



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua
Unit 8, Lesson 39

Joseph Forgives His Brothers

Lesson Aim: To challenge children to forgive others.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is the weirdest dream you have ever had?

GAME: Grain Delivery

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

THE WORD JOSEPH FORGIVES HIS BROTHERS

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

Review: God spoke to Joseph in a dream and protected him from death.

Point to Joseph (Circa 1850 B.C.). **Today, we will learn what happened to Joseph in Egypt.** Point out the distance between Canaan and ancient Egypt. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Genesis 45:1-15. Pray.

In Egypt, Joseph became a slave to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh's officials. The Lord was with Joseph and gave him success in all he did, so Potiphar put him in charge of everything he owned. When Potiphar's wife had Joseph unfairly thrown in jail, the Lord was with him and he was put in charge of the other prisoners.

In jail, Joseph helped two prisoners understand what God was saying in their dreams. He even helped Pharaoh understand his dreams about preparing for the coming famine. Pharaoh made Joseph second in command over Egypt, and Joseph prepared Egypt for the famine.

When the famine came, Joseph's brothers came to Egypt from Canaan to ask for food. Joseph did not tell his brothers who he was at first. Let's read what happened when Joseph revealed his true identity to them. Read Genesis 45:1-15.

THE WAY WE CAN FORGIVE OTHERS

Joseph worked faithfully at every task. When he was Potiphar's slave, the Lord was with him and he did well. In jail, he did well and was given a bigger job. He even served Pharaoh by interpreting his

dreams and was put in charge of many things. Does Joseph's story remind you of our Bible Memory Verse? Say it together.

Part of Joseph's job was to collect the extra grain during the years of plenty and store it. How did this job bring Joseph and his brothers back together? (His family came to Egypt to buy food and Joseph was in charge of selling the extra grain.)

Was Joseph angry with his brothers? (No.) **He did not blame them. Who sent Joseph to Egypt?** (God put him there to save the people.) **God had a special plan for Joseph to see his brothers again so he could forgive and help them. How do you feel when you forgive? Forgiving is like "sharing in your master's happiness," just like our Bible Memory Verse says!**

CHRIST CONNECTION:

What does it mean to forgive? (To no longer be angry or hold a grudge against someone for sinning against you.) **Nearly 1850 years after Joseph forgave his brothers, Jesus speaks to us about forgiveness. Let's find out what He says.** Reveal Matthew 6:12. Read.

Do you know what important prayer these words come from? (The Lord's Prayer.) **Jesus gave it to us as an example of what we should pray. When we ask for God's forgiveness, what should we also be doing?** (Forgiving others.) **Why do you think God wants us to forgive?** (He wants us to love each other and live and work well together.)

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

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: The Lord's Prayer Card
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Joseph forgiving his brothers
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

GAME: Faithful Airballs

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Stepping Stones, Bible Memory Verse Message Ball

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW