

September Week 5



# OVERVIEW CARD

## Joseph Forgives

**Key Question:**

Who has a plan for you?

**Bottom Line:**

God has a plan for me.

**Memory Verse:**

"For I know the plans I have for you,"  
says the Lord. Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

**Bible Story:**

Forgiveness is part of God's plan.  
Joseph Forgives  
Genesis 42-45; Psalm 16:11

**Coloring Page:**

Joseph helps his family.

**Music:**

Great Big God  
Give Your Heart to Jesus  
Every Part of Me

**Story:**

The Beginner's Bible  
A Surprise Visit  
Pages 86 to 91

**Service Time:**

74 minutes

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# ACTIVITY PAGE

## Joseph Forgives

**Story: Mad Maddie Maxwell by Stacie K.B. Maslyn and Jane Schettle**

**What You Need:** Gather the children together on the carpet and read the book.

**What You Say:**

“In this book, Maddie's jump rope is missing. When she doesn't find it in all the usual places, she gets angry. She blames each member of her family. Maddie must apologize and ask for forgiveness when her big sister Missy finds her jump rope hidden under the mess in Maddie's room. When Maddie goes to each family member and asks for forgiveness, her family gives her forgiveness and Maddie is no longer mad.

In our Bible lesson, Joseph did something TOTALLY amazing too. Does anyone remember what Joseph did that was hard but amazing all at the same time? *(Pause.)* I'll give you a hint. He did it to his brothers —the ones who were mean to him. *(Pause.)* Yes! Joseph forgave his brothers for being mean, just like Maddie's brother and sisters forgave her! Joseph hugged them and loved them and gave them food to eat! Joseph knew God's plan for him was to forgive, and he did it! Way to go, Joseph!”

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# **ACTIVITY PAGE**

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### **Shake Hands**

**What You Need:** CD player and fun music.

#### **What You Do:**

*During the activity:* Encourage the children to dance to the music when they hear it and find a friend to shake hands with or give a high five to when it stops. Continue playing as long as there's interest.

#### **What You Say:**

*Before the activity:* "Shaking hands with our friends or giving our friends high fives is one way to show them they are special to us. When you hear the music, I want you to dance with me. When it stops, I want you to find a friend to shake hands with or give a high five to!" *(Continue as long as there's interest.)*

*At the end of the activity:* Shaking hands and giving high fives tells our friends they are special. It can also tell them we care about them. We heard another lesson about Joseph today. He forgave his brothers even though they did something wrong."

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# **ACTIVITY PAGE**

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### **Joseph's Coat of Many Colors Question Game**

#### **What You Need:**

Picture of Joseph and his coat of many colors, 1" x 1" pieces of different colors of construction paper, tape, brown bag and question cards.

#### **What You Do:**

Print out the picture of Joseph and his coat of many colors. Cut out 1" x 1" squares of different color construction paper. Have questions in the brown bag. Tell the children that you need their help in putting back all the colors on Joseph's coat. Ask a children a question, and each time they answer it correctly, allow the child to add a color to Joseph's coat.

#### **What You Say:**

"We are going to play a super fun game today! We have learned so many exciting things about Joseph and his family. However, our poor Joseph is missing all of his colors on his coat. We need to help him get his colors back. I am going to ask you questions about Joseph and his family and for each question that we get right, we get to add a color back to his coat. Are you ready to help Joseph? Great! Here we go..."

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### In the Bag

**What You Need:** Several bean bags and bulls-eye target.

**What You Do:**

*Before the activity:* Tape the bulls-eye target on the floor with the painter's tape.

*During the activity:* Let children take turns trying to hit the bulls-eye with the beanbags.

**What You Say:**

*During the activity:* "Help me count all the bean bags. (*Pick each one up as you count.*) One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Seven bean bags! That's how many years' worth of grain Joseph stored up. We will take turns seeing who can get their beanbag into the center of the circle like this.

(*Demonstrate.*) Ready to try? (*Pause.*) Go! Look at that! All great tosses! Let's do it again!" (*Repeat as long as there's interest.*)

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### Make Some Noise

**What You Need:** “Big Fan” from the Activity Pages on the Website, Avery® labels 5160 or equivalent, white duct tape, rice and Easter eggs.

#### What You Do:

*Before the activity:* Make enough copies of “Big Fan” from the Activity Pages onto Avery® labels #5160 or equivalent so each child can have one sticker.

*During the activity:* Give each child an egg and assist, as needed, in putting 1 tbsp. of rice into the container. Once they’ve poured the rice in, secure the opening around the container with white duct tape. Then give each child a “Big Fan” label to go on their noisemaker and lead the children around the room as they cheer, “I’m a big fan of God’s plan,” shaking their noisemakers as they go.

#### What You Say:

*Before the activity:* “In our Bible story, Joseph saved a lot of food for the people so they wouldn’t be hungry. That was a really good plan God had! Do you think Joseph was a big fan of God’s plan? *(Pause.)* I do, too! I’m a big fan of God’s plan! Are you a big fan of God’s plan? *(Pause.)* Yay! We’re all big fans of God’s plan! Today we’re going to make noisemakers so we can cheer about being big fans of God’s plan!”

*At the end of the activity:* “**Who has a plan for you?** *(Pause.)* **God has a plan for me!** I’m a big fan of Gods plan! Are you a big fan of God’s plan? *(Pause.)* Well then, march with me and let’s make some noise! I’m a big fan of God’s plan! I’m a big fan of God’s plan! I’m a big fan ...”

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# **CRAFT**

## **Joseph Forgives**

### **Memory Verse Picture Frame**

#### **What You Need:**

Picture Frame, markers and/or stickers, magnets and memory verse

#### **What You Do:**

Have the children decorate the picture frame with markers and/or stickers.

#### **What You Say:**

*Before the activity:* “Today we are going to begin learning our new Memory Verse for October and WOW is it a SUPER one! Are you ready! Repeat after me!”

*(Say a couple of words of the verse at a time, allowing the children to echo. Do this several times and then begin saying the verse different ways together.)*

*At the end of the activity:* “We can count on God to always be with us. And that will help us be SUPER strong and courageous! I can’t wait to see what fun we will have while learning how we can be SUPER!”

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