



K - 2ND

3.3
Joseph Taken to Egypt



CONNECT TIME

Greet kids by name and play table games as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families. Ask kids: **Is it hard to get along with others sometimes? How have you forgiven people when they may have wronged you?**



BIGGER PICTURE

Start by 9:20/10:45

Hide the prepared Bible story picture-puzzle pieces around the room. Make sure some are easy to find and others are more challenging. Tell the kids you've hidden puzzle pieces and they need to work together to find them all and put the picture back together.

When the pieces were scattered, you couldn't really tell how they fit together or what the picture was supposed to be. But once you found all the pieces and put them in the right places, the big picture became clear.

Sometimes our lives feel like that. We can't always see the big picture or understand why certain things happen. But God sees everything at once. He knows how all the pieces fit together in His perfect plan. Today we're going to hear about a man named Joseph. He went through many hard times, but God was always with him. God had a bigger plan for Joseph's life, and He used Joseph to save many people.

START BY
9:30/10:55

REVIEW **3** BE, LISTEN, FOLLOW



LARGE GROUP

SMALL GROUP



BIBLE STORY REVIEW

Open a Bible to Genesis 45 to show where the story is in the Bible.

What did Joseph do after his brothers were unkind to him? Joseph forgave his brothers, even though they had done many hurtful things to him.

How was God working in Joseph's life? God had a big plan! He used the hard things that happened to Joseph to help save many people. God was always in control.

What is God's even bigger plan for us? God sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross so we can be forgiven. Even though we live in a world with sin, God is greater, and He gives us freedom and forgiveness through Jesus.



DISCUSSION

Joseph forgave his brothers even after all the terrible things they did to him. God's plan was bigger than Joseph's brothers' mistakes. Joseph knew God was in control and was using the bad things that had happened to him for God's glory.

Why can we trust God even when times are hard or bad things happen? God is in control of everything in heaven and on earth. Nothing can stop His good plans. God is stronger than all the bad things in the world, and He always does what is right. We may not always understand how God is working, but we can remember that one day there will be no more sin or death. God will make everything new and good again.

God was always with Joseph. Will God ever leave His children? Why? God promises to always be with His children. The Bible is full of verses that remind us that God is always with us. (Consider reading Matthew 28:20 or Isaiah 41:10.) We can trust in God's promises when we are going through a challenging time.

How does Joseph's story help us understand the importance of forgiveness? Joseph forgave his brothers, even though they did wrong things to him. When we trust Jesus, He forgives us when we make mistakes. Because God has forgiven us, we can also forgive others. Forgiving others shows that we trust Jesus and His love.



FORGIVEN

Write the words to Acts 10:43 on the large piece of paper. Read the verse aloud together. Then choose one kid to take a marker and scribble over one of the words. Read it aloud together again. Then choose another kid to do the same. Keep doing this until all the words are covered and your group is able to say the verse for memory.

Acts 10:43 teaches us that all the Bible points to how faith in Jesus forgives us of sins. Joseph forgave his brothers because he knew God had used their evil plans to save many people during a famine. God had a plan to use wicked men to nail Jesus to a cross so that anyone who trusts in Jesus will be forgiven of their sins. Just as you scribbled over the words, when we trust in Jesus, He removes our sin. God's plans are always for our good, and we can trust Him.



As time allows, pass out crayons and pencils for kids to work on the activity sheet.



Take prayer requests and allow kids to pray.



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.