



BIG STORIES OF THE BIBLE 9

JOSEPH IN EGYPT (GENESIS 39-49)

Scripture: Genesis 39-49

Open: Greet, Praises, Requests, Pray

Supplies: Cup printout, brown lunch bags

Ask:

- What happened to Joseph last week?
- Did his brothers like his coat and dreams?
- Does anyone remember what they did to him?

Summarize:

Either summarize the entire story, or read it from a children's Bible

Ask:

- Do you think it would have been hard for Joseph to endure all those things?
- He forgave his brothers and realized that God used his struggles to save the lives of many people. That's incredible! I think I would have had a hard time with forgiveness!
- Last week, I asked if there was anyone you could forgive. How did that go for you?

Apply:

It isn't easy to forgive someone who hurt us. It's also hard to feel like God has forgotten about us. But all along, God was with Joseph in Egypt, placing him in the right spot to eventually save his family. His dreams really did come true! God hasn't forgotten you either! And he is using what you go through in life to shape and mold you. We can stay faithful to God, trusting that he is with us. We also can forgive others when they hurt us because Jesus forgives us of all our sins. If he can forgive us for everything wrong we've ever done, then we can be like him and forgive others when they hurt us.

Play a Game:

Play a game similar to jailbreak. Put a Joseph in prison. Have two teams. One is team Pharaoh, trying to get Joseph out of prison. The other is trying to keep him there. Split the room in two. Joseph will be in a prison on the side of the team trying to keep him there. The Pharaoh team is on the other side. They must get to the prison to set him free. If you don't have a volunteer to be Joseph, you can use a stuffed animal or be in the jail yourself.

Play Another Game:

Like Musical chairs. Have a brown paper bag for each child. In one bag, place the printout of the silver cup. Pass the bags around to music. When the music stops, whoever has the cup is out. Play until only one person is left.

Comic Book Bibles:

Have the kids recreate the story of Joseph's time in Egypt. Save it to add to their Comic Book Bibles.

Memorize: Genesis 50:20

Close in Prayer

