

ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS: JOSEPH: REVIEW

Introduction:

We've been going through the life of Joseph over the past 4 weeks. Let's review how much you remember.

Object Review

Prepare the following props (modify as needed).

You can get kids to participate by choosing different ones to hold or use each prop etc.

Or you can arrange the props out like an obstacle course and bring kids through them one by one.

#1: Coat or colourful shirt – wear the coat

Joseph was one of Jacob's 12 sons and his favourite son.

Jacob gave Joseph a beautiful coat. This made his brothers very jealous of him.

Joseph's brothers were so angry that one day they decided to kill Joseph, so they threw him in a deep pit.

#2: Play tunnel or blanket – crawl into tunnel or under blanket

Brothers changed their minds about killing Joseph and sold him as a slave to some traders going to Egypt.

They smeared some animal blood on Joseph's beautiful coat and lied to their father, Jacob, by telling him that a wild animal had attacked Joseph and all they could find was the coat.

#3: Stepstool – stand on the stool

In Egypt the traders sold Joseph to a man named Potiphar, who was the captain of the king's guard.

God took care of Joseph and Potiphar saw that Joseph was a responsible person and a hard worker.

Potiphar put Joseph in charge of his household and Potiphar didn't worry about anything because Joseph took such good care of everything.

#4: 3-4 pieces of paper on the floor – step from one piece to another as fast as possible

Potiphar's wife saw that Joseph was very good looking and she started acting like she was in love with Joseph even though she was married to Potiphar.

One day when Joseph thought the house was empty, he went to do some work, but Potiphar's wife came in. She grabbed Joseph's coat and when he ran out of the house, he left his coat.

The captain's wife showed Potiphar the coat and lied to him by telling him that Joseph had tried to attack her. Potiphar had Joseph thrown into jail.

#5: 2 sticks/mops – hold the 2 sticks as if looking out through jail bars

God was still with Joseph, even while he was in jail.

The jailer put Joseph in charge of other people in the jail.

God gave Joseph the ability to interpret dreams while he was in jail.

The king's cupbearer and baker were in jail and Joseph interpreted their dreams. Later the cupbearer got out of jail and began serving the king or Pharaoh again.

#6 Chair – sit on the "throne"

Two years later the king had a dream and wanted to know what it meant.

The cupbearer remembered Joseph and told the king about him.

The king sent for Joseph asked Joseph to interpret his dream.

Joseph told the king that he could not interpret dreams but God could.

Who can tell me what the king's/Pharaoh's dream was about?

The king liked Joseph's idea for storing up food for when the famine came so he put Joseph in charge of all the land of Egypt. Only the king was greater than Joseph.

Things happened just as God had revealed to the king through Joseph. There were seven years of plenty and Joseph had the people store up food. Then there were seven years when no food would grow and Joseph was in charge of distributing the stored up food.

#7 Bucket of rice and cup – fill cup with rice and pour into another bucket

Meanwhile, back in Caanan, where Joseph's father and brothers still lived, there was also a famine. Joseph's family heard there was food in Egypt, so Jacob sent his son's to Egypt to buy some food.

The brothers were brought before Joseph to ask to buy food and Joseph recognized them immediately, but they did not recognize him. Joseph tested his brothers because he wanted to know whether his father was still alive and if his brother Benjamin was well.

Eventually, Joseph revealed his true identity to his brothers and forgave them for all the wrong they did to him.

He told them that God sent him to Egypt to prepare for this famine so that they can all be saved from starvation.

"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.²¹ So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." (Gen 50:20-21)

Joseph invited his whole family to come and live in Egypt where they will be well provided for.

Obstacle Course

If there's space and time, arrange the props in an obstacle course. Kids take turns to go through each prop, e.g:

#1: Put on shirt and take it off

#2: Crawl through tunnel

#3: Stand on stool and stand down

#4: Hop from paper to paper

#5: Hold up sticks and knock on ground 3 times

#6: Sit on chair and count to 5

#7: Scoop up rice from one bucket and run to the next and empty it in

For older kids, you can divide them into 2 groups and time each group to see which team can complete the course in the shortest time.

Conclusion:

No matter what Joseph had to go through, no matter how many obstacles he faced, the Lord was always with him.

No matter what we go through, no matter what obstacles we face, Jesus is always with us, and He'll carry us through!

LESSON

Joseph was Jacob's beloved son

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Because of Jesus, we are God's beloved children

The Lord was with Joseph

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The Lord is with me always

The Lord raised Joseph from prison to palace

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Jesus raised us from sin and death to eternal life

Joseph saved his family and forgave them

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Jesus is my forgiving savior!

Close in prayer.