



JOSEPH SAVES HIS FAMILY



Genesis 42-46

For the first seven years, Joseph was in charge of gathering extra food for the people of Egypt. That way, when hardly any crops grew, there would still be plenty to eat.

The seven bad years began, and people in other countries had no food at all. Even Joseph's family did not have enough to eat. So Joseph's father sent his sons to Egypt to buy some food.

When the brothers arrived in Egypt, they went to Joseph and bowed down to him. They did not know he was their brother. But Joseph knew. Joseph sold them some food. Then the brothers left to go home.

Sometime later, they returned to buy more food. Just as Joseph had dreamed, they bowed down to him --- again. Finally, Joseph told them, "I am your brother!" His brothers were afraid!

But Joseph told them not to be afraid. "God meant it for good. He had a special plan for me," he said. They all hugged.

Joseph's brothers rushed home. They told their father what had happened. Jacob was so happy to hear that Joseph was alive. The whole family moved to Egypt.



Who helps you love others? God! Because God loves me I can love others.



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 & crayons - - - **TABLE #2** - Puzzles or blocks - - - **Floor** - Kitchen play



INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Have preschoolers tidy of the room and then gather in the story area. Play a simple game of counting with preschoolers. Have them clap their hands seven times or hop on one foot seven times. Keep giving simple commands while counting to seven. **Today's story is about Joseph and how he helped his family when there wasn't enough food to eat. Let's listen and see if you can hear the word 'seven.'**



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Read the story from The Beginner's Bible, pages 86 - 91; or watch the story video from the jump drive on the TV.

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SONG

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



PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Practice the key verse with preschoolers.

We love because God first loved us.
1 John 4:19



ACTIVITIES

GATHER GRAIN

- Hide the pictures of wheat around the room. Allow interested preschoolers to search for the grain and collect them in the basket.
- **Just like Joseph collected grain for seven years, you helped collect the grain today. Let's count how many we collected.**
- **Joseph showed love to his family when they needed food and a place to live. How can we show love to our family?**

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SAND PLAY

- Allow interested preschoolers to play with the kinetic sand. While preschoolers play, review the story of Joseph helping his family.
- **Our story today Joseph and how he collected grain for seven years to prepare for the famine. How can we help other people to show God's love?**



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.