

Josef - Spiritual Concept for a Semester



A spiritual program for a semester featuring 8 devotionals on the life of Joseph (son of Jacob).

Spiritual Guide for a Semester on Joseph, 8 Devotions

Joseph's Dreams

Genesis 37:1-11

Joseph (17 years old) works as an assistant to two of his brothers and as a shepherd with his brothers. He has two dreams, which he tells his brothers and his father. The brothers become angry and jealous—partly because Joseph receives a particularly fine robe from his father.

Main Message

- God knows what my future holds, just as He did for Joseph.
- I am important to God, no matter
 - ... how many siblings I have.
 - ... whether I'm the favorite child or not.
 - ... whether I have many friends or not.
- God can still speak through dreams today.

Possible Activities

Memory Activity: Making a bracelet (see BLB materials)

Game: Each child thinks of a profession, acts it out using pantomime, and the others try to guess (connection to the future).

Game: Family Mix
(BLB materials)

Jakob introduces himself as a character: drama activity in BLB materials (great)

Joseph is sold Genesis 37:12-36

Main Message

BLB Objectives

The children will learn:

- Even if I behave badly and others are mean to me, God is with me.
- Everyone is special. God made us that way. But that's no reason to brag about it, the way Joseph did.

Possible Activities

- Catwalk (anyone who has or can do something special is welcome to show it off)
- Storytelling with pictures (BLB)
- Blindfold game (materials: BLB)

Joseph in Potiphar's House Genesis 39

Main Message

BLB Objectives

The children will learn:

- Faithfulness to God does not protect us from difficulties.
- God's help does not cease despite difficulties.

Possible Activities

- Game: Lost in a Strange Land (BLB material)
- Discussion: That Was Great (BLB material)
- Suggested Story (BLB material)

Joseph Interprets Dreams Genesis 40

Main Message

BLB Objectives

The children will learn:

- God is with me, no matter where I am or how I'm doing.
- God is always very close to me, no matter where I am, and helps me.

Possible Activities

- Game: The Prison Guard Wishes... (BLB material)
- Drawing: This Scares Me (BLB material)
- Suggested Story Narration (BLB material)

Pharaoh's Dreams Genesis 41

Main Message

BLB Objectives

The children will learn:

God does not forget His people, even if it sometimes takes a long time for things to change.

Possible Activities

- Game: Harvest in Egypt (BLB materials)
- Game: Hide-and-Seek (BLB materials)
- Suggested Story (BLB material)

The Brothers' Journey 1 Genesis 42

Main Message

BLB Objectives

The children will learn:

- When there is quarreling and conflict, there are better options than striking back and seeking revenge.
- The children will experience that it is worthwhile to seek peace.

Possible Activities

- Puzzle: Up and Down (BLB material)
- Game: Making Up Pays Off (BLB material)
- Suggested story (BLB material)

The Brothers' Journey 2 Genesis 43–45

Main Message

BLB Objectives

The children will learn:

- God can turn bad situations into something especially good.
- The children are amazed at how well God guides everything.

Possible Activities

- Celebration: (BLB materials)
- Game: Pack a Lunch (BLB material)
- Suggested Story (BLB material)

Jacob in Egypt Genesis 46–50

Possible Activities

- Various games based on previous stories (BLB materials) as a review

- Game: To Canaan with Balloons (BLB material)

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