



WEEK
FOUR
OCTOBER 2022

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE

an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home



5. JOSEPH'S TURN-A-CUP JOURNEY

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Joseph's Turn-a Cup-Journey" and "Turn-a-Cup Journey" Activity Pages; Avery® #5163 labels or equivalent; clear punch cups; scissors; a permanent marker; and completed example cup

BIBLE STORY

God's plans are always best.

JOSEPH AND THE GRAIN
GENESIS 41-45

MEMORY VERSE

"For I know the plans
I have for you,"
says the Lord."

JEREMIAH 29:11, NLT

KEY QUESTION

Who has plans for you?

BOTTOM LINE

God has plans for me.

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Joseph's Turn-a-Cup Journey" on label paper and cut, one Joseph per child. Copy "Turn-a-Cup Journey" on label paper and cut, one set per child. Write each child's name on the bottom of both of their cups.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Have children stick Joseph to one cup and set aside then stick the journey pictures to the other cup. Leader gives one picture at a time and instructs the order to put them on. Put the cup with the journey pictures inside the Joseph cup. Demonstrate how to move Joseph through his journey. Review the Bible story as children move Joseph to each picture.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Talk about how God's plans are always best.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Come find a seat at the table. (Pause.) We've been learning that God has plans for us. Sometimes God's plans are hard, but they are always the best. Joseph had a hard and long journey, but he always trusted God's plans for him. Let's make a craft that walks Joseph through his journey."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "It's a twisty cup journey. (Show a completed example.) You have two cups. On one of them, I want you to stick the picture of Joseph. (Pause.) Put that cup to the side and pick up the other cup. (Pause.) On this cup, we'll add the pictures of Joseph's journey."

"The first picture is of Joseph's brothers standing around the hole they threw Joseph in. (Hand each child a picture.) Stick the picture on your cup like this. (Demonstrate.) Joseph's brothers were mad and jealous, so they sent him far away to work for a man named Potiphar.

"This next picture is Potiphar's house. (Hand each child a picture.) Stick this picture on your cup next to the first one. (Pause.) Joseph worked for Potiphar, he worked hard and did a good job. But someone said he did something bad that he didn't do, and he was put in jail. (Hand each child a picture.) Stick this picture next to the second one. (Pause.)



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“When Joseph was in jail, Pharaoh asked him to help him understand his dream, and with God’s help, Joseph did. Joseph told Pharaoh to save seven years of food because after that there would be seven years when no food would grow. So, Pharaoh put Joseph in charge. Joseph worked hard and saved seven years of food.

“Your last sticker is a picture of bags and bags of food. *(Hand each child a picture.)* Stick this last picture to your cup. *(Pause.)* Great job! Joseph made sure that everyone who needed food had it. Put that cup inside your Joseph cup.”

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: “Turn your cup until you get Joseph to his brothers. *(Pause.)* Now turn it again. Where did Joseph go next? *(Pause.)* He went to Egypt and worked for Potiphar. Turn your cup to Potiphar’s house. *(Pause.)* Joseph worked hard but was put in jail because someone said he did something that he didn’t. Turn Joseph to the jail. *(Pause.)*

“While he was in jail, Pharaoh had a dream he couldn’t figure out, so Pharaoh asked Joseph to help him understand. Joseph told Pharaoh what the dream meant, and Pharaoh was so happy that he put Joseph in charge. Joseph collected food for seven years to feed all the people for the seven years that food didn’t grow. Turn your cup to the bags of food. *(Pause.)*

“Joseph made sure that everyone who needed food had it, even his family. Joseph forgave his brothers for what they did to him and made sure everyone in his family had food. God loves us and has plans for us. God’s plans are always best. **Who has plans for you? God has plans for me.**



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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal
application and prayer



6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" in
your Bible at Jeremiah 29:11; journal; and a fun-shaped
pen

BIBLE STORY

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Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God.
(*Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.*)

"Today, we'll make a list of our favorite foods. We can use our list when we
pray. So when I say your name, tell me your favorite food." (*Write down
what each child says beside their names. Remember to print so the children
can recognize their names and the letters.*)

"These are some yummy foods! Would anyone like to pray before I pray?"

(*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*)

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PRAYER

SGL: "Dear God, Thank You for foods like (*read the list the children made*).
Thank You for letting us hear about Joseph's story and how You used him to
make sure A LOT of people had food. Please help (*name each child*) trust
that Your plans are always best, even when they're hard. We love You, God.
In Jesus' name, amen."

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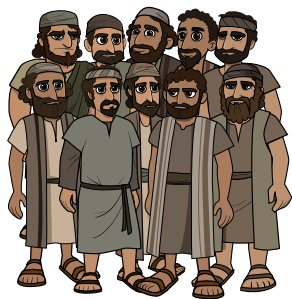
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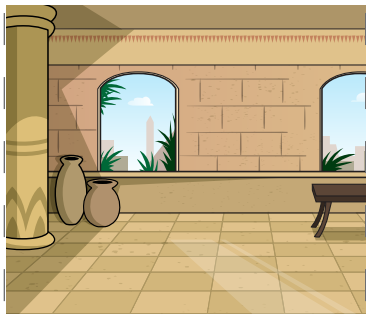
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Joseph's Brothers



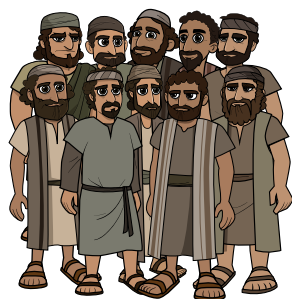
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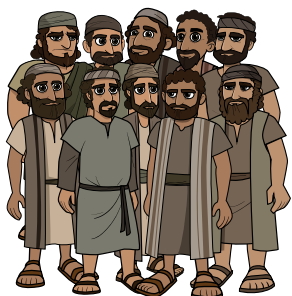
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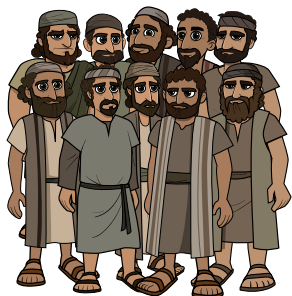
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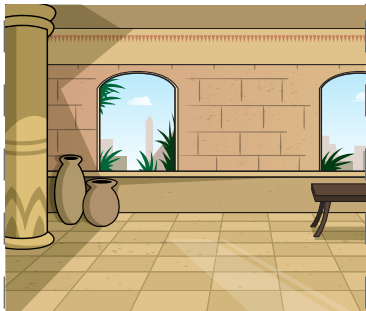
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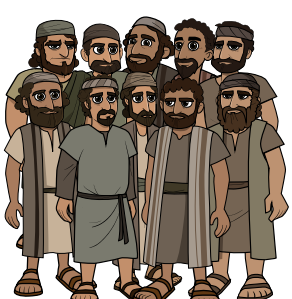
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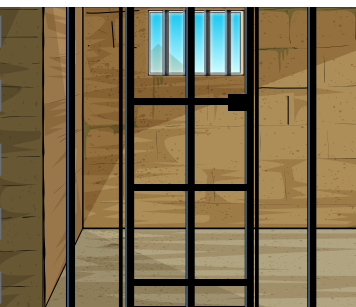
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