



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
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. 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. 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.

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

What did Reuben, the oldest brother, try to do? (Rescue Joseph.) **He knew he should take care of his 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 jealous 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 later, Jesus challenged us to make a different choice. Let's find out what He said.** Reveal Matthew 5:43-48. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

Praying for your enemies means to pray for God to bless them and draw them closer to Him. Why is it difficult for us to pray for our enemies? How do you think praying for your enemies will change your feelings and behavior toward them? How might praying for your enemies help you to love them? How will your life change after hearing that Jesus spoke about this?

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