

May 13, 2018

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Joseph’s Story • *Genesis 37–45*

Bottom Line: God has a plan for you.

Basic Truth: God made me.

The extended toddler curriculum provides older toddlers with the Bible Truth and craft element that some are ready to experience before they enter the twos. The same Bible Truth will be told in four (or five) different ways throughout the month allowing for the repetition toddlers need and crave.

Bible Time

- Show It

Craft Time

- In Jail

Play Time

- Color Plan

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Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the Bible Truth. Some kids (especially the younger ones) may wander. That’s OK. They’re still listening and learning!

What You Need: Preschool Bible, “Bible Story Pictures” Activity Pages

LEADER: “A long time ago, there was a man named Joseph. (*Show Joseph page.*) Joseph had a lot of brothers. His brothers got really mad when their daddy gave Joseph a colorful coat. They sent Joseph far away. Even though he was far from his family, he trusted God had a plan for him.

“Joseph worked hard at his job and was a friend to everyone. Everyone liked Joseph. But then something bad happened. Joseph was put in jail for something he didn’t even do! (*Show Joseph in jail page.*) But Joseph knew God had a plan for him.

“Before long, Joseph was put in charge of everyone else in the jail. Then the king had a dream. Joseph knew what the king’s dream meant. Joseph told the king to save food while it was growing so they would have food when it stopped growing. (*Show barn with grain page.*)

“The king liked Joseph so much that he put him in charge over everything to make sure everyone got food to eat. Then, one day, Joseph’s family came because they were hungry and needed food. They had to ask Joseph for food because he was in charge. Joseph gave his brothers some food, and then he gave his brothers a big hug and told them he forgave them for putting him in the hole and sending him away. (*Show Joseph with family page.*) He knew it was part of God’s plan.

“Joseph still loved his family because he trusted God’s plan. Yay, Joseph! Yay for trusting God’s plan! God had a plan for Joseph, and **[Bottom Line] God has a plan for you.**”

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Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time. Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That’s OK. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.

What You Need: “In Jail” Activity Page, ink pads, and wet wipes

What You Do:

During the Activity: Retell the Bible Truth as the children use their fingerprints to fill in the jail bars. Use wet wipes for easy clean up.

What You Say:

During the Activity: “Today’s Bible Truth was about a man named Joseph. His brothers got really mad when their daddy gave Joseph a colorful coat. They sent Joseph far away. Even though he was far from his family, he trusted God had a plan for him.

“Then something bad happened. Joseph was put in jail for something he didn’t even do! But Joseph knew God had a plan for him.

“Then the king had a dream. Joseph knew what the king’s dream meant. Joseph told the king to save food while it was growing so they would have food when it stopped growing.

“The king liked Joseph so much that he put him in charge over everything to make sure everyone got food to eat. One day, Joseph’s family came because they were hungry and needed food. Joseph gave his brothers some food and a big hug. Joseph still loved his family because he trusted God’s plan. Yay, Joseph! Yay for trusting God’s plan!

“Look at your paper. Who is that? Yes, it’s Joseph, and he’s in jail for something he didn’t even do. Uh-oh. I think something is missing. We need to use our fingerprints to fill in the jail bars. Great job!

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Playtime

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What You Need: Various colors of construction paper

What You Do: Place the construction paper around the room on the floor. Instruct the children to walk from one color to the next based on the plan. Continue as long as there is interest.

What You Say: “Hello, friends. Let’s play a fun game. When I say a color, I want you to walk to that color paper. Are you ready? Here’s the plan. Walk to the red paper. Great job! You followed the plan. Now I have a new plan. Walk to the blue paper. Wow! You did it. You followed the plan. Did you know that God has a plan for you? He does!”