

## SMALL GROUP ROTATION NIGHT 1

**Summer Jam Slogan:** “When I am afraid, God is with me”

**Bible Story:** Joseph’s brothers are jealous and throw him in a pit (Genesis 37: 1-23)

**Supplies provided:** wild west maps, colored pencils, markers, bandanas, 3 cowboy hats, 3 beanbags, plastic tablecloth

### Activity #1 – Wild West Maps

1. Have each kid open their Wild West Map to pages 2-3.
2. Lead the kids one by one around the circle in discovering what their cowboy name is based on their birthday and first letters of their actual first and last names.
3. Have them write their cowboy name on the bottom of page two.  
*\*Younger groups may need help writing.*
4. **Say this:** Tonight, we learned (or will learn) about a man named Joseph. Joseph came from a big family and had a lot of brothers. He was his father’s favorite, and his father gave him a very special coat of many colors to wear. This made the rest of Joseph’s brothers VERY jealous of him. So jealous that they tried to get rid of him. They took his coat and threw him into a deep, dark pit. THEN, they decided to sell him to be a slave to some traders who were traveling to Egypt. They pulled him out of the pit and sold him for money! Joseph felt alone, scared and hurt. However, even though Joseph ended up far away from home and his family, God had a special plan for him that would help many people. Joseph’s journey was just beginning. God would show Joseph that even in the hard, scary times, He was always with him keeping him safe. And just like Joseph, God is always with you!
5. Have kids turn to page four in their playbook Fill in the blank with our summer jam slogan (*When I am afraid God is with me!*) Say this slogan together a few times.
6. Now turn to page 5 to read the Summer Jam Verse on the “coat of scripture” together a few times: Joshua 1:9. *\*see page 1 for the order of the verse if needed*
7. Set out the colored pencils and let kids color in the scripture coat of many colors as you ask these discussion questions:
  - Joseph’s brothers were jealous of him because his father gave him a special coat. Have you ever felt jealous of someone else?
  - Have you ever been in a difficult or scary situation?
  - How can God help you when you face those things?

### Activity #2 – Bandanas

1. **Say this:** Our Summer Jam slogan is “When I am afraid, God is with me.” This reminds us that like Joseph God will always be with us in ANY hard situation. He will never leave us!
2. Place the plastic tablecloth on the floor, and have the kids color on the tablecloth to avoid getting marker on the floor☺
3. Pass a bandana to each child.
4. Put the markers in the middle of your space.

5. Instruct them to write the Summer Jam Slogan on their bandana. (*The younger kids will need help*)
6. They can then decorate the rest of their bandana.
7. Encourage them to wear this bandana like a cowboy and remember that no matter what they face, God will always be with them!
8. Keep the bandanas in your bag if they don't want to wear them tonight.

### **Activity #3 – Pray**

**Say this** prayer with your group: "God, thank You that You are always with us. You are so good and kind to us. When we are afraid, and call out to you, you will bring us the comfort that we need. Thank you that You love us, and we are so thankful for a fun place like Summer Jam that we can come and learn more about You. Keep us safe and happy today. In Your Name we pray. Amen."

### **Activity #3 - Cowboy Hat Toss**

1. Have one kid stand and place the 3 hats somewhere in your space to create targets.  
*\*You may need to move somewhere else for this activity if you can.*
2. Each player gets to make 3 throws with bean bags at the targets, trying to land their bag in the hat.
3. With the kids, assign points to each of the hats.
4. Keep track of each kid's points from their 3 throws.
5. The winner is the one with the most points.
6. If there is a tie, or to continue playing more rounds, you can have the kids try different throwing techniques (throwing with their other hand, with their eyes closed, etc.).

### **Activity #5 - Memory Verse Pass**

1. Have the group sit in a circle and give someone the beanbag (or you can use a cowboy hat).
2. Review the summer jam verse together a few times.
3. That kid will pass the bag (or hat) to the next person while saying one word of the summer jam verse.
4. Continue passing the bag (or hat) around while each child says the next word in the verse.
5. Play multiple rounds trying to get faster each time or passing the bag (or hat) different ways or throwing it across to someone.

### **Extra Time Activities – Pages 11, 12 and 13 in the Wild West Maps**

Page 11 – Code words

Page 12 – Word search

Page 13 - Maze