

Large Group Leader:

Time	Slide	What to Do	Materials
10 minutes	1	Set up Computer with songs on Youtube, google slides powerpoint for today	
3 minutes	2	Start timer. Invite classes to join	Timer video
2 minutes	3	Welcome kids Collect the offering: For clean water!!!	Offering bag
	4	Birthdays: no birthdays	
2 minutes	5-6	Call to Worship Leader: Come, children of God! Let's worship the Lord together! Kids: We will praise the Lord at all times! Leader: Psalm 34 says, <i>"Taste and see that the Lord is good!"</i> Kids: God is good all the time! Leader: When we're scared or sad, who can we call on? Kids: We can call on the Lord, and He will answer us! Leader: Let's open our hearts and voices to praise Him— because God hears us, saves us, and fills us with joy! All together: Let us worship the Lord, for He is good!	Bible
8 min	7-8	Shena's videos for actions for new song	
4		Video of new song with music	

		God is so good	
		God is good	
1	11	New Memory Verse!	
5	12	Tell the story (see notes from story if you wish to tell it from here)	
3 minutes	13	Watch the video of the story	powerpoint
		Ask a few questions: 1) What did Joseph's brothers do? 2) How did God take care of Joseph? 3) How did Joseph show forgiveness? 4) How do we show we forgive someone? 5) Who will always forgive us?	
2 minutes	14	Pray with the kids	
1 minute	15	Do the blessing with them: May the Lord Bless You and Keep you. May he make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you His favour and give you peace."	



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LEARN the Bible Story

1 TELL THE BIBLE STORY: VIDEO OR STORYTELLER (10 minutes)

Open your Bible to Genesis 37–50. Use the Bible storytelling tips to help you tell the story, or show the Bible story video “God Had a Plan for Joseph.” Use the bold text to retell or review the story.

GOD HAD A PLAN FOR JOSEPH

“ Jacob had 12 sons, but Joseph was his favorite. Jacob’s other sons hated Joseph. One day, Jacob sent Joseph to check on his brothers, who were tending to the sheep. The brothers saw Joseph coming, and they made a plan to get rid of him. They sold Joseph as a servant to some travelers going to Egypt. Then they convinced Jacob that wild animals had killed his favorite son. Jacob was very sad.

Meanwhile, **the travelers sold Joseph to an Egyptian officer named Potiphar. The Lord was with Joseph and made him successful at everything he did. Potiphar put Joseph in charge of many things, and Potiphar was happy with him. But Potiphar’s wife lied about Joseph, accusing him of doing something he didn’t do. Potiphar was angry, and he put Joseph in prison.**

God was still with Joseph and blessed him, even in prison. God gave Joseph the ability to understand the meaning of dreams. Years passed, and Joseph was forgotten in prison until **Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, had two dreams. He sent for Joseph. Joseph explained the dreams: Egypt was going to have seven good years with plenty of food followed by seven bad years of no food.** Joseph told Pharaoh to save food during the good years to use during the bad years.

Pharaoh realized that God was with Joseph, so he made Joseph second in command in all of Egypt. Joseph stored away food during the good years. Then, during the famine, people came to him to buy grain.

One day, Jacob sent 10 of his sons to Egypt to buy grain. The brothers came to Joseph and bowed down. Joseph knew who they were, but they did not recognize him. When Joseph was ready, he told his brothers who he was. “I’m Joseph!” he said. “Don’t be afraid. God sent me here so I could save your people, a remnant, from the famine.”

Joseph’s brothers went home to bring all their family and belongings back to Egypt. Jacob hugged his son Joseph, and they cried.

Jacob’s family was blessed in Egypt, but Jacob got older and died. Now Joseph’s brothers were afraid Joseph would punish them for what they did to him. **Joseph said, “You planned evil against me; God planned it for good to bring about the present result—the survival of many people.”** Joseph comforted his brothers and spoke kindly to them.

Christ Connection: God had a plan for Joseph’s life. He allowed Joseph to suffer

STORYTELLING TIPS

Display art: Show the Bible story picture or use a flannelgraph to depict the story as you tell it.

Use props: Gather and display items related to the story. For example: toy sheep (shepherds), handcuffs (prison), pillow (dreams), bread (grain).



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INTRODUCE the Bible Story

1 INTRODUCE THE SESSION (3 minutes)

Show the countdown video as you transition to introduce the Bible story. Set it to end as the session begins.

SAY ☺ Hello friends! Thanks for joining us again today. I'm really excited to share our Bible story with all of you. It is so fun to study the Bible. Scripture is God's Word to us. It is how we can be close to Him and know what He is like. The Bible is a gift, and we can be excited to read it and study what it says. Since the Bible is such a big book it can be intimidating when you think about trying to read the whole thing. But during our time together each week we want to study a small part of the Bible and unpack what it says about who God is and how the story fits into the Bible's one big story. ☺

2 BIG PICTURE QUESTION (1 minute)

SAY ☺ We know that God created everything and He takes care of everything He has made. We've been trying to answer the question **Who is in control of everything?** By now we know the answer to that question! **God is in control of everything in heaven and on earth. Nothing is outside of God's good plan.** We don't always know why things are happening a certain way. Maybe we are going through something hard, scary, or sad. We know that God is still in control. Maybe things are going really well and life seems easy. God is in control then too! No matter what our circumstances are, God is at work in our lives. ☺

3 REVIEW THE TIMELINE (1 minute)

Show the giant timeline. Point to individual Bible stories as you review.

SAY ☺ We've been learning a lot about God's rescue plan and how God worked in different people's lives to eventually send Jesus. He made a promise to Abraham that he would be the father of a great nation. Isaac was born and when God told Abraham to offer his son as a sacrifice, it was God Himself who provided the needed sacrifice. Last week we learned about Isaac's son Jacob, and how God's promise continued through him. This week, we will learn what happened when Jacob favored one of his sons more than the others. ☺



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Choose a volunteer to pray for missionaries your church supports. Pray that people who hear the good news about Jesus would trust in Him and find peace even in life's sufferings.

6 KEY PASSAGE ACTIVITY (10 minutes)

Show the key passage poster. Lead kids in reading aloud Psalm 135:5-6.

SAY ☞ Our key passage shows us that God is knowable. We serve a God who loves us and is actively at work in His creation. He is not far away and mysterious. He is great, greater than all other false gods, so He alone is worthy of all our worship. ☞

On the floor mark out a tic-tac-toe board with masking tape. In each square place a piece of paper that has one phrase from the verse on it. Form two teams and instruct the kids to stand in a line in front of the board. Give the first kid a red beanbag. He will toss it to one of the squares. He will say the whole memory verse, then take the paper from that square away. Challenge the class to say the verse again. The first kid on the next team will toss a blue beanbag to one of the tic-tac-toe squares and continue the process. The team to get three in a row wins. Repeat the game until every kid has a chance to toss the beanbag.

Lead the kids to sing "For I Know (Psalm 135:5-6)." You may also choose other worship songs to sing

7 PRAY (2 minutes)

Invite kids to pray before transitioning to apply the story.

SAY ☞ Father, we thank You for Your love for us. Thank You for giving us the gift of Your Word, the Bible. It's incredible that You show us who You are and what You are like through the pages of this book. Help us to love, trust, and obey You this week. Amen. ☞

Transition from **LEARN** to **LOVE**





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in order to rescue a whole nation. God planned for Jesus to suffer so that many—people from all nations—would be saved. 33

2 REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

SAY 33 Joseph's brothers did something truly awful to him. Out of their great jealousy they were willing to sell him into slavery. Joseph spent many years in Egypt as a servant, as a prisoner, and eventually as a high-ranking official. He had a long time to think about what his brothers had done, and finally he had the chance to meet them again face-to-face. Instead of hating them or taking revenge on them, he freely forgave them for what they had done. 33

There were a lot of bad things that happened to Joseph. His brothers hated him, he was sold into slavery, he was falsely accused, and he was thrown in prison. We might be quick to say that God had forgotten him, but that's not true. God had a plan for Joseph's life and used all of his troubles to bring something good to the Hebrew people. Because of Joseph's position in Egypt, he was able to help his brothers and their families.

God is able to bring blessings out of hard things. Let's think about Jesus. His death on the cross was the worst thing that could ever happen. The very Son of God was put to death. What could be worse? But even through something truly awful, God brought about salvation for the whole world. Because of Jesus' death on the cross we can be forgiven for our sin, receive eternal life, and be part of God's family forever!

3 CHRIST CONNECTION

SAY 33 God had a plan for Joseph's life. He allowed Joseph to suffer in order to rescue a whole nation. God planned for Jesus to suffer so that many—people from all nations—would be saved. 33

(Tip: Use Scripture and the guide provided to explain how to become a Christian. Make sure kids know when and where they can ask questions.)

4 QUESTIONS FROM KIDS (3 minutes)

Show the "Unit 3, Session 5" questions from kids video. Prompt the kids to discuss:

1. How should we respond if someone is cruel to us?
2. What are some things God says are true about us?

5 MISSIONS MOMENT (3 minutes)

SAY 33 Abby is an 11-year-old girl who realized that she can make a difference by giving to missions. Every gift matters, even if it's small. Let's watch her story. 33

Play the missions video and ask kids if they think they could save or raise \$32 to give to missions. Plan to collect a missions offering over the next few weeks to add to Abby's Challenge or to support missionaries from your church. Note: You can give through the International Mission Board (IMB) at www.imb.org/abbyschallenge.