



3PK

July 18-19, 2015

DATE

Joseph

LESSON TITLE

Genesis 39-50

WHERE TO FIND IT

God is always with us.

MAIN POINT

schedule

First 10 minutes of the service hour:
Engage kids in cooperative play activities to help them connect to other kids

Next 5 minutes: Connect Time

Next 25 minutes: Large Group

Last 25 minutes: Snack and Small Group

tips

Help kids relate to Joseph by pointing out that we go through hard things just like Joseph did. Kids this age may not understand the specific circumstances Joseph went through, but they understand being scared or lonely, and how God can help them through it!

check-in/out

Ask kids what kind of puppet they made, and why he's wearing a colorful coat!

large group heads up

The story of Joseph is a miraculous one, and has a lot of details. It's okay if kids don't memorize all the facts of the story, as long as they recognize that God was always with Joseph through good things and bad.



connect time

GOAL: *Connect time is all about engaging kids in a short, interactive game to prepare them for Large Group.*

- **Clean up! (10 minutes after the service start time, when you get the 5-minute warning from the presenter)**
- Line Up
- Say: “God is always with us! We’re going to act out some different things we do during the day when He’s with us.”
- Have kids follow along as you act out these different scenarios, while staying in line.
- God is with us...
 - When we run (run in place)
 - When we dance (dance in place)
 - When we’re scared (act really scared)
 - When we’re happy (show a big smile)
 - When we’re cleaning our room (pretend to sweep)
 - When we’re mad (show a mad face and cross your arms)
 - When we’re with our friends (tell kids to give someone a hug)
- As you walk into Large Group, encourage kids to put on their listening ears! Remind them that HOPS will be showing us how we should act in Large Group, so we have to listen!



instructions

Goal: To help kids (1) recognize that God was with Joseph through good and bad times and (2) God is always with us too.

Why? Believing that God is with us is foundational to believing that he loves us. He wants a close relationship with us, and that means he never leaves our side!

Tip: Emphasize that God is with us through good times AND bad times. We all go through good and bad things; we just need to remember that God is there for it all.

small group

REVIEW THE STORY

1. Who did Joseph's dad love the most? (Joseph)
2. What did Joseph's dad give him as a present? (coat)
3. How did Joseph's brothers feel when Joseph got a special present? (mad, jealous)
4. SAY: Joseph had lots of bad things, and good things, happen to him. I'm going to say what happened, and if God was with him, say "Yes!" (When listing these questions, act happy/sad to reflect whether the answer is good/bad).
 - Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery. Was God with him? (Yes!)
 - Joseph was put in charge of all the servants. Was God with him? (Yes!)
 - Joseph got thrown in jail for something he didn't do. Was God with him? (Yes!)
 - Joseph was put in charge of the prison. Was God with him? (Yes!)
 - Joseph told Pharaoh what his dream meant. Was God with him? (Yes!)
 - Joseph forgave his brothers, and rescued everyone from starving. Was God with him? (Yes!)

JOSEPH PUPPETS

- Give each kid **1 paper bag** and **5 fabric squares**.
- Set out **markers** and **glue sticks**.
- Tell kids we're going to make Joseph puppets! Show them where to **draw** the face on the paper bag (the rectangular portion on the bottom of the bag. When you put your hand in the bag, your hand makes the "head" move. **Look at the next page for a picture example**)*
- Tell kids to **glue** their fabric squares all over the "body" of the puppet, so it looks like Joseph is wearing a colorful coat!



*Puppet example

***Pray together and thank God for always being with us!**

Extra time?

*Have kids do the **coloring page**. Then put on a puppet show! Have kids take turns pretending to be Joseph, while someone else pretends to be his brothers, or Pharaoh.*

special notes

Part of today's lesson requires you to share an example of a time you were afraid or lonely, but you knew God was with you so you didn't have to be afraid. Have an example prepared to share!

presenter tips

Here's a link to the video about Joseph that we'll be watching:

<https://vimeo.com/66760375>

script

***Click to play intro music.**

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 Obey your leaders! *(about 1 minute)*

(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. Do you know what it's called? (Let kids respond, "The Bible.") That's right, the Bible! It's God's Rescue plan. This book shows us how he rescued us from all the wrong things in the world.

In the beginning, God made the whole world and everything in it. He created the sun and the moon, the water and the land, the plants and the animals, and people like you and me! Everything was good. Give me a big thumbs up! (Let kids respond. Then change your tone.)

But THEN, something bad happened. Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and all the wrong things came into the world. Things like sadness and death. Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond.)

Even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God, God loved them anyway! He planned a great rescue so that Adam and Eve—and you and me—could be close to God again! Do you know who the rescuer is? (Let kids say: Jesus!) That's right! Jesus!

INTRO: JOSEPH

Today we're talking about a very special person named Joseph! Can you say, "Joseph"? (Let kids respond.) Good job! Joseph had a big family. He had 12 brothers! Let's all try and count to



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12. Ready? 1, 2, 3...(Count to 12 with kids.) Good job! Now, do any of you have 12 brothers? (Let kids respond.) Me neither.

One day, Joseph was with his dad. Joseph's dad loved him very, very much, so he gave Joseph a beautiful, colorful coat! **(Click to play slide.)** Raise your hand if you would like a rainbow coat like that? (Let kids respond.) Yeah, me too!

Something bad happened though. Joseph's brothers got jealous. That means they were mad that Joseph got a coat, and they didn't! Can you give me a mad face? (Let kids respond.) Yep, that's how they felt. After that, a lot of bad things happened to Joseph. Give me a thumbs down (Let kids respond.) He went through good things too! Give me a thumbs up! (Let kids respond.)

We're going to watch a video to see what happened next. As you watch, try to figure out if God was with Joseph through the bad things, and the good.

VIDEO: God's Story/Joseph

Wow! Joseph had a pretty amazing life, didn't he? First, his brothers sold him as a slave. Would you want that to happen to you? (Let kids respond, "No!") No way! That would be horrible. Joseph probably felt really lonely. But guess what? God was with Joseph the whole time. Joseph knew that he didn't need to feel sad or lonely, because God would always be with him!

Raise your hand if you've ever felt sad, or afraid? (Let kids respond.) Yeah, me too. One time, I _____ (Describe a time when you were sad, lonely, afraid, etc.) But guess what? God was with me the whole time! I didn't need to be sad or scared, because he was right there.

God is with you too, no matter what! He'll be with you when you're happy. Give me a big smile! (Let kids respond.) He'll be with you when you're sad. Give me a sad face. (Let kids respond.) He'll be with you when you're scared. Let's all act really scared! (Let kids respond.) He'll be with you when you're angry. Show me a mad face. (Let kids respond.) He'll even be with you when you're acting silly! Let's make a silly face! (Let kids respond.) Good job everybody!

God loves us so much, that even sent a rescuer to come down to earth to be with us. Do you know who that rescuer is? (Let kids respond, "Jesus!") Yes, Jesus! Good job!

PRAY

Dear God. We love you so much. We're so glad you're always with us, in the good times and the bad. Amen!

WORSHIP

I'm so glad that God is always with us. One way that we can spend more time with him is to sing about how much we love him! Let's sing some worship songs together!

Song: Jesus Loves Me

Song: Come With Me



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Song: Deep and Wide (extra song if you have time left over)

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



connect time supplies

God is always with us game – no supplies needed

small group supplies

Per kid: 5 fabric squares (Discount School Supply: Item # FAB), 1 brown paper bag, coloring page: Joseph

Per group: Bible, markers, glue sticks

large group supplies

Bible

a/v needs

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Video: HOPS Obey your leaders! (<https://vimeo.com/67408011>)
3. Slide: Joseph
4. Video: GS/Joseph (<https://vimeo.com/66760375>)
5. Video: Jesus Loves Me
6. Video: Come With Me
7. Extra Song: Deep and Wide

connect questions

Who was Joseph?
When is God with us?

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Daily Talk Starts – separate document