

# Preschool

crossroads

kids'  
club

March 11-12, 2017

DATE

I Am Journey Week 5: Joseph

LESSON TITLE

Genesis 37-48

WHERE TO FIND IT

We can follow God.

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

Sometimes you'll need to tell a parent if their kid had a tough time in class.

Maybe the kid hit someone, or cried a lot. Describe the specific behavior that the kid displayed, but not the kid him- or herself. We want to make the parents aware of what happened, while also making sure that all feel welcome and encouraged to come back!

## check-in/out

Ask kids if God was with Joseph through the good times AND the bad!

## large group heads up

Week 5 of the **I AM Journey** is about the story of Joseph. It's quite a rollercoaster! But God used everything in Joseph's life for good. Joseph's story shows us how trustworthy God is, that he has a bigger plan in mind, and that we can follow him no matter what happens!

## 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:** Today we're going to see that God is ALWAYS with us, no matter what!
- Lead kids in pretending to do the following actions. Say "God is with us" before each action.
- "God is with us when..."
  - We eat breakfast in the morning
  - We drive in the car with our grownups
  - We're angry
  - We walk a dog outside
  - We're happy
  - We're asleep
  - We're dancing
  - We're sad
  - We're playing hide and seek
  - We're hugging our friends

**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:** Kids will (1) understand how God was with Joseph through good and bad times and (2) recognize that God is always with us, no matter what!

**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:** Instead of just asking discussion questions, the activity calls for some fun interaction instead!

## small group

### REVIEW THE STORY

Lead kids through the following events to help them retell the story. 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 "event" say "**God was with Joseph!**" in different and silly ways.

- Joseph got an awesome coat from his dad! (Good! Stand up and yell "God was with Joseph!")
- His brothers hated him and they sold him to strangers. (Bad. Sit down and whisper, "God was with Joseph.")
- A man named Potiphar put Joseph in charge! (Good! Stand up and say, "God was with Joseph!")
- Joseph went to jail for something he didn't do. (Bad. Sit down, touch your toes and say, "God was with Joseph.")
- Joseph was put in charge of the jail! (Good! Stand up and in a deep voice say, "God was with Joseph.")
- Pharaoh had a dream and Joseph knew what it meant. (Good! Stay standing and reach as high as you can, and say, "God was with Joseph.")
- The dream meant people would starve. (Bad. Sit down, rub your tummy and say, "God was with Joseph.")
- Joseph had a plan! (Good! Stand up, do a jumping jack and say, "God was with Joseph.")
- Joseph forgave his brothers and saved everyone from starving. (Good! Stay standing and YELL as loud as you can, "God was with Joseph!")

### MAKE IT PERSONAL

- Kids will make a "Joseph" puppet with his very own colorful coat!  
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- Give each kid **1 paper bag**, **2 googly eye stickers** and **5 fabric pieces**.
- Set out **markers** and **glue sticks**.
- Tell kids we're going to make Joseph puppets! Show them where to put the eye stickers and draw the face (The rectangular portion on the bottom of the bag. When you put your hand in the bag, your hand makes the "head" move.)
- Tell kids to glue their fabric squares all over the "body" of the puppet, so it looks like Joseph is wearing a colorful coat!
- Kids may need help peeling off the back of the eye stickers\*



*Extra time? Give kids a **coloring sheet**. After that, play a game of Simon Says to help kids understand how we can "follow".*

## special notes

We've got a new worship song today! Check out the video below, and learn the motions ahead of time.

Let All That I Am Praise the Lord:  
<https://vimeo.com/201091757>

## presenter tips

Here's a link to today's video. Watch it ahead of time to prepare.

God's Story / Joseph:  
<https://vimeo.com/66760375>

## script

### WELCOME AND INTRO

**Main Goal:** Review the beginning of God's story and rescue plan.

#### Notes:

- **\*Click to play intro music.**
- **Say:** Hi Friends! Welcome to Kids' Club. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend HOPS.
- **Video: HOPS Put your listening ears on!**
- **Say:** (Holding up the **Bible**.) *This* is God's story. Out of all the stories in the world, this 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. It shows us how He rescued us from all the wrong things in the world.
- **Say:** 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.)
- **Say:** 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.)
- **Say:** 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!)

## INTRO: JOSEPH

**Main Goal:** Introduce Joseph through a God's Story video.

**Notes:**

- **Say:** God planned to send the Rescuer, Jesus, through a family! And today, we're going to learn about a guy named Joseph who was part of that family.
- **Say:** He had some really good things happen to him! Let's all wave our hands in the air and say, "woohoo!" (Let kids respond.) But Joseph also had some bad things happen to him. Can you show me a sad face? (Let kids respond.)
- **Say:** Even though Joseph went through both good and bad things, God used him to save his special family! Let's watch a video to see what happens. As you watch, see if God was with Joseph, even during the bad times.
- **Video: God's Story / Joseph**
- **Say:** Was God with Joseph during the bad times? (Let kids say: YES!) Yes, he was! No matter how sad or lonely Joseph was, God was STILL with him.

## GOD WAS ALWAYS WITH JOSEPH

**Main Goal:** Review the main events of Joseph's life and how God was with him through everything, good and bad!

**Notes:**

- **Say:** Joseph went through a LOT of good and bad things!
- **(Click to show image of Joseph.)**
  - **Say:** First, he got a wonderful coat from his dad. His dad loved him so much! Everybody pretend like you're putting on a fancy coat! (Let kids respond.)
  - **Ask:** Was God with him then? (Yes!)
- **(Click to show image of brothers.)**
  - **Say:** Then, his own brothers sold him! That probably made Joseph really sad and lonely. Can you give me a sad face? (Let kids respond.)
  - **Ask:** Was God still with him then? (Yes!)
- **(Click to show image of Potiphar and Joseph.)**
  - **Say:** Potiphar put Joseph in charge of his whole house!
  - **Ask:** Was God with Joseph then? (Yes!)
- **(Click to show image of jail.)**
  - **Say:** Next, Joseph got thrown in jail, even though he didn't do anything wrong! Can you say, "Oh no!" (Let kids respond.)
  - **Ask:** Was God STILL with Joseph then? (Yes!)
- **(Click to show image of Joseph in charge.)**
  - **Say:** After all that, Joseph got put in charge of all the other prisoners in the jail. Then, he got put in charge of a whole country! Wow! Can you give me a big thumbs up? (Let kids respond.)
  - **Ask:** Was God with Joseph then? (Yes!)

## WE CAN FOLLOW GOD

**Main Goal:** Understand that God is with US too, no matter what!

**Notes:**

- **Say:** Through ALL of those good and bad things, Joseph ALWAYS followed God! And that means WE can follow God too. Following God means we do what he does, and we try to be more like him!
- **Say:** Repeat these words after me, and do what I do!
  - I (Point to yourself; Let kids repeat.)
  - Can follow (Walk in place; Let kids repeat.)
  - God (Point up; Let kids repeat.)
- **Say:** Good job! We can follow God no matter what we do, and no matter where we go. Let's talk to God right now, and tell him how glad we are that he's always with us.

## WRAP UP AND WORSHIP

**Main Goal:** Help kids interact through prayer and worship!

**Notes:**

- **Pray:** (Break into small, repeatable phrases.) Dear God. We love you. We're so glad you are always with us. Aaa-men!
- **Set up worship:** God is always close to us, but we can be even CLOSER when we worship him with songs! Let's all stand up and sing right now.
- **Music Video: Let All That I Am Praise the Lord**
- **Music Video: Come With Me**
- **Song: King of the Jungle**

*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--like Hops--to their groups.)*



## connect questions

Tell me about Joseph.  
How can we follow God?

## lesson supplies

### Connect Time

Item	Usage	Details
No supplies needed		

### Small Group

Item	Usage	Details	Provided by
Coloring Page - Joseph	1 per kid	Page 9, white paper, black & white	site
Markers	1 set per group, reused		site
Paper bag	1 per kid	<a href="#">Duro Bag 4# Kraft Bags - 500 ct;</a> Sam's Club; Item # 12528	KC Central
Eye stickers	2 per kid	<a href="#">Black Self-Adhesive Wiggly Eyes;</a> Discount School Supply; Item #: 100BA	KC Central
Fabric squares	5 per kid	<a href="#">Fabric Squares - 150 Pieces;</a> Discount School Supply; Item#: FAB	KC Central
Glue sticks	1 set per group, reused		site

### Large Group

Item	Usage	Details
Jesus Storybook Bible	1 per large group, reused	



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1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Video: HOPS Put your listening ears on! (<https://vimeo.com/67408013>)
3. Video: God's Story / Joseph (<https://vimeo.com/66760375>)
4. Image: Joseph
5. Image: Brothers
6. Image: Potiphar and Joseph
7. Image: Jail
8. Image: Joseph in charge
9. Music Video: Let All That I Am Praise the Lord (<https://vimeo.com/201091757>)
10. Music Video: Come With Me (<https://vimeo.com/49923933>)
11. Song: King of the Jungle (KC/SM media videos songs>songs>songs with slides)