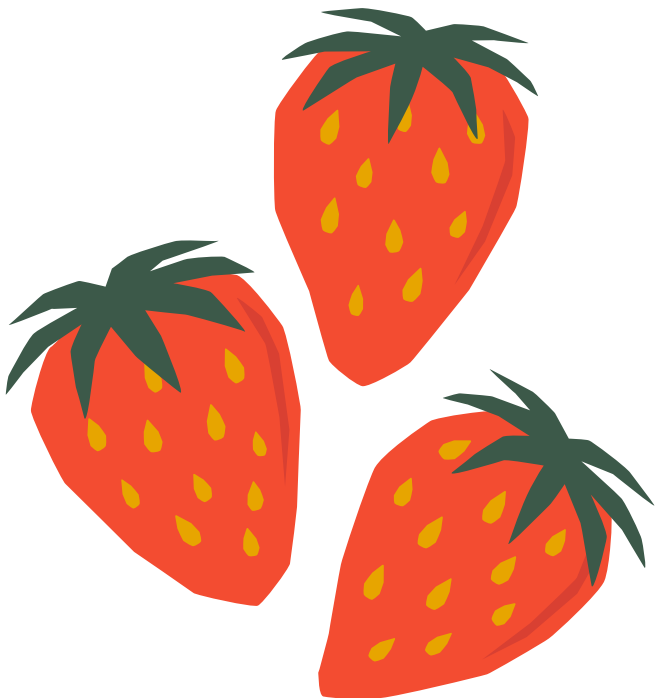
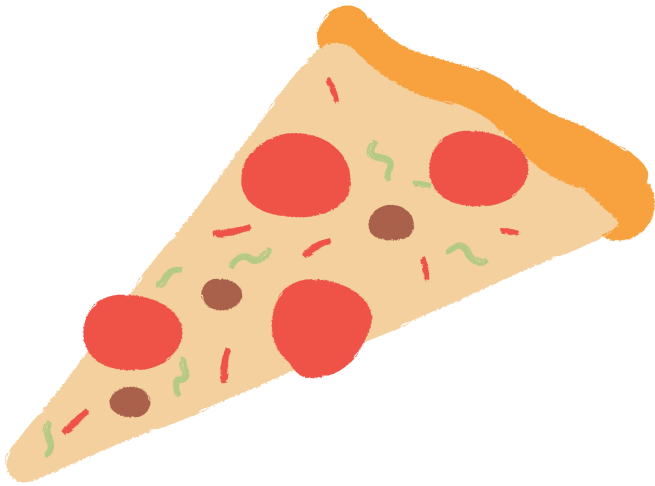
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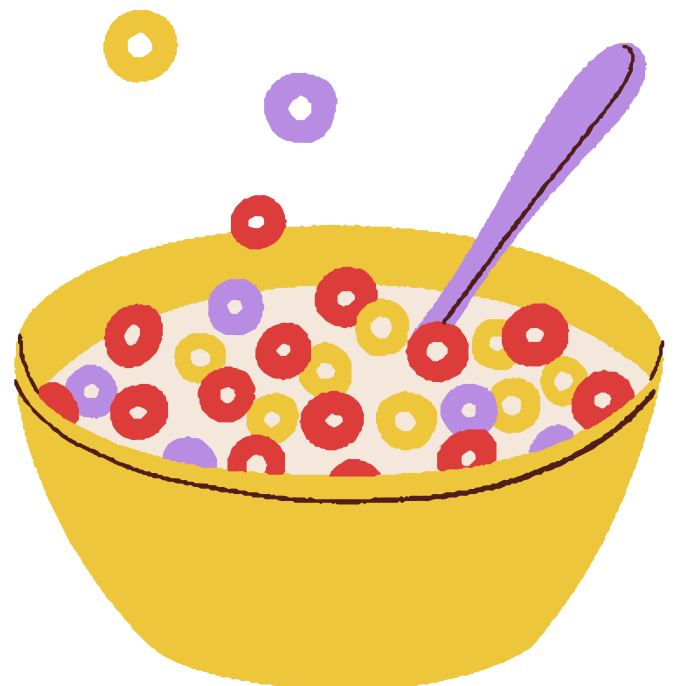
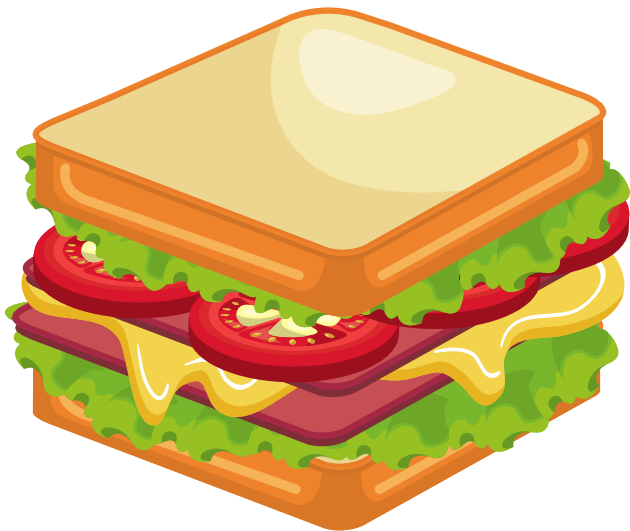
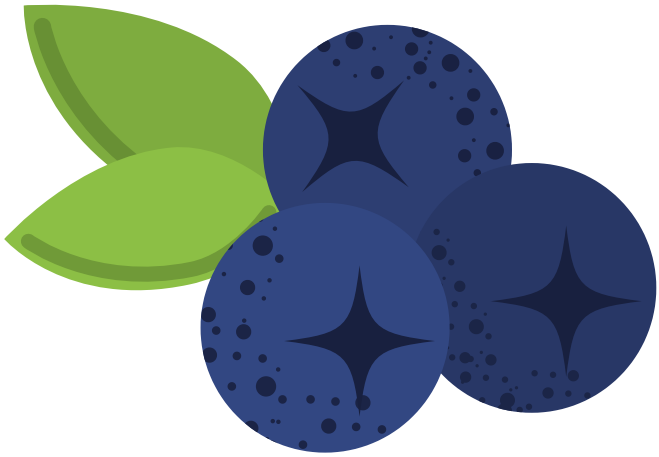


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that Joseph was alive.  
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# God Was With Joseph

(To the tune of 'If You're Happy and You Know It')

Verse 1-

When Joseph lived in Egypt, God was there!

(Clap, clap!)

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(Clap, clap!)

When things looked kind of bad,

God helped Joseph not be sad,

When Joseph lived in Egypt, God was there!

(Clap, clap!)

**(Motions: march in place for "lived in Egypt," make a sad face, then smile for "not be sad")**

Verse 2-

When Pharaoh had a dream, God helped

Joseph! (Point up!)

When Pharaoh had a dream, God helped

Joseph (Point up!)

God helped Joseph understand,

And he followed God's good plan,

When Pharaoh had a dream, God helped

Joseph!

**(Motions: hands to cheek for "dream," point to head for "understand," spread arms wide for "God's good plan")**

Verse 3-

When the fields were full of food, Joe said,

"Save!" (Pretend to scoop!)

When the fields were full of food, Joe said,

"Save!" (Pretend to scoop!)

He filled barns every day,

So no one went hungry, yay!

When the fields were full of food, Joe said,

"Save!"

**(Motions: pretend to scoop grain, then raise arms for "yay!")**

Verse 4-

When his brothers came for food, Joe

forgave! (Hug self!)

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forgave! (Hug self!)

He could've stayed mad inside,

But God helped his heart decide,

When his brothers came for food, Joe

forgave!

**(Motions: pretend to hand out food, cross arms for "mad," then hug self for "forgave")**

Verse 5-

When you're happy, when you're sad, God is there! (Point around!)

When you're happy, when you're sad, God is there! (Point around!)

He was with Joseph too,

And He always cares for you,

When you're happy, when you're sad, God is there!

**(Motions: big smile for "happy," sad face for "sad," point to self and others for "cares for you")**