

Lesson 2 Lemonade, Seeing the possibility

Theme: Forgiveness

Memory Verse: Jeremiah 17:14 “Heal me, Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise.” NIV

Make memory verse cards with your kids. Help them create fun ways to learn the verse.

Worship: Have time of worship with your kids. Play their favorite songs on the tv and turn to God with praise together as a family.

Lesson: *Be open and honest with your children during this time. Make sure you are aware of their feelings and have an open ended discussions. Also, this is just an outline. Fill free to add in your own insights and words.**

“When life gives you lemons, make lemonade.”

Say: We talked last week about what this phrase means. We can make the best out of any situation. That’s exactly what Joseph did with his brothers.

The story of Joseph: He was Dad’s favorite and because of this his brothers were jealous of him. So one day his brothers worked up a plan to sell him into slavery. They told their father an animal killed him. For 14 years Joseph’s dad mourned the loss of his sons, while the brothers carried around a huge amount of guilt.

Ask: Have you ever done something that you were guilty of?

Allow children to respond

Ask: What did you do to rid you’re guilt? What made you feel better?

Allow children to respond

Say: When Joseph was sold into slavery, he had a hard few years, but he always stayed in faith. God had bigger plans than even Joseph knew. Through God’s guidance, Joseph became 2nd in charge of Egypt. When we stay in faith and trust in God, He will watch over you and guide you down the right path. After 14 years, Egypt fell into a deep famine, so there was no food.

Read: Genesis 42:21-22 “They said to one another, “Surely we are being punished because of our brother. We saw how distressed he was when he pleaded with us for his life, but we would not listen; that’s why this distress has come on us.”

Say: The brothers thought that the famine was because of the bad they had done to their brother Joseph, they thought they were being punished.

Ask: How can we make up for something wrong that you did?

Allow children to respond

Say: Because of the famine, Joseph's brother had no choice but to go to Egypt and ask for help. To their surprise the person who they had to report to was Joseph. Can you imagine being face to face with the one that you wronged all those years ago?

Ask: How do you think Joseph is going to respond to his brothers?

Allow children to respond

Ask: How do you respond to someone that has hurt you?

Allow children to respond

Read: Genesis 50:20 "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives."

Say: Joseph responded to his brothers with forgiveness and love. He helped them with food and protection. No matter what wrong they had done him, Joseph wanted to help his brothers.

Ask: So what can we learn from the story of Joseph and his brothers?

Allow children to respond

Answer: 1. Always forgive those who do you wrong.

2. When you do something wrong, ask for forgiveness

3. Always trust and have faith in God's plans

Prayer: Lord, help us to forgive those who have wronged us, help us to believe in you and have faith in the plans you have for us. We thank you for being a loving God. Amen.

Activity: Together as a family make lemonade. While making the lemonade talk about something you've done in your past that you regret and remind the kids no matter what they have done in the past, if we ask God for forgiveness, He will forgive you.