

GOD SAVED JOSEPH'S FAMILY



Bible Reference: Genesis 41-45

Date:

Age: 2's/3's

2nd Service

Memory Verse:

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

Theme:

**God Cares
For Us!**

Schedule

- Arrival/Attendance/Directed Play.....10:40-11:05
- Clean Up and Gather For Story.....11:05-11:10
- Bible Story.....11:10-11:25
- Craft/Coloring Page:.....11:25-11:35
- Friends from Afar.....11:35-11:45
- Songs/Memory Verse/Prayer.....11:45-11:55
- Snack Time at Tables.....11:55-12:05
- Free Choice Play.....12:05-12:15

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

10:40-11:05

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.

Life of Joseph Sensory Bin

- Hide the laminated pictures from your service bin in the red sensory bin for children to find. As they find the pictures, explain how they relate to Joseph's life
 - Coat- Joseph's father gave him a coat because he loved him more than his brothers.
 - Dream cloud- God helped Joseph understand dreams
 - Silo- God told Joseph to store food so that the people of Egypt would not run out
 - Hug- God helped Joseph reunite with his family
- SAY So many things happened in Joseph's life. Last week we learned about his special coat. Why did Joseph have a special coat? (Because his father loved him most) We also learned that Joseph had dreams. What did God do with Joseph's dreams? (Helped Joseph understand them). Today we will learn that God helped Joseph in Egypt by telling him to store food. Finally we will see how God helps Joseph's family.

Find Egypt and Israel

- Using the Map in your room, help. the children find Israel and Egypt. Explain that Joseph was living in Egypt when today's story happened and his family lived in Israel. Ask the children how they think Joseph felt to be far away from his family. If they are unsure, ask everyone to think of a time they were away from their family and how it made them feel.
- SAY We know it can be really easy to miss our family if we don't see them for a while. Joseph was away from his family for many years. Even though they didn't always get along, I bet he still missed them! Today, we will learn how God takes care of Joseph's family and saves them!

Clean Up and Gather for Story

11:05-11:10

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

11:10-11:25

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!





Craft/Coloring Page

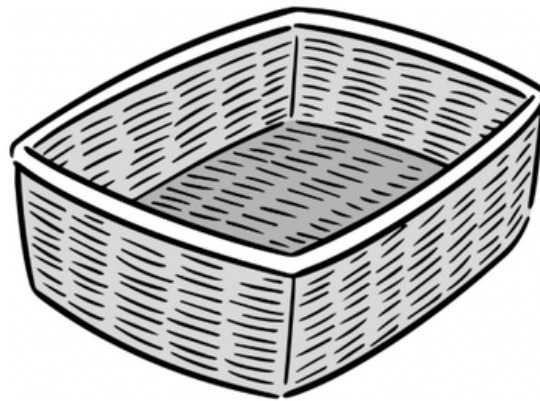
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After the story, have the children go to their tables and prepare for a craft to go along with the lesson. Our **BIG IDEA** of the week is: **God cares for Us!**

Give each child a copy of the "God told Joseph to store food" craft page. Help the children to use gluesticks to smear glue on the basket. Place bowls of crinkle paper on each table and encourage children to stick the paper to the glue like they are putting food into the basket

As children finish, distribute the coloring page with today's 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.

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Friends from Afar

11:35-11:45

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

11:45-11:55

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 protecting Joseph and his family. Help us to remember that you love us the same as you loved them. We are so thankful that we can trust you! 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

11:55-12:05

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

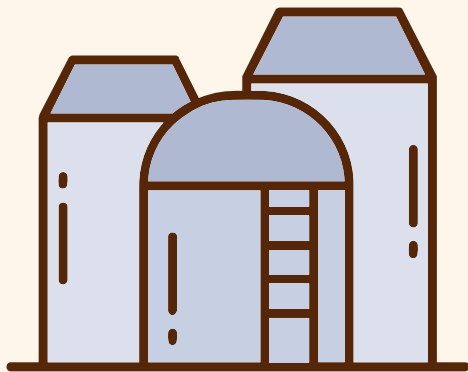
12:05-12:15

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 Saves His Family

Genesis 42–46

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