



Joseph and His Special Robe

Lesson Aim: To know we can show our love to God and to others.

THE WORSHIP

Who God Is: The God Who Speaks

THE WORD

Bible Story: Genesis 37:1-3

What He Has Done: God gave Joseph a father who loved him very much.

THE WAY

Whisper Verse: "Show your love."

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

"I will listen to what God the Lord will say." Psalm 85:8

Unit 8: The God Who Speaks			
	Bible Story	What He Has Done	Lesson Aim
38	Joseph and His Special Robe, Genesis 37:1-3	God gave Joseph a father who loved him very much.	To know we can show our love to God and to others.
39	Joseph Forgives His Brothers, Genesis 50:17-21	God led Joseph to forgive his brothers.	To know God wants us to forgive each other.
40	The Burning Bush, Exodus 3:1-12	God speaks to Moses from a burning bush.	To know God speaks to us.
41	Pharaoh Would Not Listen, Exodus 8:20-32	God sent the plague of flies when Pharaoh would not listen to God's warnings.	To see how important it is to listen to God's warnings.
42	God Parts the Red Sea, Exodus 14:9-10, 13-16, 21-22	God parted the Red Sea to save His people.	To see how God speaks through His creation and His miracles.

TEACHER'S ENCOURAGEMENT

This week, read Galatians 5:16-26. Please join us in praying, "Forgive us, Lord, for our jealous hearts. Fill us with Your Spirit that we may teach the children to rejoice in the success of others. Amen."



**THE WORSHIP
THE WORD &
THE WAY**

Segment	Minutes	Activity	Supplies
THE WELCOME	Up to 15	Treasure Chest	Treasure chest, stamp (or sticker) of a gift box or attach a piece of colorful fabric to a sticker or label
		Whisper Verse	Sign language for "Show your love."
THE WORSHIP	Up to 20	Worship Sheet music and recordings for Bible Memory Verse Songs are available at ResourceWell.org. Additional Song Suggestions: "Jesus Loves Me" "This Is My Father's World"	Unit 8 Bible Memory Verse Song: "I Will Listen" Other Bible Memory Verse Song Suggestions: "Be Still and Know" "Blessed Are Those" "Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled" "He Is Mighty to Save" "Here Am I" "How Wide?" "I Can Do Everything" "Let Everything That Has Breath" "Praise Time: Love the Lord Your God" "We Love"
		Offering	Baskets
		Worship Illustration	<i>The Adventures of Delbert and Lello</i> puppet script or storybook: God of Wonders Unit 8, Lesson 38
THE WORD	Up to 10	Watch the Word: Genesis 37:1-3	Teacher's Bible with bookmark at Genesis 37:3 Visual: Colorful robe, vest, or shawl
THE WAY	Up to 25	Craft: Bracelet of Many Colors	Colorful pipe cleaner or yarn, assorted colored beads, small envelope, crayons or markers
		Game: Show Your Love	12-inch lengths of various color crepe paper streamers
		Game: What Did That Say?	3 pictures (creation, Noah's Ark in a storm, Joseph receiving the robe from his father), tape
		Snack: A Snack of Many Colors	Colorful snack, such as multi-colored goldfish or fruit cereal
		Circle of Prayer	None
	Final 5	Final Five	Ponder, Pray & Play: Unit 8, Lesson 38 Color This Story: "Joseph and His Special Robe"
GOT TIME?	Up to 10	Say & Do: Genesis 37:1-3	None
	Up to 15	Craft: Joseph's Robe	Large paper bag, colored paper or crepe streamers, glue or glue stick
	Up to 10	Game: Wearing Joseph's Robe	Joseph's Robe (See "Joseph's Robe" craft in GOT TIME?), paper hearts, tape
	Up to 10	Game: Stop and Listen	Unit 8 Bible Memory Verse Song "I Will Listen"
	Up to 10	Game: Scripture Hopscotch	Ten 8-inch x 8-inch colorful fabric squares or floor tape
	Up to 10	Story Time	Any story about the love of God our Father

RESOURCES: Supplemental materials are available at ResourceWell.org.



Show your love

THE WELCOME

Welcome each child as they arrive. **Hello _____. I am glad you are here! Come open the Treasure Chest to find today's treasure.** Child unlocks the Treasure Chest to receive a stamp (or sticker) of a gift box or a piece of colorful fabric attached to a sticker or label. **Let this colorful sticker (or stamp) remind you of Joseph's colorful robe. This gift was his father's way to show his love. Today's Whisper Verse is "Show your love."** Teach the Whisper Verse in spoken language and in sign language below. **We call it the Whisper Verse so you can whisper it to others.***

SIGN LANGUAGE: "Show your love."

(For visual demonstrations, see www.signingsavvy.com.)

Each time we say today's Whisper Verse, let's say it with three hand motions:

- "Show"** The tip of the index finger is placed against the palm of other hand and both are moved outward. The fingertip is pointing to something in the palm which is extended for others to see.
- "your"** Open hand facing outward with the fingers together. This hand shape is associated with the concept of possession.
- "love."** The hands hug something over the heart to indicate the concept of love.

Allow children to enjoy free play until everyone has arrived. **Let's sing the "Clean Up Song" as we put toys away before Praise Time.** Praise any child who helps. Allow several minutes for clean up.

**"Clean Up Song": Clean up! Clean up! Everybody, everywhere!
Clean up! Clean up! Everybody do your share!**

Gather and seat children in Praise Time area.

***Today's Whisper Verse:** "Show your love," Genesis 20:13. The Whisper Verse is a tool to help the children learn a major point in the lesson. It is coupled with sign language or hand motions as a memory aid. The verse is not necessarily chosen from today's Bible story.



The God who speaks **THE WORSHIP**

Teacher Tip: To help children identify time set aside for worship, designate a special corner or area for singing, collecting offering, and watching the worship illustration. Play “Praise Time: Love the Lord Your God” as children move to that designated area.

It’s Praise Time—our time to sing praise to the God who speaks to us. God speaks to us in many ways. He speaks to us through nature, through Bible stories, and through people who love Him.

God loves you and you can show your love to Him. That reminds me of today’s Whisper Verse, “Show your love.” Let’s say it together. Review the Whisper Verse together: “Show your love.” Include sign language.



We can show our love to God by giving our offering to the church. Let’s pray God will use this money to show His love to people all over the world. Sing: “I Will Listen” while the offering is being collected.



Jacob gave his son Joseph a colorful robe to show his love. Let’s see if Delbert and Lello know about Joseph’s special robe. Perform *The Adventures of Delbert and Lello* puppet script or read storybook: God of Wonders Unit 8, Lesson 38.



Now, let’s show our love to God by singing in our strongest voices to Him. Sing: “Let Everything That Has Breath.”

Joseph’s father loved him very much. As our Father in heaven, God loves us even more! Sing: “This Is My Father’s World” or “How Wide?”



Joseph's father gave him a robe

THE WORD

Before we begin our Bible Time, let's say our Classroom Promise with the motions.

With my eyes on my teacher,
My mouth quiet as can be,
I will listen to hear,
How God loves you and me.

Point to eyes.
Place index finger over mouth as quiet sign.
Cup hand around ear.
Hug self, point to others, and then self.

Last time, we heard how God spoke to Jacob through a dream. Today, we will hear about the colorful robe Jacob gave his son Joseph. Let's open our Bible to the first book of the Bible, Genesis. Handle the Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Genesis 37:3.

WATCH THE WORD: GENESIS 37:1-3

Read the points below or retell the passage in your own words using the points below as a general guide. To illustrate the story, wear a colorful robe, vest, or shawl. Other visual options include the craft sample, Color This Story, or any related picture.

- Jacob's father Isaac lived in Canaan.
- Jacob moved his family to that same land.
- Jacob had a daughter and twelve fine sons,
- But Joseph was his favorite one.

- When Joseph grew to be seventeen,
- Jacob gave him the best gift he had ever seen.
- It was quite a beautiful robe we are told,
- With colors beautiful and bold.



What did Jacob give to Joseph? (A special, colorful robe.) **Let's find our answer in the Bible.** Read Genesis 37:3 from the teacher's Bible.

Why did Jacob give Joseph the robe? (To show his love.) **The answer is in our Whisper Verse!** Let's say our Whisper Verse together: **"Show your love."** Include sign language or hand motions.



Show your love
THE WAY

Teacher Tip: Craft and games can be presented at the same time in different areas or one at a time depending on class size and teaching style.

CRAFT: BRACELET OF MANY COLORS

Purpose: To create a gift to show love to someone special.

Supplies: Colorful pipe cleaner or yarn, assorted colored beads, small envelope, crayons or markers

Prepare: On an envelope, print:

You are special to me.

From: _____.

Today, you will make a gift for someone who is special to you. This gift will show them your love, just as the colorful robe for Joseph showed him his father's love.

Directions:

1. Thread several colored beads onto a pipe cleaner.
2. Twist the ends of the pipe cleaner together to form a bracelet.
3. Sign the envelope and decorate it.
4. Place the bracelet in the envelope and seal it.
5. Give the gift to someone who is special to you!

Craft Discussion:

- **Who gave Joseph the colorful robe?** (Jacob.)
- **Why did Joseph's father Jacob give him the colorful gift?** (To show his love.)
- **To whom will you give the colorful bracelet you made?** (Children respond.)

THE WAY *continued...*

GAME: SHOW YOUR LOVE

Purpose: To discuss ways we can show love to others.

Supplies: 12-inch lengths of various color crepe paper streamers

Jacob showed his love to Joseph when he gave him the beautiful robe of many colors. Our Whisper Verse says, "Show your love." Let's remember the colorful robe and think of ways we can show love to the people we know.

Directions:

1. Children stand in a circle.
2. Give each child a streamer.
3. One child stands in the middle of the circle and shares a way he or she can show love to someone (e.g., help with a chore, give a hug, make a card, give thanks, share a toy, pray).
4. Everyone responds by waving their streamers in the air and saying the Whisper Verse together: "**Show your love.**"
5. Repeat steps 3-4 until each child has a turn.

GAME: WHAT DID THAT SAY?

Purpose: To learn ways God speaks to us.

Supplies: 3 pictures (creation, Noah's Ark in a storm, Joseph receiving the robe from his father), tape

Directions:

1. Display the three pictures on a wall at the children's eye level.
2. **We can say things without using words. If we clap our hands, it is as if we are saying, "We like what just happened." Let's all clap our hands.** Everyone claps.
3. **Let's shake hands.** Everyone shakes hands. **What does it say to you if I shake your hand?** (It says I am glad to meet you.)
4. **What does it say to you if I pat you on the back like this?** Teacher pats children on the back. (It says everything will be alright.)
5. **What do you think it said to Joseph when his father gave him the special robe?** (It said "You are special," "I love you," etc.)
6. **God speaks to us without words, too! He speaks to us through His Bible stories, His world, and His people. Tell me what Bible stories you see in these three pictures.**
7. **God says, "I love you" through the beautiful things He gives us. Which of the 3 pictures show that? Children point to the picture of creation. What are some of the beautiful things God gives us?** (Children respond.)
8. **God says, "I love you" by keeping us safe. Which picture says that? Children point to the picture of Noah's ark in a storm. What are other ways that God keeps us safe?** (Children respond.)
9. **God says, "I love you" through the love of others. Which picture shows that? Children point to the picture of Joseph receiving the robe from his father. Who are some of the people that love and care for you?** (Children respond.)

THE WAY *continued...*

SNACK: A SNACK OF MANY COLORS

Purpose: To remember to show your love to others.

Snack Suggestion: Colorful snack, such as multi-colored goldfish or fruit cereal

Our snack is colorful like Joseph's robe. Do you remember why Jacob gave his son the beautiful robe? (To show his love.)

Directions:

1. Serve snack and drink.
2. **Let's sing the "Blessing Song."** Sing to the tune of "Frere Jacques" or other familiar tune.
God our Father, God our Father. Once again, once again.
Thank You for our blessings. Thank You for our blessings. Amen. Amen.
3. Lead discussion below while children enjoy their snack.
 - **That reminds me of our Whisper Verse.** ("Show your love.") **Let's say it together with hand motions.**
 - **Have you ever been given a special gift?** (Children respond.)
 - **How did you feel when you were given that gift?** (Special, loved, important, etc.)
 - **Have you ever given someone a gift or done something for someone to show your love to them?** (Children respond.)



CIRCLE OF PRAYER

God made you and He cares for you. He loves to hear you pray with private words or words you say out loud. Let's fold our hands and close our eyes. As I lift up your name to God in heaven, I will lay my hand on your shoulder. Let's pray together.

Dear God, thank You for making us and loving us. We lift up to You a special prayer for ____, ____, ____ (read every name). We pray for our families and friends. Thank You for teaching us how to love one another. Amen.



When only 5 minutes remain, begin this segment.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

COMPLETED CRAFT: Take home your "Bracelet of Many Colors" craft. Tell everyone about Joseph's colorful robe!

PONDER, PRAY & PLAY: Distribute Ponder, Pray & Play cards if available. **Show this card to your family. Talk about how you can show your love to each other.**

COLOR THIS STORY: "Joseph and His Special Robe." Discuss the Bible Story and play the Unit 8 Bible Memory Verse Song, "I Will Listen," as children color.



If time remains, choose from the connected activities below.

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: GENESIS 37:1-3

Purpose: This pantomime version of the Bible Story helps children remember the story details.

Supplies: None

Directions: With each phrase, the teacher says the phrase, acts it out with hand motions, and then repeats the same phrase and motions with the children.

- **Jacob's father, Isaac lived in Canaan.** (Point far away.)
- **Jacob moved his family to that same land.** (Walk in place.)
- **Jacob had a daughter and twelve fine sons,** (Rock babies.)
- **But Joseph was his favorite one.** (Raise index finger.)

- **When Joseph grew to be seventeen,** (Stand straight and tall.)
- **Jacob gave him the best gift he had ever seen.** (Palms up to symbolize giving.)
- **It was quite a beautiful robe we are told,** (Thumbs up.)
- **With colors beautiful and bold.** (Point out colors on imaginary sleeves.)

CRAFT: JOSEPH'S ROBE

Purpose: Children create a robe like Joseph's.

Supplies: Large paper bag, colored paper or crepe streamers, glue or glue stick

Prepare: Cut a vertical line from the top of the bag to the bottom. Cut a hole in the bottom for the child's head. Cut a hole in both sides for the child's arms. Cut strips of colored paper or streamers.

Directions:

1. Children attach strips of colored paper or streamers to the bag to make a multi-colored robe.

Discussion:

- **Who gave Joseph the colorful robe?** (Jacob.)
- **Why did Jacob give his son Joseph the colorful gift?** (To show his love.)

GAME: WEARING JOSEPH'S ROBE

Purpose: To show others they are special by adding decorative hearts to each child's robe.

Supplies: Joseph's Robe (See "Joseph's Robe" craft above.), paper hearts, tape

Joseph's father Jacob, loved him very much. Jacob gave Joseph a special robe to show him he thought he was special. God loves you very much and wants you to know you are special.

Directions:

1. Choose a child to wear Joseph's robe and stand in the center of the circle.
2. Choose another child to tape a paper heart onto the paper robe.
3. When the heart is added, lead all the children in saying, "Child's name, **you are special.**"
4. Play until each child has a turn.

GOT TIME *continued...*



BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES

"I will listen to what God the Lord will say." Psalm 85:8

GAME: STOP AND LISTEN

Purpose: To help children memorize and review the Unit 8 Bible Memory Verse.

Supplies: Unit 8 Bible Memory Verse Song "I Will Listen"

Our Bible Memory Verse says, "I will listen to what God the Lord will say." To listen, we need to stop and be still. Let's practice being still right now. When the music stops, I want you to freeze in place. Together, we will whisper our Bible Memory Verse.

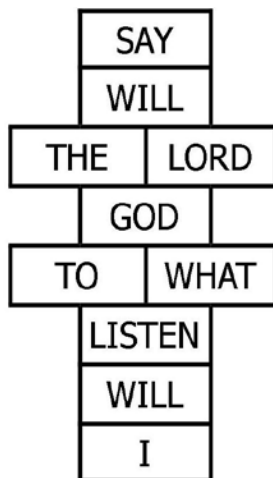
Directions:

1. Play the Bible Memory Verse Song as children dance and sing.
2. After a short time, pause the music. Children are to freeze in place.
3. Lead the children in whispering, **"I will listen to what God the Lord will say."**
4. Play several times.

GAME: SCRIPTURE HOPSCOTCH

Purpose: To have fun memorizing the Bible Memory Verse.

Supplies: Ten 8 inch x 8 inch colorful fabric squares (or floor tape) laid in the shape below



One way God speaks to us is through His words in the Bible. When we listen to Bible stories, it is as if we are listening to God. Our Bible Memory Verse says, "I will listen to what God the Lord will say." Let's all say the verse together as we give one clap for each word. Now, let's play "Scripture Hopscotch."

Directions:

1. Choose one child as a volunteer "hopper." Children chant "I" with one clap. Hopper jumps onto the first square.
2. Children chant "will" with one clap. Hopper jumps onto the next square.
3. Continue chanting the Bible Memory Verse one word at a time as the Hopper hops.
4. Play until each child who wishes to be the hopper has a turn.

GOT TIME *continued...*



STORY TIME

Gather the children and read a favorite story. This can be a Bible Story, a chapter from *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello*, or a story about the love of God our Father.

PONDER, PRAY & PLAY

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PONDER! Read Genesis 37:1-3 with your family. Joseph's father, Jacob, gave him a special robe to show his love for him. What are some ways your family can show their love to each other?

PRAY! Pray this prayer, each day this week: "Thank You, Lord, for showing Your love to us with the greatest gift of all, Your Son Jesus. It is so good to know we are special to You. Amen."

PLAY! Think of someone who is special to your family. Talk about which gift would show your family's love for them. It may be baked cookies, a handmade greeting card, a hand-painted stone, handmade jewelry, a bookmark, or another special item. Deliver your gift with a note that says, "You are special."

Unit 8 Bible Memory Verse: Psalm 85:8

"I will listen to what God the Lord will say."