

EXPLORING GOD'S WORD

JOSEPH

AND HIS BROTHERS

BIBLE LESSONS FOR BIGGER KIDS



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This packet was designed to be an easy way to teach foundational Bible stories to kids in first, second, and third grades. Each lesson in this series is structured the same and can be taught in about 40 minutes!

Step One: Read or watch the Bible story.

Gather your group together and read the story of Joseph and his Brothers from your children's Bible. It may be split into two or three shorter stories. Read them all.

Would you rather watch it? Many animated Bible stories are available for free on YouTube. Search "Joseph and his Brothers Bible Story for Kids" in the YouTube search bar. Be sure to watch it fully before showing it to your class to ensure it's appropriate.

Background Information:

- Joseph was Jacob's favorite son. The story of Joseph is told from Genesis 37-50. That's a quarter of the book of Genesis!
- Joseph had dreams that his family would one day bow down to him, and this made his brothers jealous - they were angry that Joseph was getting more attention and love than them.
- Joseph was 17 years old when his brothers sold him into slavery. He was in Egypt for 13 years before he was set free and put in charge of the grain in Egypt. Joseph didn't see his brothers again until he was in his late 30s.
- Joseph's story teaches us an important lesson. Really terrible things happened to Joseph. His brothers hated him and sold him into slavery. He was a slave in Egypt. Then, he was thrown into prison. But God can make good things come from impossible situations.

Step Two: Explore the story.

After reading or watching the story, use the retell the story worksheet to retell the main parts of today's story. This can be done individually or in small groups. Don't want to print it out? Try mapping out the story together on a piece of large paper or a whiteboard.

Joseph and his Brothers: Quickly map out the 6 main parts of the Story. (Joseph had dreams about his family bowing down to him, Joseph got a special coat, Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery, Joseph was thrown into prison, Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's dream and was put in charge of all the food in Egypt, Joseph saw his brothers again and forgave them.)

Then, talk through the discussion questions as a group.

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QUESTION #3 How did God use Joseph in Egypt?	QUESTION #4 What happened when Joseph saw his brothers again?



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Step Three: Complete the coat craft.

Before the lesson: Print a coat template for every child and gather coloring/drawing materials. Prepare crafting materials such as feathers, sequins, construction paper, and glue if available.

It's time to get creative. In this craft, students will design their own version of Joseph's colorful coat. Challenge students to add their own pattern and design to the coat. Also challenge students to use a variety of colors to replicate what Joseph's coat might have looked like in the story.

When kids are done, they can glue the Bible verse on the front or back of the coat.



Step Four: Finish with the take-home worksheet.

The 'Jesus Calms the Storm' coloring page is the perfect way to wrap up the lesson and create a take-home page that includes caregivers in what you have learned. Students will color a picture, write down their memory verse, and add the key takeaway (a "big idea") from the story.

There are three versions to choose from!

Choose the one that works best for your class: [a blank version](#) (add your own memory verse and big idea), [a pre-filled NIV version](#), or a [pre-filled KJV version](#).

Memory verse suggestion from the story:

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good.

Genesis 50:20a (NIV)

Big idea suggestion: God can make good come from impossible situations.



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