

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.

Here’s an overview of what you’ll be teaching in 2s this week.

Social (9:00, 10:15, 11:30)

- Count and Eat

Playground (9:10, 10:25, 11:40)

- If the weather allows, travel to the playground for 10 minutes of playtime outside.

Snack (9:22, 10:37, 11:52)

- Offer snack to the children, indoors

Bible (9:30, 10:45, 12:00)

- Bible History presentation in the Sandbox

Groups (9:45, 11:00, 12:15)

- Joseph’s Story

Dismiss (10:00, 11:15, 12:30)

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Let one teacher lead children in activities throughout the room while another teacher greets parents and kids at the door. At this age not all children will participate, but most will want to be part of the fun.

Count and Eat

“Count and Eat” is an activity that uses fine motor skills and critical thinking as children count and eat a small snack to reinforce today’s Bible Truth.

(Be sure to list the foods you will be using today on the “Allergy Alert Poster” from the “Start Here” tab on the Website and post it at the door to your room.)

What You Need: Cheerios[®], paper towels, and wet wipes.

What You Do: Help children wash their hands with the wet wipes and then give each a handful of Cheerios[®] on their paper towel. Help the children count their Cheerios[®] before they eat them.

What You Say: “Today in our Bible Truth, we’ll hear more about Joseph. Joseph helped take care of the food for the king and made sure everyone had food to eat. Let’s count out how many Cheerios[®] you have. *(Assist the children in counting.)* How many did you count? *(Pause.)* Wow! Great counting! Now you can eat them!”

Playground (9:10, 10:25, 11:40)

If the weather allows, use this time to travel outside for 10 minutes of playtime. Place your “We are on the Playground” sign on the door as you leave. This will allow parents who are late to find you.

Snack (9:22, 10:32, 11:52)

Bible (9:30, 10:40, 12:00)

Travel to the Sandbox for the Large Group presentation. Place your “We are in Large Group” sign on the door as you leave.

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Groups (9:45, 11:00, 12:25)

The following activities help make the Bottom Line stick. Encourage children to play on their own if they do not wish to take part in an activity.

Joseph’s Story

The “Joseph’s Story” activity uses sequencing and fine motor skills to review the Bible Truth.

What You Need: Set of “Joseph and His Brothers,” “Joseph in Jail,” “Joseph Gathering Grain,” and “Joseph Hugging His Brothers” for each child, plastic baggie

What You Do:

During the activity: As the children color their cards, retell the Bible Truth using the Bible Truth Review pictures.

At the end of the activity: Add the children’s cards to their baggies and send them home.

What You Say: “Joseph had a big family! He had how many brothers? *(Pause.)* Eleven! Count with me. *(Use your fingers as you count.)* One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven! *(Point to the eleven brothers in the picture of Joseph’s family.)* Joseph’s brothers were very jealous of Joseph! They sent him far away. But Joseph knew that God was with him and that God had a plan. Joseph got a job and was really good at it, but he got thrown in jail. *(Point to the picture of Joseph in jail.)* Joseph didn’t complain; he prayed to God and helped the people that were in the jail, too.

“God also helped Joseph tell the king what his dream meant, so Pharaoh put him in charge of everything. *(Point out Week 4 card and have them color it. Hold up the big picture.)* Joseph’s new job was to save all the food he could before there wasn’t any food to find. When the food ran out, the people could eat the food Joseph saved. How many sacks of grain did Joseph save? *(Pause.)* One, two, three, four, five, six, seven! When there was no other food to eat, the people came to Joseph and he gave them food to eat. This was all part of God’s plan.

“There were also some hungry people that lived far away and they too came to see Joseph to ask for food. Do you remember who it was? *(Pause.)* Joseph’s brothers! But they didn’t know who he was! But Joseph remembered them and all the things they did

to him, but he didn't get mad. He chose peace! Joseph was happy to see his brothers again and gave them all a big hug and he gave them food to eat! *(Point to the Week 5 card and have them color it. Hold up the big picture.)* It was all part of God's plan! God Helped Joseph choose peace by forgiving his brothers.

"Who can help you choose peace? (Pause.) [Bottom Line] God can help me choose peace. Look at all the pictures of Joseph's story! You get to take your cards home and tell your family all about Joseph's story and the plan that God had for him."

Get Ready to Dismiss (10:00, 11:15, 12:30)