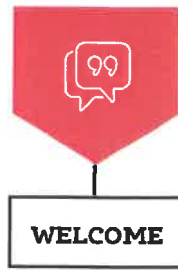


Gr. 1-3 Lesson Template

Where	Who and What	What you Need
Classroom	Teacher takes attendance Give students a sticker	Paper on table, check off who is here, put onto the clipboard
	Session 1 starter with dice / 20 questions with favourite thing	
	Decorate frames with new memory verse on it.	
Large Group	Large Group Time: Leader is Shena. She'll get you when ready.	
Classroom	Ask your group some questions: -How do you usually respond when someone does something unkind? How do others respond to you when you do something unkind? -What are some things you are good at? Why do you think God has given you talents? -How have you seen God bring something good out of a bad thing?	
Classroom:	Draw a dream you've had	Worksheet
	Wordsearch / Crossword puzzle about Joseph	Worksheet



WELCOME Kids

Greet each kid as he or she arrives. Use this time to collect the offering, fill out attendance sheets, ask kids about their week, and help new kids connect to your group.

SAY “Tell us about a time you were surprised by something. Was it a good surprise? How did you react to the surprise?”

1 ACTIVITY PAGE (5 minutes)

Invite kids to complete the “Dream Drawings” activity page.

SAY “We’ve all had some pretty interesting dreams at one point or another. Thanks for sharing yours! In our story we’ll hear how Joseph was given the ability to interpret dreams. That means he was able to tell what a dream really meant! We’ll learn more in just a few minutes.”

2 SESSION STARTER (10 minutes)

☐ OPTION 1: ROLL WITH IT

Form groups of about three kids. Give the dice to the groups, one per group. One kid in each group will roll the die and answer a question depending on the number she rolls.

- 1: How old are you?
- 2: Where were you born?
- 3: What is your favorite food?
- 4: What is your favorite school subject?
- 5: Who else lives with you in your house?
- 6: What is your dream job?

SAY “This activity was a great way for us to get to know each other better. I learned so much about each of you! Did you know that God already knows those things about you? It’s true. God knows you better than you know yourself, and He has a plan for your life.”

☐ OPTION 2: 20 QUESTIONS

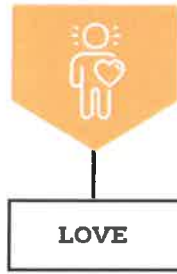


Instruct the kids to find a partner. Each kid must think of his favorite thing. It can be a toy, game, activity, or person. His partner will ask 20 yes/no questions to try to figure out what the thing is. Once the favorite thing is guessed, they will switch places so the second kid can guess her partner’s favorite thing.

SAY “We all have things we like a lot. You probably have a favorite game, a favorite toy, or even a person that you really love to be around. In our story we’ll hear about a man named Jacob who had a favorite son, Joseph. Can you think of some reasons why having a favorite son is wrong? We’ll learn more about the problems Jacob’s favoritism caused.”

Transition from **WELCOME** to **LEARN**





THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

LOVE God by Applying the Story

1 BIBLE SKILLS & REVIEW (10 minutes)

Distribute Bibles and help kids find Genesis 50. Explain that Genesis is the first book of the Bible. It's in the Old Testament and tells the story of God creating the world, and how He related to the people He created. Ask the kids to help retell today's story in their own words.

Display the Old Testament Mediterranean Map. Choose a volunteer to locate Joseph's home in Canaan (G9). Ask a second volunteer to locate Egypt (H8) where he was taken as a slave.

Choose a volunteer to read aloud Genesis 50:15, 20. If your group is still learning to read, you may choose to read it for them.

SAY 🌟 Joseph's brothers were afraid that when Jacob died, Joseph would finally seek revenge on them for what they had done to him many years before. But instead of being angry, Joseph reassured them saying that it was God who brought him to Egypt. God had a plan for Joseph's life and used something bad to bring about good, not just for Joseph but for all of Egypt! 🌟

2 GROUP DISCUSSION (10 minutes)

Ask the following questions. Lead the kids to discuss their answers.

SAY 🌟 How do you usually respond when someone does something unkind? How do others respond to you when you do something unkind? 🌟

When someone does something mean to us it's easy to get mad and want to do something equally mean right back! Is that how God wants us to respond to others? Is that how God responds to us when we sin? Because of Jesus, our sin is forgiven and we can be close with God. Since we have been forgiven, God wants us to forgive others when they hurt us.

SAY 🌟 What are some things you are good at? Why do you think God has given you talents? 🌟

What special ability did God give Joseph? That's right, he was able to interpret dreams. God gave this ability to Joseph because Joseph was able to use it to become a high-ranking official in Egypt. God gives all of us talents, abilities, or gifts. Sometimes we don't know what they are right away. But every ability we have is something we can use to glorify God and help others. What are some ways you can use your talents to bless other people and honor God?

SAY 🌟 How have you seen God bring something good out of a bad thing? 🌟

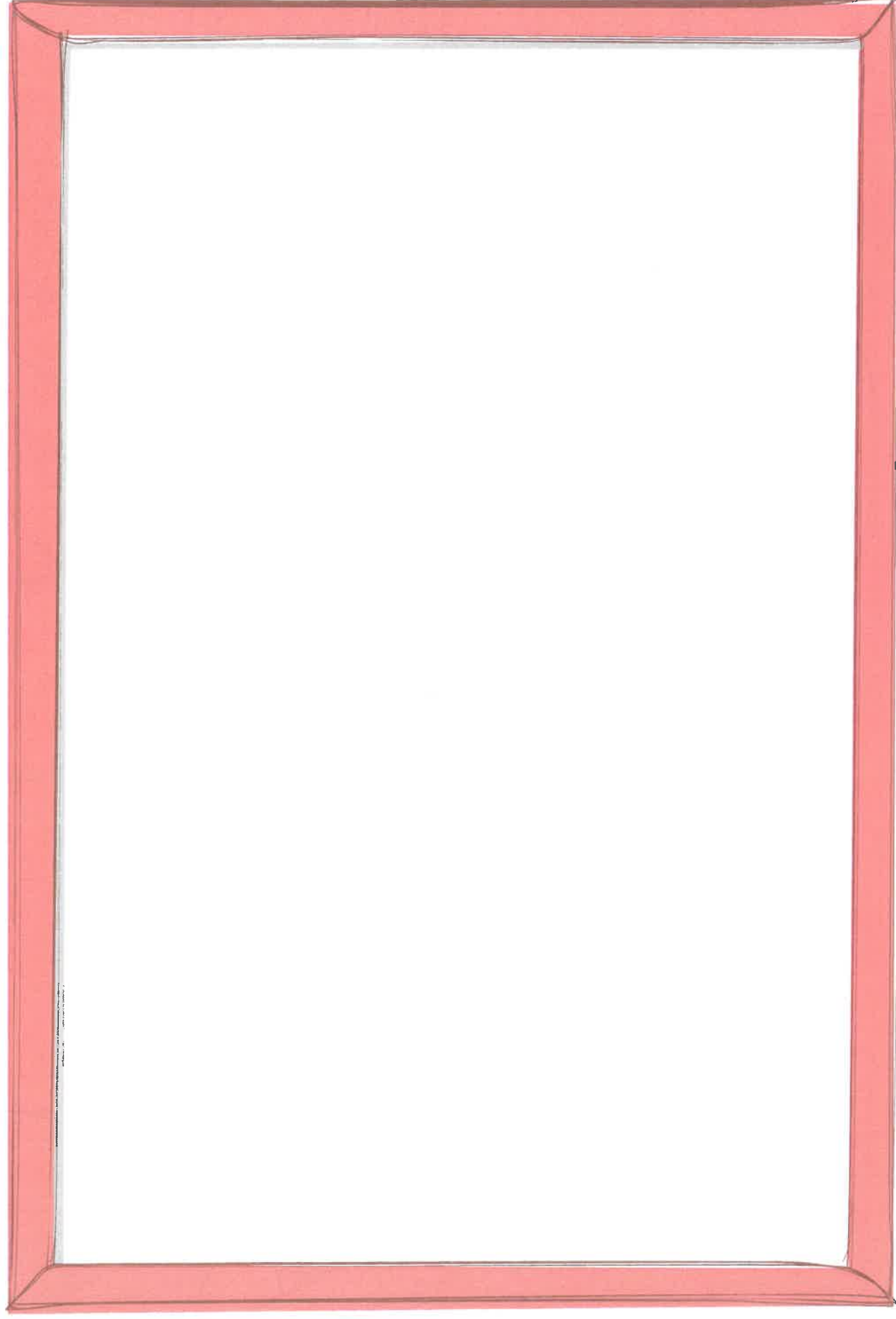
Sometimes bad things happen to us and we might be tempted to think that God doesn't care or that He has forgotten about us. But that's not true! The Bible tells us that God is always with us and that He has a plan for our life that He is working out. (Ask a volunteer to read Romans 8:26-28). God is always at work in our lives, even when we can't see it. Remember, **God is in control of everything in heaven and on earth. Nothing is outside of God's good plan.** So we can trust God to bring blessings even out of the hard things we go through.

Transition from **LOVE** to **LIVE**

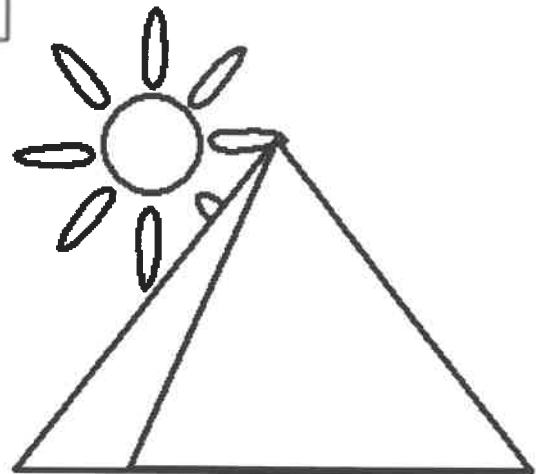
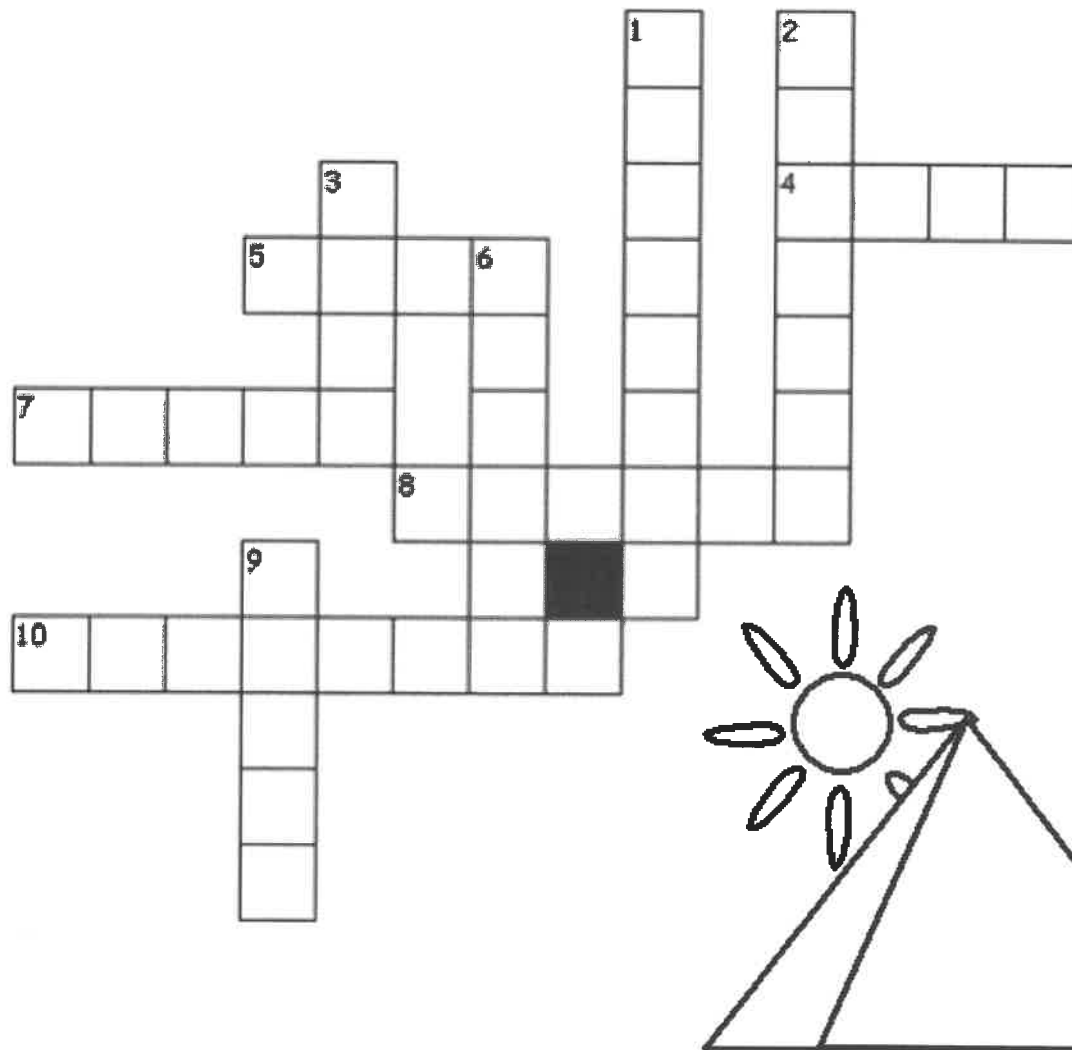


Dream Drawings

INSTRUCTIONS: Write about or draw a picture of a dream you have had.



Joseph Crossword



Across

4. Pharaoh gave this to Joseph when he put him in charge of Egypt.
5. Joseph's brothers didn't kill him, they ____ him.
7. After God told Joseph about Pharaoh's dreams he became in charge of this whole place.
8. During the seven years of this, Joseph had enough food in reserve to share with those in need.
10. It was because of this that Joseph ended up in Egypt.

Down

1. This is the name of the youngest brother.
2. Joseph did the right thing when he ____ his brothers.
3. Joseph received this from his father.
6. Joseph had a gift of interpreting these.
9. Joseph's brother's covered his coat in animal ____ so their father thought he was dead

Joseph Word Search

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