

When finished with activities, return all necessary items to bag and place in the hallway for pick-up.

Program B-1

Joseph Forgives His Brothers

Genesis 41:47-57/42:1-38/46:1-34

Joseph Series: Lesson #5

Bible Verse: Forgive as the Lord forgives you. Colossians 3:13
Past Verses: God has filled you with abilities. Exodus 35:35
God cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7
Always be kind to each other. 1 Thessalonians 5:15
He will love and bless you. Deut. 7:13

Bible Story for children:

Focus: Forgive unkind words and actions.
Prop Ideas: Strands of wheat
Other grains like; beans, popcorn, rice etc.

SAMPLE STORY:

The pharaoh's dreams came true just like Joseph had said. Egypt had seven years of plenty of food to eat. During those years Joseph worked hard to make sure all the extra grain was stored away and after seven years, nothing grew at all. There was very little food to be found anywhere. The people became hungry and pharaoh told them to go to Joseph and he sold the extra grain stored to the people.

There was no food growing where Jacob and his family lived either and he sent his sons to Egypt to buy some food. When they got to Egypt and went to buy the grain, they did not recognize that it was their brother Joseph dressed as an Egyptian king selling the grain, but Joseph recognized them. The brothers bowed down to Joseph just like he had dreamed would happen. He filled their bags with grain and sent them away.

The brothers returned home, but they had to return some time later for more food because the famine was still terrible. This time Joseph could not keep his secret any longer and told them whom he was. The brothers were very frightened because they remembered how mean they were to him. They wondered what he would do to them, but Joseph forgave his brothers and hugged and kissed each one of them. He told his brothers that God had shown Pharaoh that the famine was going to last for 5 more years. Joseph told his brothers to go home, and to bring his father and all of their families and farm animals back to Egypt to live where there would be plenty of food for them.

Even though Joseph and his family had problems God still cared about them and what happened to them. He forgave them for the wrong things they did and used them to do good things. Just like Joseph's family, our

families aren't perfect either. Sometimes we fight and argue and have bad feelings towards each other. But God is forgiving and can use those bad things to teach us how to love each other.

Teacher Extras

1. Seeds and grains display and flour making demonstration

Put out a display of seeds, dried beans, popcorn, rice, and oatmeal.

Demonstrate making flour by crushing some oatmeal with a rolling pin. Let the children take turns make oat flour. Talk about or show some of the different things that can be made from flour. (pasta, breads, etc.)

2. Find a large picture representing friendship (magazine photo, or old photograph you no longer care about)

Show the picture to children and talk about friendship. Then tear the picture carefully in half. Explain that when we use unkind words and actions, we hurt others and our friendship with them. In order to fix it, we have to say we are sorry and forgive them just like God forgives us. Carefully tape the picture back together again. Explain that forgiveness helps us put things back together the way they belong.

FYI

Second Session Classes will be:

Coloring Joseph Helps His Family Page

Making Forgiveness Hearts

Learning I'm Sorry Rhyme

Playing into the Silo (action game)

JOSEPH IN CHARGE OF EGYPT COLORING PAGE

Materials: Coloring Page

Bible Verse stickers

Crayons/markers

(In room)

Do: Give each child a page to color.
Help write their names on their pages.
Add a Bible verse sticker when finished.

Talk About: Because Joseph had faithfully served God, even as a slave or in prison, God blessed him. Joseph was second only to the Pharaoh. He was in charge of everything in Egypt. He went from a slave prisoner to the head of Egypt!

Grain Pictures

Materials: Beans, popcorn, seeds (whatever is provided)

Copies of stick figures that represent Joseph and his brothers
Bottled glue

Do: Outline stick figures with glue and let the children use the different grains to place in the glue and create their own grain people.

Talk About: Ask the children;

When do you feel hungry?

Where do you go to find food?

Where did Joseph's family go to find food?

Who provides food for you?

Joseph's family was very hungry because they couldn't grow any crops or grain. They went to Egypt to buy grain, and there they found the brother they had sold into slavery.

Bubble Magic

Materials: Bubbles

Do: Blow bubbles and let the children chase them and pop them

Talk about: Tell the children that the bubbles represent our unkind words and actions. When the bubbles pop, that's what happens when God forgives us!