

# PRE-K

## October 8, 2017

**Bible Focus:** Joseph Forgives • *Genesis 42–45; Psalm 16:11*

**Memory Verse:** “So let us do all we can to live in peace.” Romans 14:19, NIRV

**Key Question:** Who can help you choose peace?

**Bottom Line:** God can help me choose peace.

**Basic Truth:** Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

### **Make It True** (Large Group, 20 minutes)

*Historyteller Greets children at the door as music plays.*

**CG:** Welcome Slide (“Guess Who”)

*Stop music once all classes are in and on a line.*

### **Worship**

**What You Need:** Paperclip “Memory Verse Card” in your Bible at Romans 14:19.”

**HISTORYTELLER:** “Hi, friends! I’m so happy to be with you today! What word have we been talking about lately? (*Pause*) ‘Peace’! That’s right. Who can help you choose peace.

**CG:** Bottom Line Slide

**CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER:** [*Bottom Line*] “God can help me choose peace!”

**HISTORYTELLER:** “Yes!! [*Bottom Line*] Go can help me choose peace! You got it! Hey, are you ready to sing with me today? I sure hope so, because I’ve been looking forward to it ALL week! Everybody jump up on your feet! Here we go!”

**SFX:** “That’s What I Can Do”

**HISTORYTELLER:** “Great singing, everybody! What a fun way to start our time together! I believe it’s time for our memory verse. Are you ready? Watch me say it and do the motions, and then you can do it with me!

**CG:** Memory Verse Slide

‘So let us (*Sweep both arms out and back into yourself*) do all (*Arms straight up and fan then down to your sides*) we can to live in peace (*Make a peace sign*)’ Romans 14:19 (*hold hands open like a book*). Let’s try that together.”

**CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER:** ‘So let us (*Sweep both arms out and back into yourself*) do all we can (*Arms straight up and fan then down to your sides*) to live in peace (*Make a peace sign*)’ Romans 14:19 (*hold hands open like a book*).

**HISTORYTELLER:** “Yes! Have you shared that verse with your parents and family yet? I bet they would love it if you did. Will you show them today? Alright! Now, I think it’s time for us to sing another song. Are you ready?”

**SFX:** “*God’s Love Don’t Stop*”

“So great! Remind me one more time. **Who can help you choose peace?**”

**CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER:** [*Bottom Line*] “**God can help me choose peace!**”

## **Bible History Lesson**

**What You Need:** Bible and 7 sacks of rice.

“Today, we get to hear another amazing example of choosing peace from right here, in the Bible! It’s about Joseph! Maybe you remember Joseph. Joseph had a LOT of brothers—eleven total! Let’s count with our fingers. (*Hold up your fingers one at a time as you count.*) One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven! Phew. That’s still a lot of brothers! But his brothers were mean and sent him far, far away to a place called Egypt.

“He ended up in jail! Yikes! But then, Joseph helped the Pharaoh—sorta like the king—know what God said in his dreams. And Pharaoh put Joseph in charge of everything! Wow!”

**HISTORYTELLER:** “Joseph’s job was to save up lots of food because soon there wouldn’t be any food at all. People would have to eat the food that Joseph saved. Joseph saved enough grain for seven years. Let’s count to seven. (*Toss one bag of rice for each number.*) One, two, three, four, five, six, seven!

“But soon there wasn’t food in the land anymore. The people were so hungry! Everybody hold your bellies (*clutch your belly*) like you’re hungry and say in a whiney voice, ‘Oh, we’re so hungry!’ (*Pause.*) Great job!

“Do you know what all the people did? (*Pause.*) All the people went to Joseph and he gave them food to eat! (*As Joseph, tossing sacks*) One for you ... and one for you ... and one for you!

“Isn’t it great that Joseph had saved all that food for the people. Far, far away, some other people were hungry, too! Who do you think it was? *(Pause.)* I’ll give you a hint. We counted them earlier. *(Pause.)* Yes! Joseph’s brothers didn’t have any food, either. They heard there was food in Egypt, so they traveled all the way there to get some. They went to see Joseph and asked for food.

“Joseph was wearing fancy clothes because now he lived with Pharaoh, and his brothers didn’t know who he was! They didn’t recognize him at all. But Joseph knew his brothers. He remembered the mean thing they had done when they sent him to Egypt. Do you think that Joseph said, ‘You sent me away, so I’m gonna make you pay!’? No! Joseph was so happy to see his brothers again! He knew that he needed to forgive his brothers for sending him away. He knew that they were sorry. So he gave them a big hug and said, ‘It’s me! I’m your brother, Joseph! I forgive you, and I will give you food to eat! *(Hold out sack of rice.)*”

“WOW! Joseph, who loved God and followed Him, chose peace. He knew that God wanted Him to forgive and so God helped him to choose peace. He forgave his brothers!”

**“Who can help you choose peace?”**

**CG: *Bottom Line Slide***

**God can help me choose peace! Say it with me. Who can help you choose peace?”**

**CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER: *[Bottom Line]* “God can help me choose peace!”**

**HISTORYTELLER: “That was really great. But I know you can say it louder. One more time: Who can help you choose peace?”**

**CHILDREN and HISTORYTELLER: *[Bottom Line]* “God can help me choose peace!”**

**HISTORYTELLER: “It’s true, friends! We choose peace when we choose to forgive people! You Got it!”**

### **Offering and Prayer**

*Music Plays as the offering container is passed around*

**SFX: “How Great is our God?”**

*Bring volume down to signify prayer time.*

**HISTORYTELLER:** "Let's pray.

"Dear God, thank You for Joseph's life story. Help us to forgive like Joseph forgave his brothers. Help us to always choose your peace. We love you. Amen."

**Dismiss**

"Well, that's it for today. Have fun and I'll see you next time. Bye!"

*Start Music as children exit. Historyteller stands at the door as children exit.*

**CG: Farewell Slide ("Guess Who?")**

# TWO'S

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**SFX:** *“That’s What I Can Do”*

**HISTORYTELLER:** “I’m so glad that God made you with such great voices! Now, I want to hear your beautiful voices as we practice our memory verse. Here we go!”

**CG:** *Memory Verse Slide*

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**HISTORYTELLER:** “Yes! Have you shared that verse with your parents and family yet? I bet they would love it if you did. Will you show them today? I hope you do. Have a seat because it’s time for our Bible Truth.”

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### **Prayer**

*Music Plays as the offering container is passed around*

**SFX: “How Great is our God?”**

**HISTORYTELLER:** “Thank you for being such great listeners today. Now let’s put our hands together, close our eyes, and talk to God.

“Dear God, thank You for always being with us no matter what—even when things are hard or when people don’t treat us nice. Help us to always to choose peace! Help us to forgive, like Joseph forgave his brothers. We love you God. Amen.”

### **Dismiss**

**HISTORYTELLER:** “I had such a great time singing, dancing, and sharing God’s words with you. Thank you so much for coming to see me today! We’ll see you next time, friends! Bye.”

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