

The Story Week 3 -

Joseph Forgives His Brothers

Overview Card

**Bible Verse:**

"A man may have many plans in his heart. But the Lord's purpose wins out in the end"
Proverbs 19:21, NIRV

Bible Point:

God took care of Joseph.
God also takes care of me.

Coloring Page:

Joseph forgives his brothers.

Songs:

I Can Do All Things
Who Knows Best
Great Big God

Resource:

The Story for Little Ones,
Chapter 3: Joseph Forgives His
Brothers



The Story Memory Verse - October:
"We know that in all things God works
for the good of those who love him."
Romans 8:28

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ACTIVITY



Copycat

What You Need: No supplies are needed.

What You Do: The children will copy what you do as you clap and count out loud. Keep your counting/clapping between 1 and 12. Begin with one clap and work your way up. Change it up and use your feet to stomp as you count out loud. You can also pat your legs, do jumping jacks, touch your toes—anything that gets you moving and counting at the same time.

What You Say:

At the start of the activity: “We’re going to play a game called ‘Copycat.’ That means you will do everything I do. If I clap my hands and say ‘one,’ then you will clap your hands and say ‘one’. Let’s play!”

At the end of the activity: “Our Bible story today was about 12 brothers. That’s a lot of brothers! One, two, three, four, ... TWELVE! Whew! God took care of Joseph and his brothers. God will take care of you too!!”

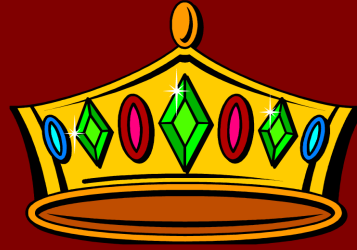


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The Coat of Missing Colors

What You Need:

Picture of Joseph and his coat of many colors, 2" x 2" piece of eight different colors of construction paper, and tape,

What You Do:

Print out the picture of Joseph and his coat of many colors. Cut out a 2" x 2" square of each color construction paper. Before the children arrive roll a piece of tape to place on the back of each square. Place each construction paper square on the coat.

What You Say:

"Ask the children if they remember the name of the boy whose father gave him a colorful coat. (Joseph) God cared about Joseph. And God cares about each one of us. He wants us to feel special just as Joseph did. Joseph's dad gave him a beautiful coat to make him feel special. Show the children the coat. Name the different colors together with them. Ask for a child to volunteer. Have that child close his eyes while you remove one of the colors from the coat. Then, have the child open his eyes and guess which color you removed. After the child guesses the correct color, have them choose another child to take a turn. Have the first child be the one to remove a color. Continue until each child has had a turn. Play again and this time, before the child can guess the missing color, have them say one way God shows he cares for us."



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God Cares for Me Basket Toss

What You Need: Two Baskets, Pretend Play Food, God Cares for Me Stickers, and Blue Masking Tape

What You Do:

Briefly summarize the Bible story. Divide the children into two groups. Set the buckets out far enough for the children to throw the food into them. Tape a blue line for the children to stand behind with masking tape. Line the children up behind the blue line and give each child one piece of food. Let each child attempt to throw the food into the bucket. Once everyone has taken a turn, count the food and see which team threw the most food into the bucket. Keep playing as long as children seem to be enjoying the game.

What You Say:

At the end of the activity: "Ask the children to summarize the Bible story. That was fun! Our basket has food in it that shows how God takes care of us. He takes care of you just like he took care of Joseph. Who will take care of you? God will take care of you."



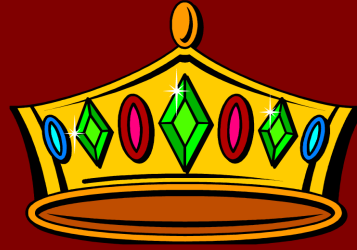
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Jacob, Jacob, Where is Your Son?

What You Need:

Picture of Joseph and his coat of many colors.

What You Do:

Pick one child to be Jacob. Jacob sits in front of the room with his back to the other children and closes his eyes. Give "Joseph" to one of the children sitting behind Jacob. Have all of the children place their hands behind their back.

What You Say:

"All the children then say, "Jacob, Jacob, where is your son? Somebody took him, but whose the One?" Jacob tries to guess who took Joseph. If he is right he takes another turn. If he is wrong, he takes the place of the child who took Joseph."



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CRAFT



Joseph's Coat of Many Colors

What You Need: Picture of Joseph, Dot Markers or Paint.

What You Do:

During the Activity: Have the children use dot markers or paint to color Joseph's coat. The children can use the dot markers and make solid lines versus dots.

What You Say:

During the Activity: "In our story, Jacob gave Joseph a beautiful coat of many colors to show him how much he cared for him. Jacob cared for Joseph. God cared for Joseph. God took care of Joseph. He will take care of you just like he took care of Joseph. Who will take care of you? God will take care of you."



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