



JOSEPH AND HIS BROTHERS

BIBLE PASSAGE (GENESIS 37)

Summary: Joseph was his father's favorite son out of 12 brothers. His brothers hated him. One day, they schemed to throw him into a pit and tell their father he was dead. They sold Joseph to a caravan of traders, and he was taken to Egypt. Joseph encountered more terrible situations, but God was using every moment for good. Eventually, God used Joseph's circumstances to place him in a position of power in Egypt, where he would save many lives.

Today's Brite Idea is: God can be trusted.



MONTHLY Memory Verse

*Jesus Christ is the same
yesterday and today
and forever.*

(HEBREWS 13:8)



BIG QUESTION

Does God ever change? No!



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LEADER TRAINING: KINDNESS THROUGH CLEANLINESS

Preschoolers notice everything, even the little things we might overlook! When we wipe down tables, wash hands and faces, and sanitize toys with a cleaning solution, we're doing more than keeping germs away. We're showing kids they are loved, valued and cared for!

- **Small Actions Speak Loudly.** Washing hands, sanitizing surfaces and putting toys away might seem routine, but to a kid, it says, "You matter."
- **Clean Spaces Invite Learning.** A tidy, organized space helps kids focus, explore and engage without distractions. Safety and order gives space for curiosity to flourish.
- **Kindness Is Practical.** Acts of care like disinfecting, wiping spills, cleaning faces or laundering blankets reflect God's heart for His own. Love is often shown through service, as well as words.
- **Consistency Matters.** When cleaning is part of the everyday routine, kids feel secure and know what to expect—just like the predictable love of God.

NAVIGATING A BROKEN WORLD: WHY DO BAD THINGS HAPPEN?

One survey indicates that 14 percent of American adults expressed that suffering in the world leads them to believe that there is no God.* This idea can be confusing for kids as they learn that God is good and loving. It is important that we also help them understand who God is. The fact that God is greater than any bad thing that may happen is a biblical worldview you can teach preschoolers. In today's lesson, kids will learn God is in control of everything and He uses bad situations for His glory. Some kids in your group might have experienced trauma that has left them questioning God's goodness. You can be a safe place for them to share their story. It's okay to say something like, "I don't know why that happened, but I do know that God is good and loves you." Reiterate that even in our deepest hurts, God is very real and He is near.

PRESCHOOL GLOSSARY:

Trust: confidence that someone or something will do what is expected

*For more resources on this topic, check out: britecurriculum.com/resources

Lesson ROADMAP

1

BELONG

Small Group (10 MINUTES)

GOAL: For kids to experience God's love through a welcoming community

COLOR MATCH

SUPPLIES: 6 pairs total of colored items (crayons, blocks, toys, paper, books, etc.), bin

2

BIBLE TEACHING

Large Group (15 MINUTES)

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SUPPLIES: Bible, Bible story cards

3

BELIEVE

Small Group (10 MINUTES)

GOAL: For kids to discover who God is by engaging with the Bible

PARACHUTE WIGGLE

SUPPLIES: Parachute, music player, Memory Verse Song

4

BECOME

Small Group (10 MINUTES)

GOAL: For kids to learn to follow Jesus by applying faith to their lives

GOD IS TRUSTWORTHY

SUPPLIES: Take-Home page, coloring supplies, printable page, colorful dot stickers (10 per kid)



COLOR MATCH

SUPPLIES:

6 pairs total of colored items (crayons, blocks, toys, paper, books, etc.), bin

PREP:

Put all the colored pairs into the bin.

ACTIVITY INTRO:

Welcome everyone! My name is _____. *Greet each kid by name and welcome any new kids to the group.*

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Say:** I'm so excited for you to learn today's Bible story! In our story, a boy named Joseph will be given a beautiful coat! It had lots of colors on it.
2. *Hold up the bin with the colored items in it.*
3. **Say:** There are items of all different colors in this bin. We will sort through it together and find the items that are the same color.
4. *Gather kids around the bin and have them help you pull out the different items.*
5. *Hold up an item and ask what color it is. Then see if they can find another item that matches the color.*
6. *Repeat until all the items have a color match.*
7. **Ask:** What is your favorite color?

**ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:**

I loved all the colors from today's activity. We will learn more about Joseph and how the colorful coat made his brothers really jealous. They did something really mean. Let's find out what happens and how Joseph trusted God.

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Use the Bible story cards to teach the Bible story or read the script to the kids.



Say: Today's true story from the Bible comes from the book of Genesis. Jacob had 12 sons. Let's count to 12! One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve!

Say: One of Jacob's sons was named Joseph. Jacob loved Joseph the most. He gave Joseph a beautiful, colorful robe. But Joseph's other brothers were jealous! They had a bad idea to throw Joseph into a pit.

Say: When Joseph was in the pit, a group from a faraway land passed by. The brothers had a new idea! They would sell Joseph for money. The group took Joseph far away to a place called Egypt. More bad things happened. Joseph ended up in jail, even though he had done nothing wrong.

Say: But God had a plan! He was in control even when bad things happened. God brought Joseph to Egypt on purpose. Many years later, God helped Joseph get out of jail. God made Joseph a very important person in Egypt. God used Joseph to help everyone in Egypt by giving them food. Joseph even gave his brothers food! God could be **trusted** because He had a plan all along.

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POINT TO JESUS

Say: Joseph's brothers were mean to him and did not treat him well. When Jesus came to Earth, people were mean to Him, too. Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins. God had a plan, and Jesus rose again. We can believe in Him and live forever! God always has a plan!

WRAP-UP:



BIG QUESTION

Say: Now it's time to answer our Big Question. Can you all help me do a drumroll?
1, 2, 3... drumroll!

Show the Big Question Teaching Image.

Say: Does God ever change? No!



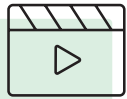
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VERSE VIDEO

Play Memory Verse
Motion Video after the
verse is read.

MEMORY VERSE MOTIONS:

Help kids recite and retain the memory verse by teaching it with motions. Before you teach the verse, be sure to explain what it means.

- Jesus Christ (point to the palms of your hands)
- is the same (clap your hands)
- yesterday (point backward)
- and today (point down)
- and forever. (point out)
- Hebrews 13:8 (open hands like a book)



MONTHLY

Memory Verse

Jesus Christ is the
same yesterday and
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PARACHUTE WIGGLE

SUPPLIES:

Parachute, music player, Memory Verse Song

PREP:

None

LEADER TIP: If you don't have a parachute, use bedsheets instead.

ACTIVITY INTRO:

The Bible teaches us true stories about God. Today we learned God can always be trusted. Joseph trusted God even when bad things happened. God was always with Joseph and had a purpose in all the bad things Joseph went through.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Say:** We can remember that God is always the same. He never changes! Our memory verse helps us know this about God. It says, *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.* (Hebrews 13:8)
2. **Say:** Let's practice this verse together as we sing our Memory Verse Song!
3. *Lay out the parachute on the ground. Have kids gather around the parachute and pick up the edge of it.*
4. **Say:** When our song plays, let's lift up the parachute as high as we can and then bring it back down low. Then we will move it super fast and make fun waves!
5. *Play the Memory Verse Song. Lead kids in the various parachute movements such as lifting it up high and down low, making fast little waves, choosing a color and having kids switch places.*
6. *Continue to play the song and lead kids to sing along to it.*
7. **Ask:** Who will always be the same?

**ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:**

Does God ever change? No! God can always be trusted. He will never change. We can trust in Him and know that He has a plan.



GOD IS TRUSTWORTHY

SUPPLIES:

Take-Home page, coloring supplies, printable page, colorful dot stickers (10 per kid)

PREP:

Print the Take-Home page (1 per kid). Print the printable page (1 per kid).

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Say:** Today we learned that God can be trusted. We will make a picture of Joseph's colorful coat and remember that even when all the bad things happened, God still had a plan.
2. *Pass out a printable page and dot stickers to each kid.*
3. *Help kids place the dot stickers onto the circles on the coat.*
4. *As kids place the dot stickers, lead them to say, "God has a plan for me."*
5. *Write each kid's name on their paper/craft and set aside for parent pickup.*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Why were Joseph's brothers jealous?
- Did Joseph do anything wrong to be put in jail?
- Did God help free Joseph?
- Who can always be trusted?

**PRAY TOGETHER:**

Dear God, You are so good, and You can be trusted. Help us to always learn more about You and choose to follow You. Thank You for loving us so much. Amen.

ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:

Give each kid a Take-Home page. With remaining time, kids can play in centers or color the Take-Home page.

CENTERS:

Set up 3-4 centers around the room for kids to explore and learn as they play. While kids explore the centers, leaders can work with individuals or small groups to make the craft. Set up each center in a separate part of the room, making sure all kids are visible at all times. Show the whole group what is in each center and give simple instructions on what kids should do in each center.

- **Market:** Provide pretend food and shopping bags. Encourage kids to play market with the provided materials.
- **Sensory Bin:** Fill a bin with rice. Provide scoops and mini-cups. Use painter's tape to tape a line around the cups. Lead kids to sort through the "grain" and fill the cups up to the line.
- **Modeling Dough:** Provide modeling dough and people cookie cutters. Show kids how they can make people out of the dough. Then have them retell the Bible story with the people they made.

BONUS SCRIPT:

Preschoolers learn best through repetition. Use the script below to review the story at any opportunity. You could review the story while kids play in centers, while they work on their craft, during snack time or while waiting for parents.

Say: Joseph had 11 brothers. His father gave him a special, colorful coat. His brothers were jealous and made a bad choice. They got rid of Joseph. Joseph ended up far from home in a place called Egypt. Even when things were hard, God had a plan. God helped Joseph and used him to give food to everyone—even his brothers! God can be trusted even when things are hard.



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