



At-A-Glance: Ages 4-5
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua
Unit 8, Lesson 39

Joseph Forgives His Brothers

Lesson Aim: To know God wants us to
forgive each other.

THE WELCOME TREASURE CHEST

WHISPER VERSE AND SIGN LANGUAGE: "Forgive everyone."

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

Sing the Bible Memory Verse Song and other related songs.

It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to the God who speaks to us. God speaks to us in many ways. When He speaks, He wants us to listen. Sing: "I Will Listen."

One way He speaks to us is through Bible stories. In today's story, Joseph forgives his brothers for throwing him down a well. God uses this Bible story to speak to us about forgiveness. That reminds me of today's Whisper Verse, "Forgive everyone." Let's say it together. Review the Whisper Verse. Include sign language.

Who remembers what forgive means? (To no longer be angry at someone who has done something wrong to us and to let it go.) **Joseph's brothers were afraid Joseph was still angry with them for throwing him down the well, but he told his brothers not to be afraid. Joseph had forgiven them and would take care of them. With God, we never have to be afraid. He forgives and takes care of us! Let's thank Him for that as we give our offering.** Sing: "Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled" while the offering is being collected.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION: *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello* puppet script or storybook

God forgives us and gives us strength to forgive everyone.
Sing: "I Can Do Everything." **We can love and forgive everyone because God first did that for us.** Sing: "We Love."

THE WORD JOSEPH FORGAVE HIS BROTHERS CLASSROOM PROMISE

Last time, we learned about Joseph and the special robe his father gave him. Let's open our Bible to the first book, Genesis. Handle the Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Genesis 50:21.

WATCH THE WORD: GENESIS 50:17-21

Read poem. Display visual.

- Joseph's brothers were jealous of his robe;
- Into a well they threw him down.
- They sold him to some strangers,
- Who took Joseph to a faraway town.

- They took him to Egypt where he worked hard.
- Pharaoh put Joseph in charge of the land.
- He forgave every brother when they came for food.
- He spoke kindly and took care of them.

How did Joseph speak to his brothers to show he had forgiven them? (He spoke kindly to them.) **Let's find our answer in the Bible.**
Read Genesis 50:21 from the teacher's Bible.

What does God want us to do when anyone does wrong to us? The answer is in our Whisper Verse! Let's say our Whisper Verse together: "Forgive everyone." Include sign language or hand motions.

THE WAY FORGIVE EVERYONE

CRAFT: Feeding the Forgiven

GAMES: Joseph's Well, The Forgiving Heart

SNACK: Forgiveness Feast

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- COMPLETED CRAFT
- PONDER, PRAY & PLAY
- COLOR THIS STORY

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: Genesis 50:17-21

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY: Scripture Hopscotch
STORY TIME