

# Unit 3 at a Glance

## The Life of Joseph

### Unit Overview

This unit presents one of the most inspiring Bible heroes—Joseph. From the young age of seventeen, Joseph seemed destined for an extraordinary life. Beloved by his father Jacob, Joseph had dreams of being someone special! Before long, Joseph found himself sold as a slave by his jealous brothers and later thrown into jail for a crime he did not commit. Joseph's uncompromising integrity leaves a deep impression on our hearts and God's unwavering faithfulness leads to Joseph's success in everything. In all these adventures, the Bible shows us a man who was wholeheartedly devoted to God. In the end, Joseph not only becomes a great ruler of Egypt, but also reunites with his brothers in a heart-moving scene of forgiveness and reconciliation.

### Unit Goals

- The children will learn that Joseph was a special man who was devoted to God.
- The children will understand that Joseph was faithful to God even during difficult times.
- The children will believe that God will always be with them as he was with Joseph, and that God will make them successful.

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### Lesson 1 Young Joseph

**Scripture Memory Verse** 1 Timothy 4:12  
**Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers.**

The children will learn the inspiring story of young Joseph, seventeen and full of dreams. They will describe ways that his family, dreams and courage to tell others made him a very special young man. The children will consider and describe different ways that they are special.

### Lesson 2 Tried and True

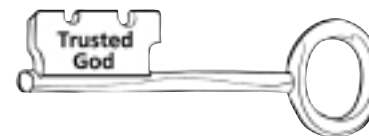
**Scripture Memory Verse** Genesis 39:20-21  
**But while Joseph was there in prison, the LORD was with him.**

Joseph's awesome faith in troubled times is the subject of this week's Bible Story! The children will see how Joseph trusted and honored God during some serious tests and God brought him success in all he did. The children will think of ways that they too can show devotion to God in difficult situations.

### Lesson 3 Joseph Saves His Family

**Scripture Memory Verse** Genesis 45:5  
**It was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you.**

The unit comes to a close with the heart-moving story of Joseph's rise to power, reunion with his brothers and rescue of his family. The children will examine Joseph's loyal heart toward his brothers and describe ways in which they can be like him.





Dear Parent,

In this unit, the children will encounter one of the most inspiring Bible heroes—Joseph. From the young age of seventeen, Joseph seemed destined for an extraordinary life. Beloved by his father Jacob, Joseph had dreams of being someone special! Before long, Joseph found himself sold as a slave by his jealous brothers and later thrown into jail for a crime he did not commit. Joseph's uncompromising integrity leaves a deep impression on our hearts and God's unwavering faithfulness leads to Joseph's success in everything. In all these adventures, the Bible shows us a man who was wholeheartedly devoted to God. In the end, Joseph not only becomes a great ruler of Egypt, but also reunites with his brothers in a heart-moving scene of forgiveness and reconciliation.

During the holiday season, Joseph reminds us that we have so much to be thankful for. Although most of us will never know the price of slavery or prison, we can all learn from Joseph's deep devotion to God and be inspired by God's constant presence and blessing in our lives.

On the reverse side of this page, you will find an outline and a description of the lessons that comprise this unit. Included with each lesson is a Scripture Memory Verse for you to review with your child at home.

Your active involvement outside the classroom is essential and will truly make the Kingdom Kids Curriculum a great success for your child. Here are some suggested ways you can reinforce these lessons at home:

- Choose a Family Day in which every member of the family expresses appreciation for each other. Have a special family meal together. Help older children to find special abilities about their younger siblings. Have someone take a family picture on your Family Day. Make it an annual tradition!
- Catch your child in the act of doing something good! Create a "True Blue" award for your family, to be given to one who shows integrity, honesty or other attributes of Joseph. Use it as an opportunity to build and reward godly character in your child.
- Give your child opportunities to tell you about the Bible class each week. Ask them what they learned about Joseph and who they want to share it with. Encourage their efforts to share what they are learning with friends and family members.

We look forward to being partners with you as together we help plant Seeds of Faith in the heart and mind of your child.

Thank you,

Your child's teachers

