



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
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 50:15-21. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Genesis 50:20. Pray. **Joseph became a slave to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh's officials. The Lord gave him success. Potiphar put him in charge of all he owned. When Potiphar's wife had him unfairly thrown in jail, the Lord was with him. He was put in charge of the prisoners. He helped two men understand what God was saying in their dreams. He helped Pharaoh understand his dreams about the coming famine. Pharaoh made Joseph second in command and he prepared Egypt for the famine.**

Joseph's brothers came to Egypt from Canaan to ask for food. At first, Joseph did not tell them who he was, but eventually he revealed his identity. He treated them kindly because he had forgiven them. He moved his family to Egypt to take care of them. Later, when his father Jacob died, the brothers were again afraid Joseph would want revenge for what they had done to him. Read.

THE WAY WE CAN FORGIVE OTHERS

Joseph worked faithfully at every task. When he was sold to be 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 and as a result, he was put in charge of many things. Does Joseph's story remind you of our Bible Memory Verse? Say verse together.

What job did Pharaoh give Joseph? (Second in command over Egypt.) **Joseph collected extra grain during the years of plenty and stored it to be given out during the years of famine. 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.)

Joseph did not blame his brothers for selling him. What did Joseph say was the real reason God sent Him to Egypt? (God put him in the right place and gave him the right job to save people from starving from the famine, including his own family.) **God had a special plan for Joseph to meet his brothers again so he could forgive them and help them.**

What did his brothers do after their father Jacob died? (Sent a note to Joseph asking he forgive them.) **Joseph's actions had shown he had forgiven his brothers, but they were still afraid. Joseph needed to speak to them and say he forgave them. When we forgive someone, we should make sure the person hears us say we forgive them.**

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 forgiving.** Reveal Matthew 6:12-15. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

What prayer do these words come from? (The Lord's Prayer.) **Jesus gave it to us as an example of what to say when we pray. When we ask for God's forgiveness, what should we be doing at the same time?** (Forgiving others.) **Why is it important we forgive others?** (God will not forgive us until we have forgiven others.) **Do you need to forgive someone? Ask God to help you forgive that person.**

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

DISCUSSION: Joseph and the Dreams

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

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW