

JOSEPH



Genesis 28

Jacob had 12 sons, but Joseph was his favorite. Jacob gave Joseph a beautiful coat, so Joseph's brothers were jealous. They did not like Joseph.

Joseph dreamed that his family would bow down to him. This made his brothers dislike him even more. One day, the brothers sold Joseph to some travelers. They took Joseph to Egypt, where he became a servant for a man named Potiphar.

Joseph was a good servant but one day, Potiphar's wife lied about Joseph and said he tried to hurt her. Potiphar was angry. He put Joseph in prison. Still, God was with Joseph and took care of him.

While Joseph was in jail, the king of Egypt had some strange dreams. God made Joseph able to understand what the dreams meant. With God's help, Joseph told Pharaoh about the dreams: there would be seven years of good farming in the land. Then there would be seven years without food. Pharaoh liked Joseph and put him in charge of everything in Egypt.

When the food stopped growing, Joseph's brothers went to Egypt to ask for grain. They did not see who Joseph was. Then Joseph said, "I'm Joseph, your brother!"

The brothers were afraid, but Joseph was not angry. Joseph said, "You wanted to hurt me, but God had a good plan so many people would be saved."





PRESCHOOL



WELCOME

Prepare tables with the opening activities. Greet kids by name as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families.

TABLE #1 - Coloring sheet with review, TABLE #2 -Joseph's colorful coat Floor - cars, trains, tracks and roads



INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Invite preschoolers to count groups of seven classroom items such as blocks, people figures, crayons, or vehicles with you as you come to group time. Pharaoh had a strange dream that included the number seven. With God's help, Joseph told Pharaoh about his dream. There would be seven years of good farming and seven years without food. Let's hear how God blessed Joseph's family.



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Options: 1) Read the story from the Beginner's Bible story book, page 71; or 2) Play the story video on the TV

WHO KEEPS HIS PROMISES?

God keeps His promises.



SONG

Lead preschoolers in singing one or more songs found in the March 2025 file.



PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Have preschoolers lay down on the backs and point out the stars on the ceiling. Have preschoolers recite the key passage while pointing to the appropriate star with the words printed on them. **God** made a promise to Abraham that his family would one day fill the earth with people - as many as there are stars in the sky. That's a lot of people!

Psalm 100:5
The LORD is good, and His love lasts forever.



JOSEPH 'S COLORFUL COAT

- Precut Joseph figure, crayons or markers Pass out the pieces of stand up Joseph and allow interested preschoolers to create a colorful coat on Joseph.
- Demonstrate how to slide the two pieces together so the figure will stand upright.
- I love the beautiful colors you used to decorate Joseph's coat. Jacob had 12 sons.
 His favorite son was Joseph. Jacob gave Joseph and beautiful coat. Even when
 Joseph had hard times, he trusted God to take care of him. Joseph helped Pharoh
 save enough food to feed people for seven years. God took care of Joseph and his
 family. God will take care of you too!

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SAND PLAY

- Allow interested preschoolers to create shapes and figures with the kinetic sand.
- As they work, remind them about the stories they have heard the past month.
- God asked Abraham to move to a new country and God promised him he would make his family like the stars in the sky and the grains of sand on the beach to many to count! Who keeps His promises? God keeps His promises.
- God promised Jacob he would own a lot of land and have many sons. Jacob had 12 sons! Who keep His promises? God keeps His promises.
- Today we learned about Joseph. God promised to be with Joseph even when times were difficult. God protected Joseph and his family from the famine.
- Who keeps His promises? God keeps His promises.



Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers.

Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.