

EGYPT

“Joseph and His Brothers”

Series Objective:

Students will learn:

- Joseph and his brothers had a difficult relationship
- God used Joseph to explain dreams
- Joseph provided for his family in Egypt
- Moses was born and raised in Egypt

Series Theme Verse: “Nothing will separate us from the love of God.” Romans 8:39

Lesson Objective: For students to understand that God’s love is always there, even in the difficult times of life.

Lesson Passage: Genesis 37

Materials Needed: Bibles, butcher paper for outlining a child, blindfold, colors, copy of coat coloring page, tape, markers, squares of colored paper with heart drawn on each.

Lesson Plan:

Talking Points:

- What job did Joseph and his brothers do for their dad? (Took care of the animals)
- Joseph was Jacob’s favorite son, what did he give Joseph? (Ornate or colorful robe/tunic)
- Did the special gift make Joseph’s brothers happy? (No, hated him and said only bad things about Joseph)
- Joseph had weird dream one night and told his brothers about it, what was that dream? (Their grain bowed down to Joseph’s grain...That Joseph would be the boss of, or rule over his brothers)
- Did Joseph’s dream make his brothers happy? (No, they hated him even more)
- Joseph had a second dream and told his father and brothers about it, what was that dream? (That planets and the sun and moon bowed down to him...That Joseph would be the boss of, or rule over his dad, mom and brothers)
- How did his dream make his brothers feel? (They were jealous of him)
- How did his father respond to his dream? (He told Joseph not to talk about the dream, but his dad remembered the dream)
- One day, Joseph’s brothers were feeding the sheep a long way from home, and Jacob sent Joseph to check on them and then to come back and tell Jacob how his sons were doing. When Jacob finally found his brothers, what did the brothers plan to do to Joseph? (Kill Joseph)
- Why did they want to kill Joseph? (Because of his dreams and he was their dad’s favorite)

- How did they plan to kill him? (Throwing him in a deep hole and making it look like an animal killed him)
- Did they kill Joseph? (No, Reuben convinced them not to. Instead he convinced them to just throw him in the deep hole)
- Why did Reuben not want to kill Joseph? (He wanted to save Joseph because he knew it would make his father happy that Joseph was alive)
- After they stole his robe and threw Joseph in the deep hole, what did the brothers do? (They saw traders and they sold Joseph to the people as a slave)
- What did the brothers do with Joseph's robe? (Dipped it in blood and took it to their father)
- What did Jacob think happened to Joseph when he saw the robe? (He thought Joseph had been eaten by a ferocious animal)
- What ended up happening to Joseph? (He was sold to an official of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt)

The Story Retold:

- Trace a child on butcher paper and hang it on the wall.
- Have kids color the coat below.
- Blindfold a child and let them pin their coat (stick with tape) on the outline of the child on butcher paper.
- Remind students that Joseph had a very special robe/coat that his father gave him in the story.

The Story and Me:

- Write the series theme verse above the child's outline that is covered in coats.
- Read the verse to the children and remind them that just like Jacob loved Joseph, God loves each of us.
- Give each child a square of construction paper with a heart.
- Write each child's name on their heart and let them stick it to the "uncoated" parts of the outline.

