



**At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12**  
**God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua**  
**Unit 8, Lesson 38**

## **Joseph and His Jealous Brothers**

**Lesson Aim: To challenge children to make peace with others.**

### **THE WELCOME**

**MEET & GREET: What is the best gift you have ever received?**

**GAME:** Bible Memory Verse Message Ball

### **THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO SPEAKS**

Read Worship Scripture: John 10:27-28.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform High Seas Adventures script or read storybook.

### **THE WORD JOSEPH AND HIS JEALOUS BROTHERS**

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God kept His promise to be with Jacob and make him into a nation.

**God had given Jacob the name, Israel. His family included his twelve sons who lived with him in the land of Canaan. Point to Canaan. Today, we will learn about Jacob's favorite son, Joseph, and his jealous brothers. Point to Joseph (Circa 1850 B.C.). Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Genesis 37:2-11, 18-24, 26-36. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Genesis 37:4. Pray. Read.**

Perform Readers' Theatre or read passage.

### **THE WAY GOD SPEAKS TO US**

**What happened in the first dream?** (The other brothers' bundles of grain bowed to Joseph's bundle.) **What happened in the second dream?** (The sun, moon, and eleven stars bowed to Joseph.) **God used the dreams to speak to Joseph. What did Joseph's family think his dreams meant?** (They would one day bow down to and be ruled by Joseph.) **His dreams did tell the future. Next time, we will learn how they came true.**

**Can you think of some ways God speaks to us?** (Through the Bible, people, creation, prayer, etc.) **The Holy Spirit lives inside the heart of**

**every believer. The Holy Spirit helps us understand what God is saying to us through the Bible, creation, and other people.**

**Sometimes, God may give a message that people do not like. How did Joseph's brothers feel about his dreams?** (They were angry.) **What else about Joseph made them angry?** (He was the only one to receive a beautiful robe from Jacob.) **What did they do?** (Stripped him of his robe, threw him in a dry well, and sold him.) **How did God rescue Joseph?** (He sent the Ishmaelites.)

**What did Reuben want to do?** (Rescue Joseph.) **Even though he was angry, he knew he had to take care of his brother. Have you ever been jealous or angry with a brother, sister, or friend?**

**What did the angry brothers plot to do?** (Kill Joseph.) **Reuben and Judah both discouraged the plot. Murder was against God's Law many centuries before God gave Moses the Ten Commandments. While the brothers did spare Joseph, they showed their hateful anger toward him by selling him into slavery in a different land.**

### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

**Over 1800 years later, Jesus said this type of anger represented the sin of murder. Check out what Jesus says about anger against your brother. Reveal Matthew 5:21-24. Find It First. Highlight. Read.**

**What warning did Jesus give to those who are so angry that they would use insulting names? Have you ever been that angry? What does Jesus say to do?** (Do not worship God until you have reconciled.) **Is there someone with whom you should make peace? Jesus holds us responsible for our attitudes, as well as our words and actions. How will your life change after hearing what Jesus spoke?**

**THE GOLDEN BOWL:** Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

### **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: Strip of colorful fabric (Joseph's robe)
- W<sup>3</sup> BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #38
- OFFERING OF ART: Joseph in his colorful robe
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

### **GOT TIME?**

**SNACK:** Sweet Dreams

**GAME:** Pray Back Balloon Bop

**CRAFT:** Pillow Message

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** Faithful with a Few Things, Stepping Stones

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**