

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

Program B-2

Joseph's Dreams

Genesis 37:5-11/12-36
Joseph Series: Lesson #2

Focus: God wants us to get along with our families
Bible Verse: Always be kind to each other. 1 Thessalonians 5:15
He will love and bless you. Deut. 7:13

Bible Story for children:

Sample Story

Last week we learned about Joseph and how his father Jacob gave him a beautiful colored coat because he loved him so much. Joseph's 11 brothers were not very happy that they didn't get a coat too. They were very jealous.

One day Joseph had a dream, and he went to go tell his brothers. He said, "Guess what? Last night I had a strange dream. We were tying up bunches of grain out in the field when suddenly my bunch stood up, while all of yours gathered around and bowed to me." The brothers looked at each other in disgust, but Joseph continued. "Then I had another dream that the sun, moon, and eleven stars bowed down to me."

"Who do you think you are?" The brothers said. "Do you think that we would ever bow down to you?" This made the brothers dislike Joseph even more.

A few days later Joseph's father, Jacob asked him to check on his brothers. They were in the fields with the sheep a long way away from home. So Joseph went to find them.

The brothers were still very angry and when they saw Joseph in the distance, they made a plan to take his beautiful coat away and hurt him. But when Joseph's oldest brother heard this he said, "Let's not hurt him; just throw him in a hole out here in the field."

So when Joseph came to them, they took off his beautiful robe and they threw him in an empty well. A little while later a group of people came by that wanted to sell some things in Egypt. One of the brothers spoke up, "Why don't we sell him to these people, this way we never have to see him again. The other brothers liked this idea, so they sold him as a slave to the people who were going to Egypt."

FYI

First Session Classes will be:

Making Memory Verse Stars

Eating Star Sandwiches

Singing and Finger Play

GAME – JACOB, JACOB WHERE IS YOUR SON?

Materials: Copy of Joseph (He will be easier for the children to handle and hide if you cut him out)

Do: Game is played like Doggy, Doggy, Where's Your Bone?" Pick one child to be Jacob. Jacob sits in front of the room with his back to the other children and closes his eyes. Place "Joseph" (Paper cut out) behind Jacob. Pick one child to sneak up and take "Joseph" and then go back and sit down hiding Joseph behind their back. All the children then say, "**Jacob, Jacob, where's your son? Somebody took him, but who's the one?**" Jacob tries to guess who took Joseph. If he is right he is takes another turn. If he is wrong, he takes the place of the child who took Joseph.

Talk About: Jacob loved his son very much. How do you think he felt when he found out he was gone?

JOSEPH COLOR, CUT, PASTE

Materials: Color Sheet

Construction Paper

Glue (In room)

Tape (In room)

Scissors (In room)

Crayons (In room)

Do: Let children color picture of Joseph, his coat and the well. Cut out the pictures and the lettering strip. Use tape to put coat on Joseph. Cut a slit in construction paper. Glue the well just below the slit. Glue the lettering strip to the page. Let children put Joseph in the well and take him out.

By using tape, you can remove his coat and tape it next to the well.

Talk About: Joseph's brothers ripped his coat off and put him in a well. Do you think God is happy when families don't get along? What are some good ways to treat your family?

MY FAMILY IS SPECIAL

Materials: Copies of family sheets
Something to write with (pen, crayon, pencil)

Do: Talk to each child and ask them what is special about their family and write their exact words in the stars.

Talk About: Every family is different and all families argue sometimes, but God made us all special and unique and He wants us to get along.