

He Protects Me

Lesson Objectives

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- The children will list ways that they can be kind and forgiving.
- The children will retell the story of Joseph.

Lesson Text

Genesis 50:15-20

Scripture Memory Verse

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Joshua 1:7

Lesson Plan

Greeting and Registration

Preclass Activity: Delivered with Care-1

Welcome and Singing

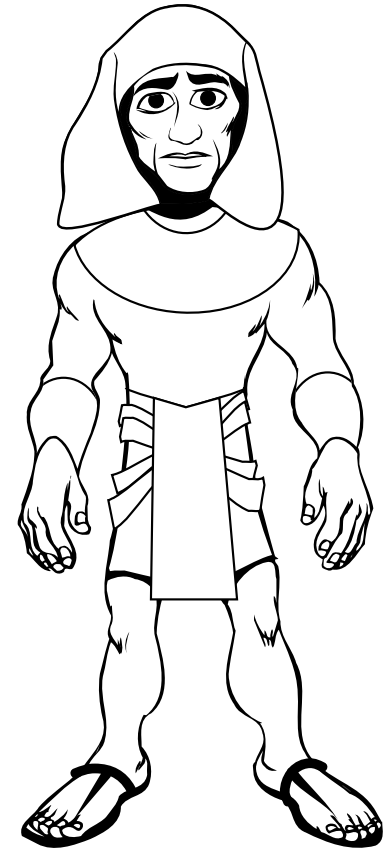
Centers:

Bible Story: Protected

Life Application: Delivered with Care-2

Craft: Joseph's Story

NOTE: Be sure to allow sufficient time for a snack.



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Delivered with Care-1

The children will decorate an envelope to be used in the Life Application center.

Materials

For each child:

- 1 piece of construction paper (red, blue, green or yellow)
- crayons or markers
- 20" piece of yarn or string
- decorative materials: stickers, sequins, stamps, etc.

For the teacher:

- hole punch
- ruler
- scissors
- tape

Preparation

Make an envelope for each child as follows:

- A. Fold each piece of construction paper in half leaving a 1" flap remaining at the top. See Figure A.
- B. Fold in each side $\frac{1}{2}$ " and tape it as shown in Figure B. NOTE: Be careful not to tape the top flap.

Instructions

1. Give each child an envelope to decorate.
2. After the envelope is decorated punch a hole in the upper left corner and the upper right corner. See Figure C. NOTE: Do not punch holes in the top flap.
3. Give each child a piece of yarn. Have them thread it through the two holes.
4. Tie the end of each child's yarn together.
5. Help the children write their names on their envelopes.
6. Give the envelopes to the Life Application teacher.

Conclusion

As the children work remind them of the story of Joseph. *Joseph's brothers were not nice to him. They put him in a cistern and then sold him as a slave, he worked for a rich man who really liked him and put him in charge of his whole house. Then he was put in jail for something that he didn't do. While he was in jail he was put in*

charge of all of the prisoners. He got out of jail because he helped the king. He did such a great job helping the king that he was put in charge of the whole country!

Explain to the children that Joseph really loved God and wanted to be obedient to him. This week they will learn more about Joseph and his forgiving heart. *Joseph was loving, forgiving and he shared with others. We will use these envelopes in the Life Application center to help you to remember to be loving, forgiving and to share just like Joseph.*

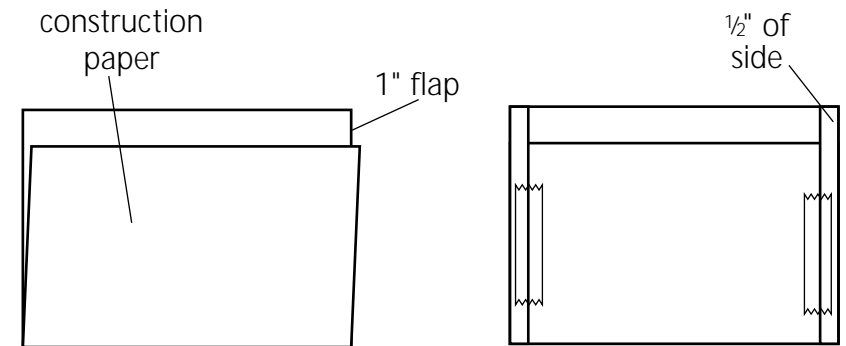


Figure A

Figure B

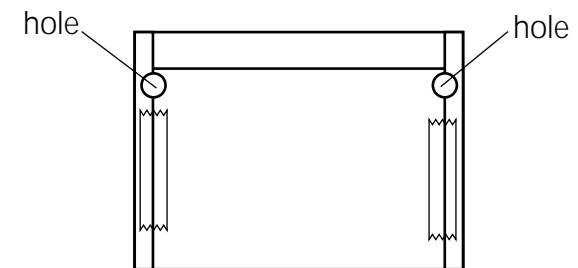


Figure C

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Protected

The children will learn of Joseph and his love for God despite his circumstances.

Lesson Text

Genesis 50:15-20

Materials

For the teacher:

- Bible
- felt board
- scissors
- crayons
- tape

Reproducible Pages:

- Page A, 1 copy for the teacher

Preparation

1. If you do not have a felt board, one can easily be made with a piece of foam board, purchased at a craft, office or art supply store. Cut the board to approximately 11" x 17". Cover the board with a piece of black felt.
2. Cut out and color the figures from the copy of Reproducible Page A.
3. Familiarize yourself with the story.
4. Place a rolled piece of tape on the back of each figure.

Joseph's Heart

Put Joseph on the felt board. *Do you remember who this is? Yes, it's Joseph. Do you remember some of the things that happened to Joseph? Yes, his brothers sold him as a slave. That must have made him very sad. He must have missed his home. The man that he was sold to was very kind to him and soon he was in charge of the man's entire house! But, then something sad happened. Do you remember what it was? Yes, Joseph was put in jail for something he didn't do. But, Joseph did such a great job while he was in jail that he was put in charge of all of the prisoners. Do you remember what happened then? He did something nice that helped the king. With God's help he interpreted a dream for the king. The king was so happy, he let Joseph out of jail. Not only did he let him*

out of jail; he put him in charge of his whole kingdom! How do you think Joseph felt about his brothers after all this happened? Allow them to answer. Let's see what happened.

Open your Bible to Genesis 50. *When Joseph's father died his brothers all got together to talk about Joseph. Put Joseph's brothers on the felt board. They were scared because they thought Joseph was angry with them for being mean to him. Joseph had become a powerful man who was in charge of the whole country. They did not know what would happen to them now. What would they do if Joseph got angry with them for all the mean things they did to him? (Genesis 50:15).*

What do you think Joseph will do? Will he be angry or will he forgive his brothers? Let the children answer.

Joseph's brothers decided to send a message to Joseph. They pretended that the message was from their father. They said that Joseph should forgive them for all of the mean things they had done to him (Genesis 50:16-17a).

What do you think Joseph did when he got the message? Take down the brothers and put up the crying Joseph. Yes, he was so sad that he cried (Genesis 50:17b). He was sad because he didn't want his brothers to be afraid of him.

After they sent the message, his brothers went to visit Joseph. Take off the crying Joseph and put up the brothers and the standing Joseph figures. They came to him and said to him "We are your slaves." (Genesis 50:18).

But Joseph said, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You wanted to hurt me but God intended for good things to happen." God used what Joseph's brothers had done to him to help other people. He made Joseph a powerful man who was able to help lots of other people (Genesis 50:19-20).

Conclusion

Did it sound like Joseph was mad at his brothers? (No, because he believed that God allowed everything to happen for the best).

Was it all right for Joseph's brothers to treat him so badly? (No) Why did he forgive them? (Because he knew that God loved him and his brothers. He knew that God had protected him and that God would be happy if he forgave them.)

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Delivered with Care-2

The children will meet three new friends that God has sent to help them to be loving, forgiving and to share.

Scripture Memory Verse

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Joshua 1:7

Materials

For each child:

- envelope from the Preclass Activity
- 3" x 4" piece of red construction paper
- 3" x 4" piece of yellow construction paper
- 3" x 4" piece of blue construction paper

For the teacher:

- scissors
- pencil

Reproducible Pages:

- Page B, 1 copy for the teacher

Preparation

1. Cut out the figure stencil from the copy of Reproducible Page B.
2. Trace and cut out one blue, one yellow and one red figure for each child from construction paper.
3. Write the word "Love" on each red figure, "Sharing" on each blue figure and "Forgiveness" on each yellow figure.

Instructions

Explain to the children that the Bible Story is about Joseph and his brothers. *Joseph's brothers had treated him badly but Joseph forgave them. Sometimes people treat us badly and want to hurt us. Sometimes people treat us badly by accident. It is always important for us to be loving and forgiving.*

Show the children the construction paper figures. Explain that these are new friends that want to come and live with them. Give each child a red figure. *What color is this figure? Yes, it's red. His name is "Love."* Give each child a yellow figure naming it "Forgiveness" and a blue figure naming it "Sharing." *God has sent Love, Forgiveness*

and Sharing to come and live with you in your house. God wants your new friends to help you just like he helped Joseph.

Discuss the following situations with the children and ask them to use the figures to assist them in their response to the questions. For instance: *What would you do if someone asked you to share your toy? Which of your new friends would God use to help you? Yes, your blue friend. What is his name? Yes, his name is Sharing. God will use him to help you share!*

- Which friend would God use to help you if someone pulled something out of your hand? (Sharing, Forgiveness)
- Which friend would help you if someone hurt your feelings? (Forgiveness)
- Which friend will help you to be kind to your little sister or brother? (Love)
- Which friend will help you to play with your brother or sister? (Sharing, Love)

Give each child their envelope from the Preclass Activity. *You can keep your friends in your envelope to take home with you.*

Scripture Memory Activity

Ask a child to recite the memory verse. Explain to the children that loving, sharing and forgiving are all things that God wants us to do. We will be staying on the straight path if we are loving, forgiving and if we share.

Have the group say the Scripture Memory Verse together.

Conclusion

Remind the children that they can take their new friends with them to meet their other friends. Perhaps their friends from home would like to come to Bible class to learn more about love, sharing and forgiveness.

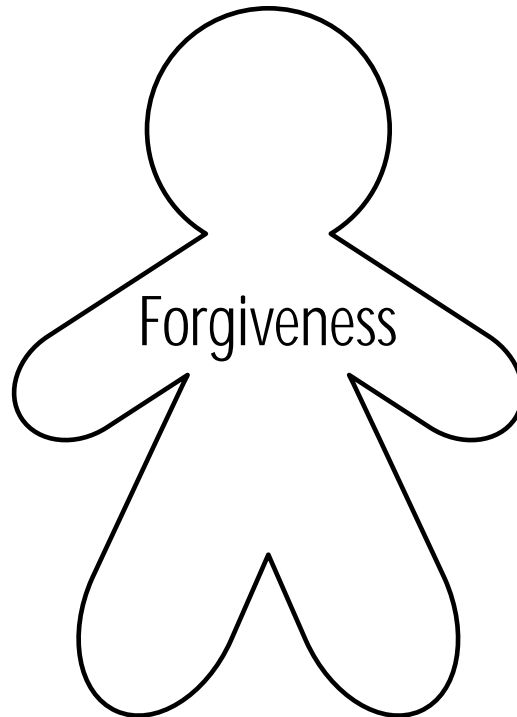
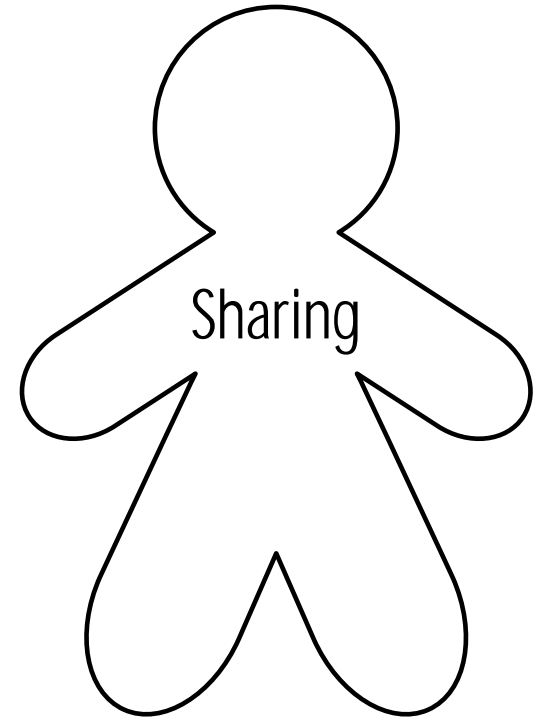
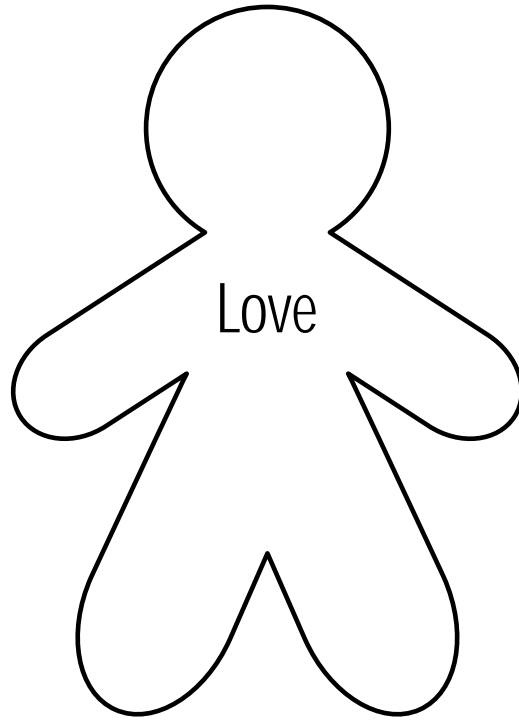
Say a prayer with the children asking God to help them to listen to and practice using their new friends that he has given them: Love, Forgiveness and Sharing.

Teacher Tips

- Create additional questions that relate to the children in your class.
- Explain the envelope friends to the parents when they pick up their children.



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Joseph's Story

The children will create a book that tells the story of Joseph.

Materials

For each child:

- 3 pieces of construction paper, 6" x 9"
- crayons
- paper clip
- glue stick

For the teacher:

- scissors
- marker
- stapler

Reproducible Pages:

- Page C, 1 copy for each child
- Page D, 1 copy for each child

Preparation

1. Cut out the pictures from the copies of Reproducible Pages C and D.
2. Clip one set of pictures together for each child with a paper clip.
3. Make a book for each child as follows, see Figure A:
 - A. Cut three 6" x 9" pieces of construction paper.
 - B. Fold each piece in half.
 - C. Stack the pieces together inside each other.
 - D. Staple the book together along the folded edge.
 - E. Write "Joseph's Story" on the cover of each book.
4. Make a model of the craft following the instructions.

Instructions

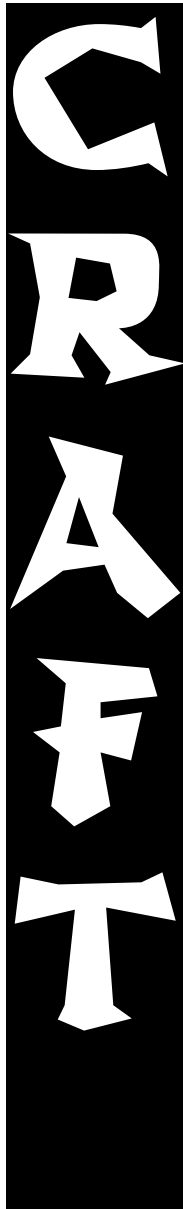
1. Show the children the model of the craft and remind them of the story.
2. Give each child a group of pictures. Have them take off the paper clip and give it to you. Then help them arrange the pictures in order.
3. Give each child a book. Have them glue the pictures into the book in order. See Figure B.
4. Have the children color the pictures and write their names on the front of the book.

Conclusion

Have the children use the books to retell the story of Joseph to one another.

Teacher Tips

- Have the children decorate the covers of their books.



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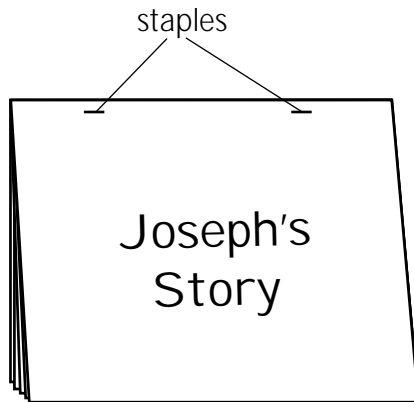


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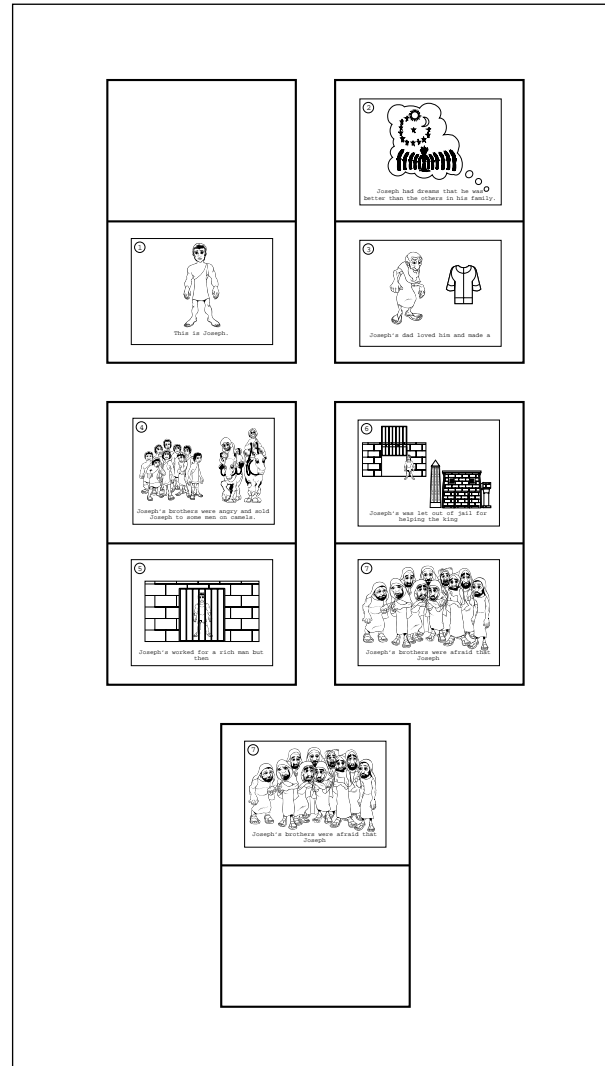


Figure B



Finished Craft





Pre class



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God Cares

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Coming Together-1

The children will decorate an envelope to be used in the Life Application.

Materials

For each child:

- 1 envelope
- crayons or markers
- 20" piece of yarn or string
- decorative materials: stickers, sequins, stamps, etc.

For the teacher:

- hole punch



Preparation

1. Punch two holes in each envelope, one in each top corner.
2. Cut a twenty inch piece of string for each child.

Instructions

1. Give each child an envelope to decorate.
2. Give each child a piece of yarn. Have them thread it through the two holes.
3. Tie the end of each child's yarn together.
4. Help the children to write their names on their envelope.
5. Give the envelopes to the Life Application teacher.

Lesson Plan

Greeting and Registration

Preclass Activity: Coming Together-1

Welcome and Singing

Centers:

Game: Steps to Forgiveness

Craft: Keys of Forgiveness

Life Application: Coming Together-2

NOTE: Be sure to allow sufficient time for a snack.

Conclusion

As the children work ask them if they remember the story of Joseph. (His brothers sold him as a slave, many good and bad things happened to Joseph. He ended up being in charge of a whole country. His brothers were afraid he would be mad at them but he forgave them because he loved God and wanted to make God happy.) *Joseph was happy, giving and helpful. We will use these envelopes in the Life Application center to help you to remember to be happy, giving and helpful like Joseph.*



Steps to forgiveness

The children will use this game to help them see the benefits of forgiving and loving others.

Materials

For the teacher:

- a large white sheet 5' x 7'
- thick markers
- crayons
- masking tape
- a paper clip
- scissors
- pencil
- 9" x 12" piece of poster board
- glue

Reproducible Pages:

- Page E, 1 copy for the teacher

Preparation

1. Cut out the spinner and the arrow from the copy of Reproducible Page E.
2. Glue the spinner onto poster board.
3. Cut off the remaining piece of poster board.
4. Trace and cut out the arrow from the remaining piece of poster board.
5. Create the game board as follows:
 - A. Spread the sheet on the floor and tape down the sides.
 - B. Copy the board game from Figure A onto the sheet using the markers. NOTE: Place a piece of cardboard or some newspapers under the sheet to protect the floor.
6. Before the children arrive at the center, spread out the game board and tape down the corners.

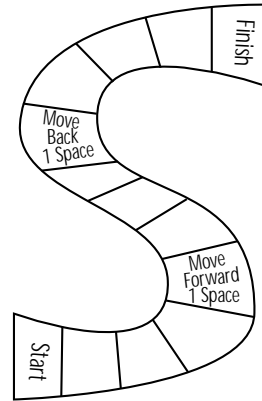


Figure A

Instructions

1. Remind the children of the story of Joseph. Explain that even though his brothers had been very mean and cruel to him, he forgave them. God is very happy when we are forgiving.
2. Divide the children into pairs. Each pair is a team. One person will be the spinner, and the other will be the game piece.

3. Have one person from each team stand at the Start.
4. Have the other person from the team spin the spinner. The team with the highest spin goes first.
5. Before each team takes their turn they must answer one of the following questions:
 - What would you do if someone took away a toy that you were playing with?
 - What would you do if someone would not play with you?
 - Would you share your snack with someone who did not share with you?
 - If someone needed help would you help them?
 - What would you do if someone was not nice to you?
6. After the team answers the question they may spin the spinner. The game piece person moves the correct amount of spaces on the board.
7. The first team across the Finish wins.
8. Start the game again if there is time, switching the roles of the people on the teams.

NOTE: Save the spinner and game board for the Unit 20 Lesson 4, Game Center.

Conclusion

Joseph was kind and forgiving. It makes God happy when we are kind and forgiving to others.

Teacher Tips

- The questions are to be recycled between all the pairs. Give them a choice to answer the same question previously asked or take a new one.
- Create new questions that relate to the children in your class.



Keys of Forgiveness

The children will be reminded to be kind, loving and forgiving as Joseph was.

Materials

For each child:

- crayons
- 4 pieces of construction paper each a different color, 2" x 4"
- glue stick
- 1 pipe cleaner

For the teacher:

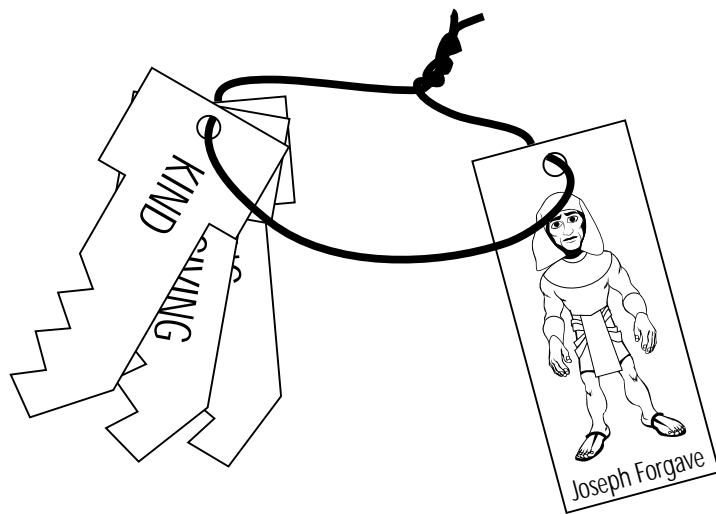
- scissors
- hole punch
- ruler

Reproducible Pages:

- Page F, 1 copy for each child

Preparation

1. Cut out the picture of Joseph and the keys from the copies of Reproducible Page F.
2. Cut four 2" x 4" pieces of construction paper for each child.
3. Make a model of the craft following the instructions.



Instructions

1. Show the children the model of the craft. Read each key to them and show them the picture of Joseph. Remind them that Joseph was kind, loving and forgiving and that God wants us to be just like him.
2. Give each child the three keys and a picture of Joseph to color.
3. Give each child four pieces of construction paper. Have them glue each key and the picture of Joseph onto a piece of construction paper.
4. Punch a hole through each key and the picture of Joseph.
5. Give each child a pipe cleaner. Have them thread the pipe cleaner through each hole and then twist the ends together.

Conclusion

Talk with the children about how they can use each key. *This key says "kind." I can be kind by letting my friends play with me. How can you be kind?*

Teacher Tips

- Use a key as a stencil and cut the construction paper in the shape of the keys.
- Roll a piece of tape around the ends of the pipe cleaner so there are no sharp edges sticking out.

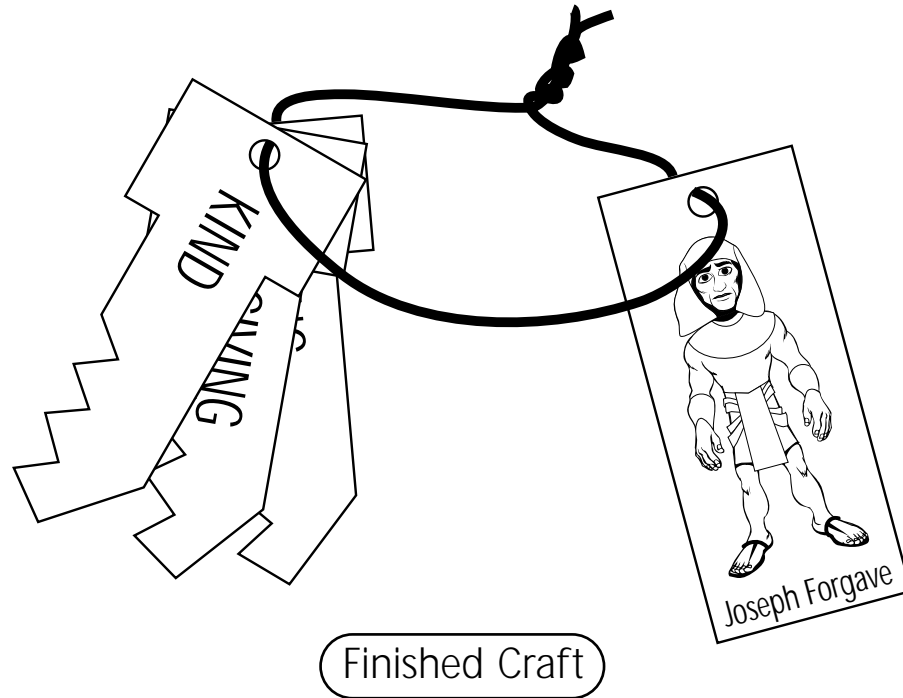
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Coming Together-2

The children will meet three new friends that God has sent to help them to be happy, giving and helpful.

Scripture Memory Verse

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Joshua 1:7

Materials

For each child:

- envelope from the Preclass Activity
- 3" x 4" piece of green construction paper
- 3" x 4" piece of purple construction paper
- 3" x 4" piece of orange construction paper

For the teacher:

- scissors
- pencil

Reproducible Pages:

- Page B, 1 copy for the teacher

Preparation

1. Cut out the figure stencil from the copy of Reproducible Page B.
2. Trace and cut out one green, one purple and one orange figure for each child from construction paper.

Instructions

Explain to the children that the Bible Story is about Joseph and his brothers. Joseph was always helpful and giving whether he was in jail or being a servant to the King. He always tried to be happy. God wants us to be happy, giving and helping to people too.

Give each child their envelope.

Show the children the figures. Explain that these are new friends that want to come and live with them. Give each child a green figure. *What color is this figure? Yes, it's green. His name is "Happy".* Give each child a purple figure naming it "Giving" and an orange figure naming it "Helping." *God has sent Happy, Giving and Helping to come and live with you in your house. God wants to help you just like he helped Joseph.*

Discuss the following situations with the children and ask them to use the figures to assist them in their response to the questions. For instance: *What would you do if your mother asked you to give someone a hug? Which of your new friends would God use to help you? Yes, your purple friend. What is his name? Yes, his name is Giving. God will use him to help you be giving!*

Give each child their envelope from the Preclass Activity. *You can keep your friends in your envelope to take home with you.*

- When you are told that you cannot have a cookie, which of your new friends will help you to smile and say, okay? (Happy)
- Which friend will help you if you are asked to help your brother or sister? (Helping, Giving)
- Which friend will help you to share your ice-cream? (Giving)

Scripture Memory Activity

Ask a child to recite the Scripture Memory Verse. Explain to the children that giving, helping and being happy are all things that God wants us to do. We will be staying on the straight path if we are giving, helping and if we are happy. And we will be successful wherever we go just as God promised.

Have the group say the verse together.

Conclusion

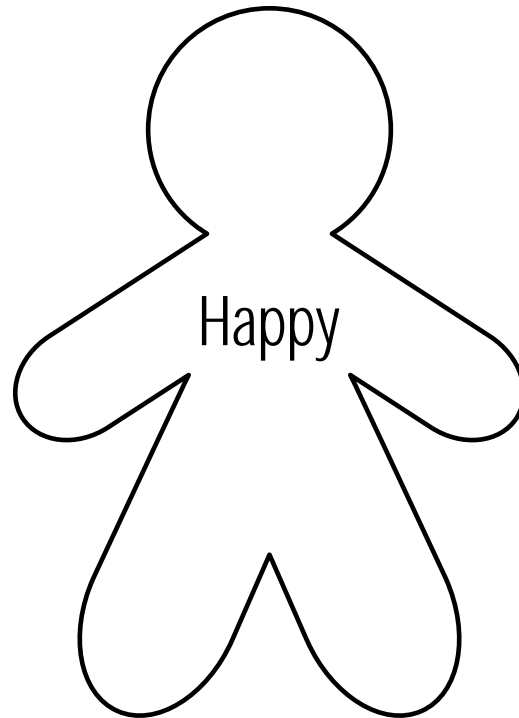
Remind the children that they can take their new friends with them to meet their other friends. Perhaps their friends from home would like to come to Bible class to learn more about being happy, giving and helping.

Say a prayer with the children asking God to help them to listen to and practice using their new friends that he has given them: Happy, Giving and Helping.

Teacher Tips

- Create additional questions that relate to the children in your class.
- Explain the envelope friends to the parents.
- If the children have done the Core of Unit 20 Lesson 3 then they have already created three friends to take home with them, Love, Sharing and Forgiveness. Ask them to tell you ways that these three new friends helped them this week and explain that now they will have six new friends to help them.

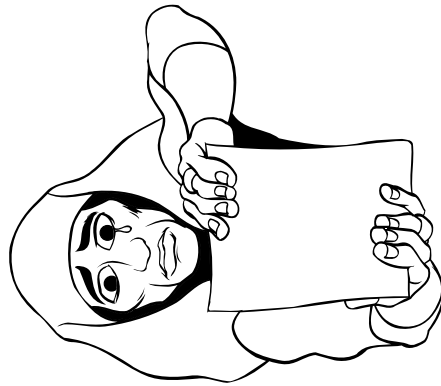
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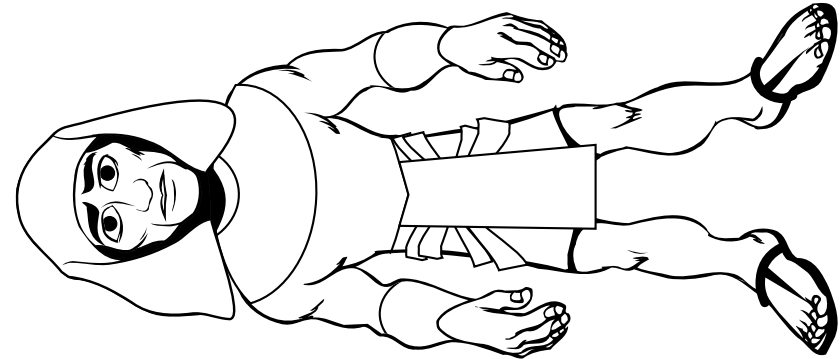
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Joseph crying



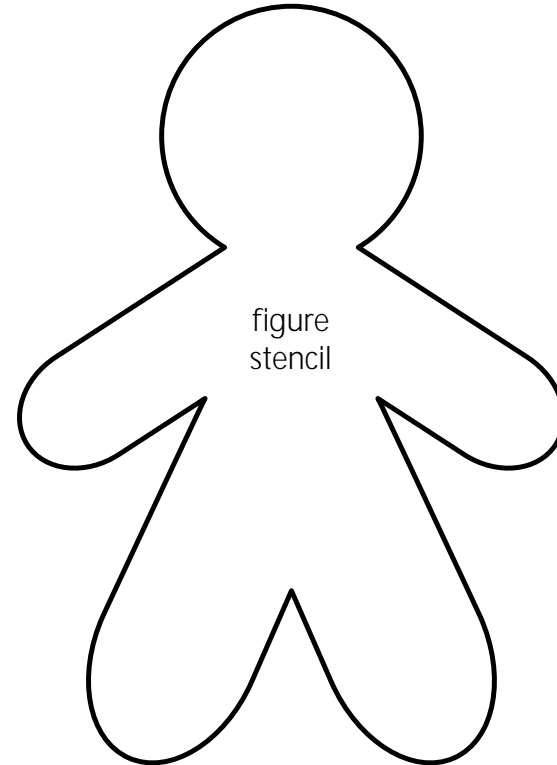
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Joseph's
brothers

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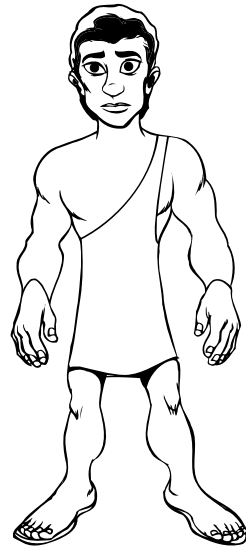
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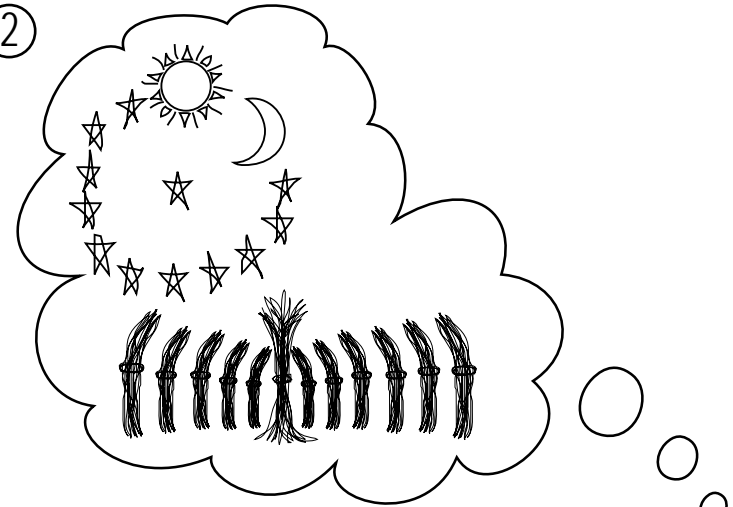


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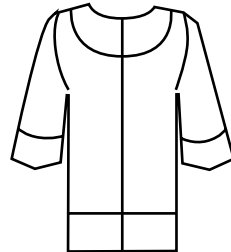
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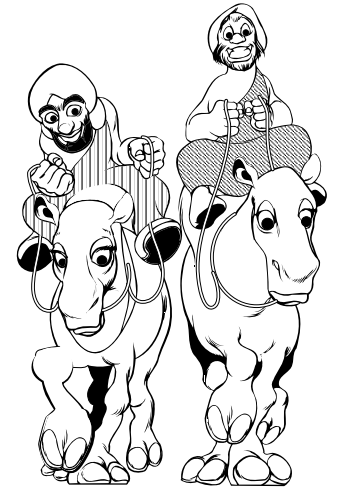
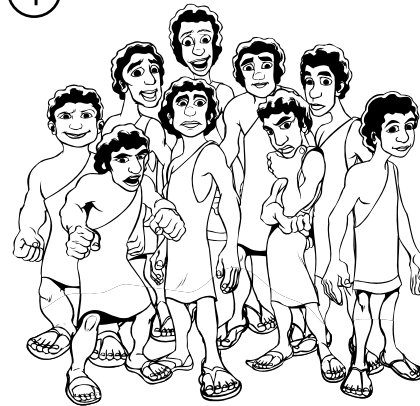
Joseph had dreams that he was better than the others in his family.

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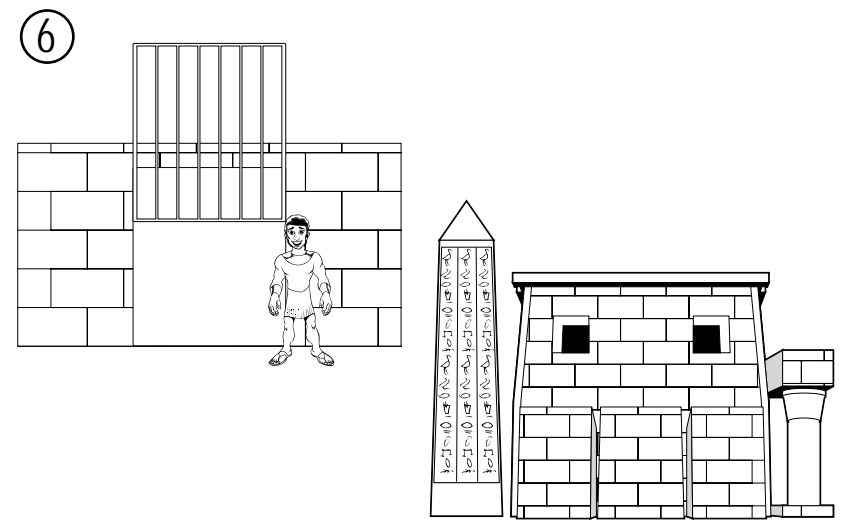
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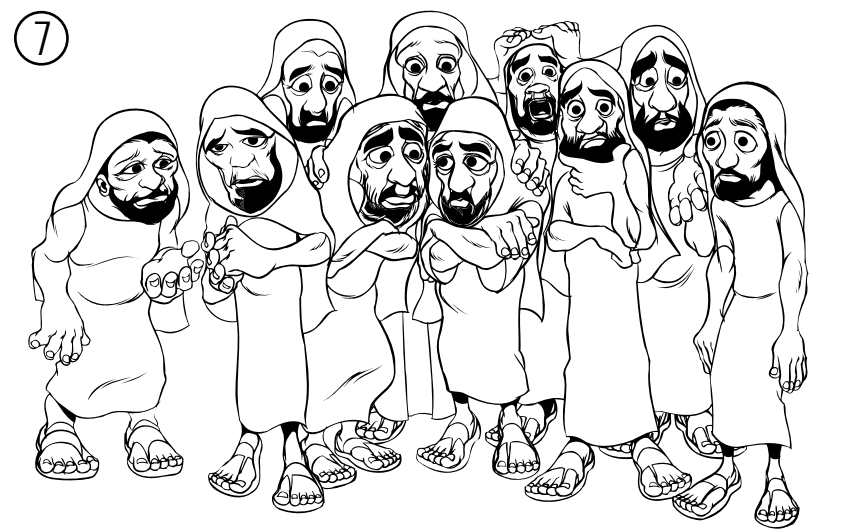
Joseph's brothers were angry and sold Joseph to some men on camels.



Joseph worked for a rich man but then was thrown in jail for something he didn't do.



Joseph was let out of jail for helping the king and he was put in charge of all of the country.



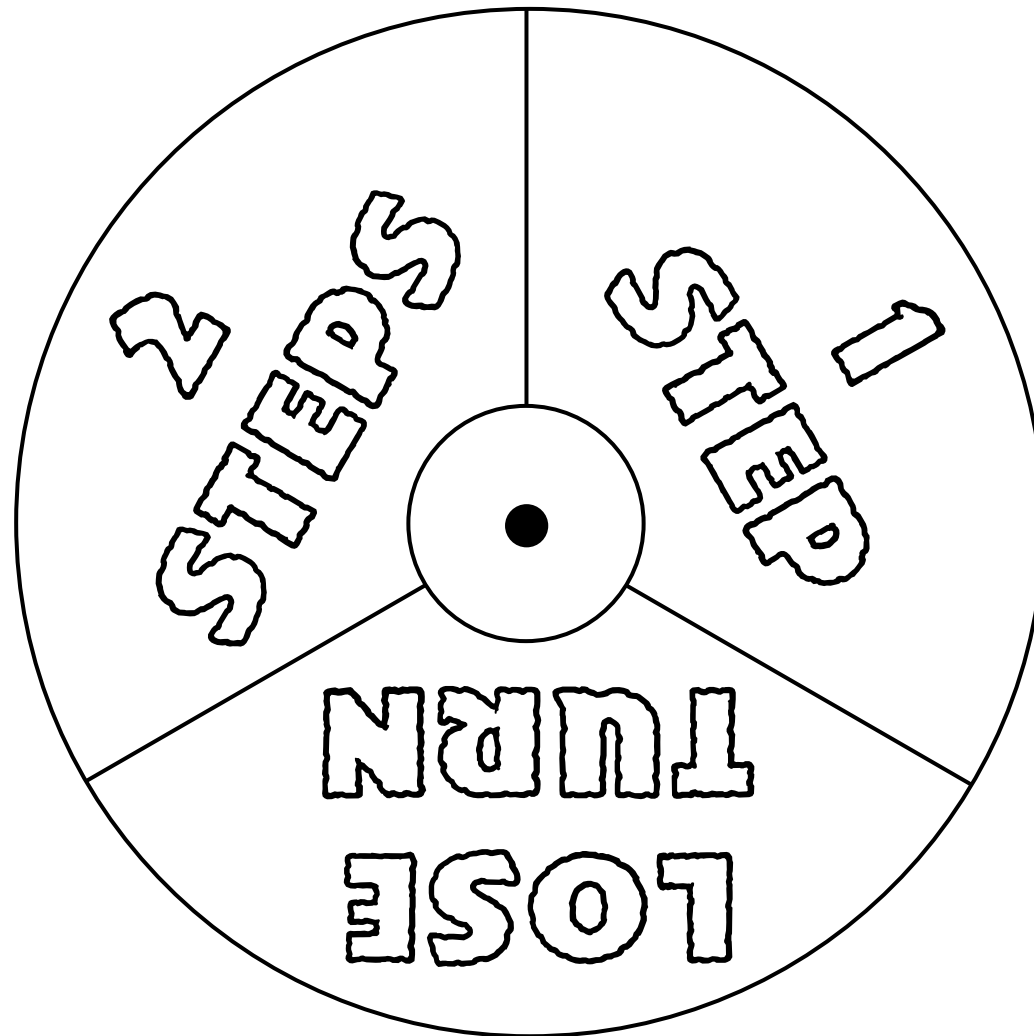
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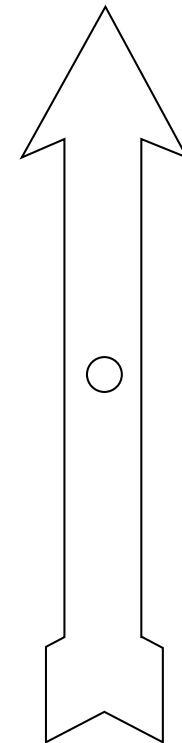
But Joseph loved God and his brothers and he forgave them.

Supplement/Game

1 copy for the teacher



spinner



arrow stencil

READ-OBED-UP-TO-READ

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Supplement/Craft

1 copy for each child

Read-Observe-Do

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