



## Day 1 God is with us even during bad times

### Video Lesson Link:

<https://youtu.be/VnlqKPIZQzI>

### BIBLE STORY:

Genesis 37:3-4, 17-35, Joseph Sold Into Slavery

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What beautiful gift did Jacob give his son Joseph? What did Joseph's brothers do to him? Who can we trust in the bad times?

**MEMORY VERSE/ACTIVITY:** "Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding." - Proverbs 3:5 (NIRV)

- **Bible Verse Poster.** Choose a memory verse or passage as a theme verse for your family. Together, write it on a piece of poster board. Decorate the poster with pictures or drawings for linking and living the passage. Display the poster where it can be seen often, like a common hallway. Create a new poster each year or season.

### SUMMARY:

Jacob loved Joseph more than Joseph's brothers and gave Joseph a beautiful colorful coat. His brothers were green with envy and they did something unthinkable to Joseph. They threw him into a pit and then sold him into slavery. Through every difficult moment, Joseph trusted in God.

### PRAYER:

*Dear God, Help us to trust in you, even when times are bad. Amen*

## Day 2 God is with us even in scary times

**Video Lesson Link:** <https://youtu.be/0SCAXrEmRRA>

### **BIBLE STORY:**

Genesis 39:20-40:23, Joseph in Prison

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

Even though Joseph did nothing wrong, where did he end up? Why were the two men who came to Joseph scared? How did Joseph help them?

### **LESSON ACTIVITIES:**

- **Paper Chains:** (Construction paper/paper, tape/staples) Cut construction paper/paper into 2" x 6" strips. (Make 5 or more strips)  
**DIRECTIONS:** Make interlocking loops from the paper to make a "prison chain". Help secure the chains with tape/staples if needed. The chain reminds us that Joseph was in prison. Even though it was a scary place to be, Joseph trusted God. God took care of Joseph in prison.
- **Jail Cell Snack:** Graham crackers, pretzel sticks, frosting, gummy bears Cover squares of graham cracker in frosting. Secure pretzel sticks into the frosting so they stand up around the edge of the graham cracker square. Place a gummy bear inside the "jail cell". Place another frosted graham cracker on top.

### **SUMMARY:**

In Egypt, Joseph ended up in jail, even though he hadn't done anything wrong. While in that scary place, Joseph trusted in God to see him through, and was able to help other people there. No matter what scary thing you are facing, you can trust God and keep helping others.

### **PRAYER:**

*Dear God, Help us to trust in you, even when things are scary. Amen*

## Day 3 I can trust God when things change

**Video Lesson Link:** <https://youtu.be/BGI0F73mW8U>

### **BIBLE STORY:**

Genesis 41:1-43, Joseph Interprets the King's Dream

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

Who helped the pharaoh understand his dreams? What kinds of animals were in pharaoh's dream? Who did Joseph trust through all of life's changes?

### **LESSON ACTIVITIES:**

- **Sit in a circle:** Close your eyes and "dream". Ask each one of your kid(s) what they see. How does the image make them feel - happy, sad, scary, angry? Say a short prayer asking God to show us anything he wants us to know, and affirming our trust in Him.
- **Clay or Play-doh:** Make a cow out of clay. Remind them of the cows in pharaoh's dream that God used to tell pharaoh that things were going to change. We can trust God even when life changes.
- **Pyramid Cup Stacking Game:** Build pyramids like the Egyptians did in Joseph's time. DIVIDE them into two teams and SAY: The first team to get the cups stacked up high wins!

### **SUMMARY:**

The Pharaoh had a disturbing dream and when Joseph was the only one who could interpret it, the Pharaoh rewarded him greatly. In one day, Joseph went from a prisoner to the second in command of Egypt! No matter how big the changes that come our way, we can trust God.

### **PRAYER:**

*Dear God, Help us to trust in you, even when things around us change. Amen*

## Day 4 God is with us and has a plan for us

**Video Lesson Link:** <https://youtu.be/ndETu4bzwAY>

### **BIBLE STORY:**

Genesis 45:1-15, Joseph Reveals Himself to His Brothers

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

Who came to Joseph to get food to eat? How did Joseph feel when he saw his brothers? Does God have a plan for my life?

### **LESSON ACTIVITIES:**

- **Blindfold Activity:** Ask for a family member to walk around with a blindfold on. Have them walk around an open space with the blindfold and no guidance. Now, have them be led around with someone guiding them. Which time did they have the most trust? On their own or with someone helping them?  
God is greater than all of these. Sometimes we try to do things on our own, but we can't really see where we're going. We can trust God to lead us. God has a plan for each of us.
- **Make A Trail Mix:** Joseph's brothers came to Egypt to get grain. It would have been loaded up into sacks, like these only much larger. What they didn't expect was to be reunited with their brother Joseph. But that was God's plan for them. We can trust that God always has a plan for us.

### **SUMMARY:**

When Joseph reunited with his brothers, there was no fear or anger there. Only happiness. Joseph knew that everything he had gone through, God had used to do great things.

### **PRAYER:**

*Dear God, Help us to trust in you, and know that you have a plan for each of us. Amen*

## Day 5 LESSON EXPERIMENT/OBJECTIVE

### Experiment-Joseph and Pharaoh: 'The different between looking and seeing'

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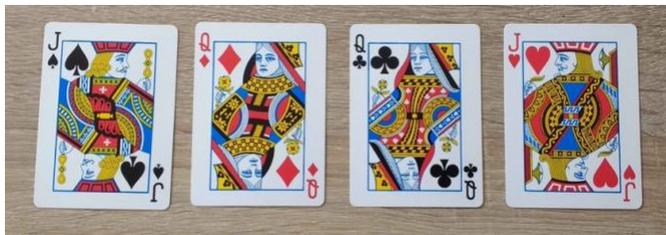
**What do you need:** a pack of cards, pen and paper, **What do you do:** Lay out the following combination of cards on the table.



Ask a child to choose one of the cards and write the name of the card on a piece of paper. Ask them then to turn over the paper so that no one (and especially you) can't see which of the five cards they chose. Then remove all five cards from the table.

Tell the children about the story you're going to tell, about the baker, the cupbearer and the Pharaoh who all watch their dreams but don't see the meaning of them. God gives to Joseph the insight to understand the meaning of the dreams.

Is there a difference between looking and seeing? Put the following four cards on the table.



Ask the child who chose a card at the start to turn over the paper on which they wrote which card it was. Lo and behold, their card has vanished! It's all about looking and seeing.

The baker, the cupbearer and the Pharaoh watch/look at their dreams in their sleep, but Joseph needs God's help to see the true meaning. With this experiment you also need to look very carefully.

Which of the original five cards are the same as these four cards that are now on the table?

They are all different! Not a single card is the same as the first five. This is why the card that the child chose will always have disappeared. But how come we don't see this?

The cards look so similar to each other that we don't remember properly which cards we have seen. We look, but don't see properly.

With God's help Joseph learns to see the meaning of the dreams.