



Use Week of:

## Unit 4 • Session 1

# Joseph Sent to Egypt

**BIBLE PASSAGE:** Genesis 37

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

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

**CHRIST CONNECTION:** Jesus was God's plan to rescue us.

### Bible Story for Toddlers

Jacob had 12 sons. Jacob loved Joseph the best. He gave Joseph a coat with many colors. God gave Joseph special dreams that showed God's plan. Joseph dreamed that he and his brothers were tying up grain in the field. Joseph's grain stood up, but his brothers' grain bowed to his. Another time, Joseph dreamed the sun, moon, and 11 stars bowed to him. Joseph's brothers did not like these dreams. The dreams meant Joseph would be in charge over them. They were very angry! One day, Joseph went to find his brothers. "Here comes the dreamer!" they said. They grabbed Joseph, took away his beautiful coat, and threw him into a hole. They sold Joseph to people who took him to Egypt.

### Babies Gospel Gems

- \* Joseph's brothers sent him away to Egypt.
- \* God had a plan for Joseph in Egypt.
- \* God had a plan to send Jesus.

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# BABIES Activities

## Look in the Bible

Provide hand-size Bibles for babies to handle. Open your Bible to Genesis 37. Show the Bible story picture as you say the Gospel Gems in a soothing voice. Read the key passage card.

**SAY:** Joseph's brothers sent him away to Egypt, and God had a plan for Joseph in Egypt. **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 can help us when we're sad* or other emotions in subsequent rounds. Finish each stanza with the Story Point.

**SAY:** God had a plan for Joseph in Egypt. God had a plan to send Jesus. Jesus was God's plan to rescue us. **GOD CAN DO ANYTHING.**

## Make a colorful coat

Before class, cut out a simple coat shape from heavyweight paper. Place the paper in a ziplock bag with squirts of colorful paint for each child. Seal the bag with duct tape. Invite babies to squeeze the bag to distribute the paint. Remove the coat and glue it to construction paper. Write the Story Point on each paper and set the art aside to dry.

**SAY:** Joseph's brothers sent him away to Egypt because they were mad. God had a plan for Joseph in Egypt. **GOD CAN DO ANYTHING.**

## Play with people figures

Provide age-appropriate peg people or vinyl people figures. Supervise babies as they play with the figures. Review the Gospel Gems.

**SAY:** God had a plan for Joseph in Egypt. God had a plan to send Jesus too! Jesus was God's plan to rescue us. **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. Open your Bible to Genesis 37. Show the Bible story picture as you tell the Bible story. Say the Story Point and Gospel Gems. Pray.

## Make tie-dye coats

Provide painting smocks, thick paper towels, paintbrushes, and small cups of water with a few drops of food color. Twist a paper towel for each toddler. Guide him to dip his paintbrush in water and paint on the paper towel, using whatever colors he likes. Make sure toddlers do not saturate the towels. Unwind the towel and set it flat to dry. When it is dry, cut two angles on either side to make a simple coat shape. Write the Story Point or Christ Connection on the art.

**SAY:** Joseph's dad gave him a colorful coat, and his brothers were angry. Joseph's brothers sent him away to Egypt. God had a plan for Joseph in Egypt.

**GOD CAN DO ANYTHING.**

## Gather wheat

Provide artificial wheat stalks or strips of yellow paper for toddlers to gather. Invite toddlers to bring the "wheat" to you. Tie the bundle with twine.

**SAY:** Joseph's dreams about wheat did not make his brothers happy. God had a plan for Joseph in Egypt. Later, God had a plan to send Jesus. **GOD CAN DO ANYTHING.**

## Count 12 brothers

Draw simple faces on 12 large craft sticks. Invite toddlers to count the 12 "brothers." Allow toddlers to hold the craft sticks as you count aloud.

**SAY:** Joseph's brothers sent him away to Egypt. God had a plan for Joseph in Egypt. Jesus was God's plan to rescue us. **GOD CAN DO ANYTHING.**

## Dig through grain

Post an allergy alert. Hide Bible story items in a bin of dried corn or barley. Invite toddlers to dig through the bin to find the items. Briefly review the story.

**SAY:** God had a plan for Joseph in Egypt. **GOD CAN DO ANYTHING.**

# BONUS Teaching Hour

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## Transition activity: Count with music

Provide rhythm instruments for toddlers to keep a steady beat with you. As children tap their instruments, count to 12. You may also clap your hands to help the children keep the rhythm. For younger toddlers, count to four three times.

**SAY:** God blessed Jacob with 12 sons, but Joseph was the favorite. Joseph's brothers sent him away to Egypt. God had a plan for Joseph in Egypt. All along, Jesus was God's plan to rescue us. **GOD CAN DO ANYTHING.**

## Play out family scenes

Provide dress-up clothes, toy food and dishes, baby dolls, and other home-living items for toddlers to play out family scenes. Talk about how siblings or cousins interact as toddlers play. Be sensitive to children who may not have siblings.

**SAY:** God gives us families to love us and care for us. Joseph's brothers were jealous of Joseph. They did not take care of him; Joseph's brothers sent him to Egypt! God had a plan for Joseph in Egypt. **GOD CAN DO ANYTHING.**

## Look at books about travel

Provide age-appropriate picture books about Egypt. You may also provide books about going on a trip or moving far away. Invite toddlers to look at the books. Briefly review the Bible story.

**SAY:** Joseph's brothers sent him away to Egypt. God had a plan for Joseph in Egypt. God had a plan to send Jesus later to rescue us. **GOD CAN DO ANYTHING.**

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.