



3PK

July 20-21, 2013

DATE

Joseph

LESSON TITLE

Genesis 37-48

WHERE TO FIND IT

God is always with us (in good times and bad times).

MAIN POINT

schedule

SCHEDULE for all sites:

First 10 minutes of the service hour:
Relationship-building time (kids get to know each other and the volunteers)

Next 25 minutes: Large group teaching and worship

Last 30 minutes: Story review, snack and small groups, activities/crafts

If you finish early, have kids engage group games as parents arrive. Check out the end of the activities section to find an idea for this week.

tips

Have activities ready for kids when they arrive. Place coloring pages and crayons on the table. Help kids engage in other activities like playing with a truck or baby doll. Use this time to get to know the kids individually. Ask them questions like: "Who brings you to church?", "What's your favorite....," etc.

check-in/out

As kids leave today, remind them to tell their parents about the times God is with us!

large group heads up

Today, we're learning the story of Joseph. It's a big story, so for the little ones, we're putting a lot of repetition on a particular fact: God was with Joseph!



instructions

Goal: to help kids understand that God is always with us, in every situation

Why? It can be hard to believe that God can be present on bad days. But Joseph's story helps us understand that God may have a bigger plan in mind.

Tip: Make the retelling activity really fun! After you finish, let kids come up with fun ways to say, "God is with me!"

small group

BEGIN WITH A REVIEW ACTIVITY; SERVE SNACK AFTER YOU'RE FINISHED:

REVIEW ACTIVITY

As kids RETELL the story, lead them through the following events. Ask them to stand up when Joseph was going through a good time...and sit down when he was going through a bad time. After each one, say "God was with Joseph"!

- Joseph was his dad's favorite. (good)
 - Take a step backwards and say "God was with Joseph".
- His brothers hated him. (bad)
 - Whisper "God was with Joseph".
- His brothers sold him to strangers. (bad)
 - Spin around and say "God was with Joseph".
- A man named Potiphar put Joseph in charge. (good)
 - In an underwater voice (finger strumming over your lips) say "God was with Joseph".
- Joseph went to jail for something he didn't do. (bad)
 - Touch your toes and say "God was with Joseph".
- Joseph was put in charge of the jail. (good)
 - In a deep voice say "God was with Joseph".
- Pharaoh had a dream and Joseph knew what it meant. (good)
 - Reach as high as you can and say "God was with Joseph".
- the dream meant people would starve. (bad)
 - In a high-pitched voice, say "God was with Joseph".

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- Joseph had a plan. (good)
 - Do a jumping jack and say “God was with Joseph”.
- Joseph forgave his brothers and saved *everyone* from starving! (good)
 - YELL as loud as you can: “God was with Joseph!”

*Make sure to remind kids that God was with Joseph in the good and bad times. And he is with THEM in the good and bad times.

***Pray together and thank God that he is ALWAYS with us!**

Next, serve kids snacks. If there's extra time after they finish, let them keep their empty goldfish cups to play this game:

Rock Band: Give each kid a **paper cup** (or let them use the empty one their goldfish were in). Make up beats by: (1) tapping the cup on your head, tummy, foot, or knee, (2) tapping the cup on the table fast, (3) tapping the cup on the table *sloooow*, (4) adding sound effects like low or high voices, whispers--or any silly noise the kids think is fun, or (5) making up your own beats! To mix things up, turn on a CD and keep the beat of the music!

LARGE group

special notes

When you're trying to get kids to relate to good days and bad days, feel free to come up with your own examples—ones that will fit your particular group of kids.

presenter tips

Make sure you use lots of eye contact and muster as much energy as possible as you present. Kids love it when you act silly and over-the-top, so go for it. They'll love it and it will help the lesson to stick.

script

Presenter: Hi Friends! Welcome to Kid's Club. I'm _____ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend, HOPS. She's going to remind us of the kind of choices we can make today in Kids' Club.

Video: HOPS 4 Share With Others (about 1 minute)

REVIEW

Presenter: (Hold up the **Bible** for kids to see.) This is God's story. Out of all the stories in the world, this story is the most important. It's God's Rescue plan.

Remember how God made the whole world and everything was good? The world was perfect! Give me a smile and a "thumbs up"! (Let kids respond. Then change your tone.) But THEN, something bad happened. Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and sadness and death came into the world... Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond.) This was *really* sad.

But even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God...God loved them anyway! And he planned a great rescue so that Adam and Eve—and you and me—can be close to God again.

GOD WAS ALWAYS WITH JOSEPH

Well, God planned to send the Rescuer, Jesus, through a family! And today, we're going to learn about a guy named Joseph. He had some really good (thumbs up) and really bad (thumbs down) things happen to him! But God used Joseph to save his special family.

Let's watch a video about it to see what happens. As you watch, see if God was with Joseph, even during the bad times.



script continued

Video: God's Story / Joseph

Wow, can you imagine having your own brothers sell you, people lying about you, and even going to jail? Joseph had some really bad stuff happen to him! But was God with Joseph during the bad times? (Let kids say: YES!) Yell it one more time, a little louder: YES!

Joseph had some good times, too! His dad loved him and he got put in charge of a whole household. Then he got put in charge of all the prisoners at the jail. Eventually, he became the boss of a whole country! Do you guys think God was with Joseph during the good times? (Let kids yell: YES!) Yep, he sure was.

GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US

(Show picture of sad kid.) Sometimes, we have bad days, too. Maybe we get a “boo boo” or our brother or sister won’t share with us or we get sick and have a bad tummy ache. Is God with US on our bad days? (Let kids say: YES!) Yes, he’s always with us, even on our bad days!

(Show picture of excited kid.) And sometimes we have awesome days! Maybe we get to play outside with our friends. Or we have a birthday party. Or we get to eat an extra piece of candy. Is God with us on our good days? (Let kids say: YES!) That’s right, God is ALWAYS with us!

Let’s pray together and thank God for always loving us. (Pray, breaking it into smaller, repeatable phrases.)

Pray: Hi God! Thanks for being with Joseph. Thanks for being with me. I love you! Aaaa-MEN!

WORSHIP

Now let’s sing some songs to God and worship him for always taking care of us!

Song: Be Strong

Song: Jesus Loves Me

Dismiss kids to small groups. (Be creative as you dismiss them. Ask them to come give you a high five first, or maybe tiptoe or hop to their groups.)



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PREP needs



small group supplies

Coloring pages: Joseph's coat

large group supplies

Bible

a/v needs

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special room set-up

None

connect questions

Tell me about Joseph.
When is God with us?

parent page

Joseph's story spans Genesis 37-48 in the Bible. A lot of things happen to Joseph—good *and* bad things. Today, we focused on how God was with Joseph no matter what. And God worked everything out for good. Ask your kid about it. You can also read this story together or watch a video about it on CrossroadsKidsClub.net.