



Use Week of:

## Unit 4 • Session 2

# Joseph Explained Dreams

**BIBLE PASSAGE:** Genesis 39–41

**STORY POINT:** God can do anything.

**KEY PASSAGE:** Hosea 13:4b

**CHRIST CONNECTION:** Jesus left heaven  
so He could rescue us.

### Bible Story for Toddlers

Joseph worked in Egypt for a man named Potiphar. Potiphar's wife told a lie about Joseph, and Joseph went to jail. God was with Joseph. A cupbearer and a baker who worked for Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, were in jail too. They had strange dreams. God helped Joseph explain their dreams, and their dreams came true! One night, Pharaoh had a strange dream too. The cupbearer remembered Joseph's help, and Pharaoh sent for Joseph. Pharaoh had a dream about seven fat, healthy cows and seven skinny, sick cows. Joseph said, "God showed that you will have seven years of good food and seven years of no food. Choose someone to gather food during the good years." Pharaoh chose Joseph to be in charge of the food and all of Egypt!

### Babies Gospel Gems

- \* God helped Joseph tell people about their dreams.
- \* God used Joseph to rescue many people.
- \* God sent Jesus to rescue us.

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# BABIES Activities

## Look in the Bible

Provide hand-size Bibles for babies to handle. Open your Bible to Genesis 39. Show the Bible story picture as you say the Gospel Gems in a soothing voice. Read the key passage card.

**SAY:** God helped Joseph tell people about their dreams. God used Joseph to rescue many people. Later, God sent Jesus to rescue us. **GOD CAN DO ANYTHING!** [*Pray for the babies.*]

## Sing a Bible story song

Sing to the tune of “London Bridge Is Falling Down”:

“Is there anything God can’t do\*, God can’t do, God can’t do?  
Is there anything God can’t do?  
God can do anything!”

\*Substitute *God helps us know what to do* in the next round. Finish each stanza with the Story Point.

**SAY:** God helped Joseph tell people about their dreams. God used Joseph to rescue many people. Jesus left heaven so He could rescue us. **GOD CAN DO ANYTHING.**

## Rock babies

Provide vinyl baby dolls and blankets for babies to snuggle. Sing simple lullabies or hum as babies rock the baby dolls to sleep. Review the Gospel Gems.

**SAY:** We sometimes dream when we are asleep. God helped Joseph tell people about their dreams. **GOD CAN DO ANYTHING.**

## Feel grapes

Post an allergy alert. Place cold grapes or purple water beads in a small ziplock bag. Seal the bags with duct tape. Invite babies to feel the grapes.

**SAY:** A man had a dream about grapes. God helped Joseph tell people about their dreams. God used Joseph to rescue many people. **GOD CAN DO ANYTHING.**

Check diapers, serve bottles if needed, and release babies to parents according to your church’s security guidelines. Give parents today’s big picture card. Repeat the Gospel Gems and Bible-learning activities for babies who stay a second hour.

# TODDLER Activities

## Circle time (5 minutes)

Provide small Bibles for toddlers to handle. Say the Bible is God's words. Read the key passage card and guide toddlers to say it. Open your Bible to Genesis 39. Show the Bible story picture as you tell the Bible story. Say the Story Point and Gospel Gems. Pray for the toddlers.

## Make a pillow

Invite toddlers to use crayons, stickers, and washable markers to decorate the back of paper plates. When children finish, guide them to place cotton balls on their plate. Fold the plates in half and use colorful duct tape to seal the edge to make a pillow. Write the Story Point on each child's pillow.

**SAY:** God helped Joseph tell people about their dreams. **GOD CAN DO ANYTHING.** God used Joseph to rescue many people, and later, God sent Jesus to rescue us.

## Practice the Story Point

Play music and invite toddlers to march in a circle. When you stop the music, encourage the toddlers to say or shout the Story Point with you. Repeat as interest holds. Briefly review the Bible story.

**SAY: GOD CAN DO ANYTHING!** God used Joseph to rescue many people. Later God sent Jesus to rescue us. Jesus left heaven so He could rescue us.

## Explore a sensory box

Provide a box with items from the Bible story, such as people figures, a cup, toy grapes, a rolling pin, and toy bread for toddlers to examine. Briefly retell the story.

**SAY: GOD CAN DO ANYTHING.** God helped Joseph tell people about their dreams. God used Joseph to rescue many people.

## Look at cows

Provide books or use an electronic device to show pictures of cows. Invite toddlers to moo with you. Talk about how healthy cows are usually large. Retell the story.

**SAY: GOD CAN DO ANYTHING.** God used Joseph to rescue many people.

# BONUS Teaching Hour

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## Transition activity: Make nighttime art

Provide dark construction paper, chalk, and star stickers for toddlers to make a nighttime scene. Retell the Bible story.

**SAY:** Joseph's dreams about his brothers got him sent to Egypt. But God helped Joseph tell people about their dreams. God used Joseph to rescue many people. **GOD CAN DO ANYTHING!** Later, God sent Jesus to rescue us. Jesus left heaven so He could rescue us.

## Pop “corn”

Before class, roll pieces of yellow paper and then use tape to wrap air bubble packing sheets around them. Invite toddlers to practice their fine motor skills by popping the bubble “corn.”

**SAY:** God helped Joseph tell people about their dreams. The king of Egypt put Joseph in charge of gathering food like corn and other grains. **GOD CAN DO ANYTHING.** God used Joseph to rescue many people.

## Use five senses

Before class, gather and cut green and red grapes lengthwise. Post an allergy alert. Wash hands and invite toddlers to use their five senses (touch, taste, smell, sight, hearing). You may also provide grape juice for toddlers to taste or smell.

**SAY:** The king's cupbearer had a dream about grapes. God helped Joseph tell people about their dreams. **GOD CAN DO ANYTHING.** God used Joseph to rescue many people.

Check diapers, serve a snack if needed, and release toddlers to parents according to your church's security procedures. Give parents today's big picture card to reinforce today's Bible story, Christ Connection, Story Point, or Gospel Gems throughout the week.