



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7  
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua  
Unit 8, Lesson 38

## Joseph and His Jealous Brothers

Lesson Aim: To know God speaks to us and wants us to respond.

### 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. 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, 27-28, 32-34. Pray.

Perform Readers' Theatre or read passage.

### THE WAY GOD SPEAKS TO US

**God showed Joseph the secret meaning of his dreams. In the first dream, what did his brothers' bundles of grain do?** (Bowed down to Joseph's bundle.) **In his second dream, the sun, moon, and eleven stars stood for Joseph's two parents and eleven brothers. What did Joseph's family think his dreams meant?** (They would one day bow down to and be ruled by Joseph.) **God used the dreams to speak to Joseph. Next time, we will learn how these two dreams 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. Our Bible Memory Verse is God's Word that He spoke through Jesus. Have the children say the Unit 8 Bible Memory Verse with you. When we listen and obey God's Word, we are being faithful servants.**

**The older brothers were jealous of Joseph. What did they do to him?** (Stripped him of his robe, threw him into a cistern (an underground water tank or well), and sold him to the Ishmaelites.) **Would you have been jealous of Joseph if he were your brother? God rescued Joseph by sending the Ishmaelites to travel nearby. They took Joseph to Egypt instead of him being left to die in the well.**

**Reuben, the oldest brother, wanted to free Joseph. Even though he was angry with Joseph, he knew he should take care of his little brother. Have you ever been jealous or angry with a brother, sister, or friend? How should we treat others when we are angry?** (Be respectful, patient, and kind.)

### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

**The brothers had a choice to make when Joseph's dreams upset them. They had to choose to hate Joseph or to love him. Which did they choose?** (Hate.) **Over 1800 years after Joseph's brothers made that choice, Jesus challenged us to make a different choice. Let's find out what He said.** Reveal Matthew 5:43-44. Read.

**Praying for your enemies means to pray for God to bless them and draw them closer to Him. Do you think praying for your enemies might help you love them as God does? Now that Jesus has spoken to you about this, what will you do?**

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

### **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: Strip of colorful fabric (Joseph's robe)
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- 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**