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JOSEPH: THE BELOVED SON

LESSON OBJECTIVES

CHILDREN WILL LEARN ...

that they are Jesus' beloved

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Genesis 37

CLASS PLAN

TIME: 50 mins	
10 mins (combined in Blue Class)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome / Cheer• Song• Responsive Reading of Psalm 136• Introduce kids to teachers• Kids go to respective classes
10 mins	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intro• Commit class and kids to God in prayer• Run through boundaries with kids
10 mins	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Getting to know you: Icebreakers/Activities
10 mins	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thanksgiving Box
10 mins	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Huddle Time• Fill in registration cards



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INTRODUCTION

Energetically welcome kids to a brand new year at tNCC Kidz!

Introduce new kids (including those who have graduated from a younger class)

Commit the class to the Lord in prayer.

Introduce respective class boundaries.

<for older classes>

This year, our church theme is Overcome.

What does overcome mean?

Overcome means to succeed in dealing with a problem or difficulty; to defeat an opponent.

In this life, we may face a lot of difficulties. The news and Internet always tell us about problems, fighting, challenges, sicknesses etc happening all around us. Even the Bible tells us to expect it. But ... the good news is that we can overcome these problems because Jesus has already overcome them for us with His finished work on the Cross.

In John 16:33, Jesus says, *"In the world you will have tribulation (challenges/problems); but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."*

We start this year by looking at a young man who went through great trials and challenges in his life. But because God was with him, he could overcome them.

Any guesses who he is? *Joseph!*



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STORY: Joseph the Beloved Son (Genesis 37)

Joseph's father, Jacob, had 2 wives — Leah and Rachel.

Rachel was Jacob's favourite wife. (He was tricked into marrying Leah)

FAVOURITE

Leah had many children, But Rachel could not have children for a very long time. Finally, she had 2 sons — Joseph and Benjamin. (Rachel passed away after giving birth to Benjamin.)

Of all his 11 brothers, Joseph was his father's most beloved son. Of course this didn't make his brothers happy, especially when 17-year-old Joseph caught them goofing off one day and told Dad.

One day, Jacob made a beautiful coat of many, many colours for Joseph. Joseph was very happy with it. But this made his brothers even more jealous of him.

When his brothers realized that their father loved him more than them, they grew to hate him — they wouldn't even speak to him.

DREAMER

Joseph is also known as the Dreamer. Why? Because God gave him many dreams.

In one of the dreams, Joseph and his family were in the field gathering bundles of wheat. Suddenly Joseph's bundle stood straight up, and all the other bundles (belonging to his brothers) circled around it and bowed to it.

In another dream, the sun, moon and 11 stars bowed to Joseph. This was a picture of Joseph's father, mother and 11 brothers bowing to him.

Of course, when Joseph told his brothers about his dreams, they were furious. "So! You're going to rule us? You're going to boss us around?!" But Jacob thought about all the Joseph said.

HATED

One day, Joseph's brothers went to Shechem to take care of their father's sheep. Jacob told Joseph to go and check on them and bring back a report. So Joseph goes to look for his brothers.

As he was approaching, his brothers spotted him in the distance. They started to think of a plot to get rid of him. "Here comes that dreamer. Let's kill him and throw him into one of these old wells; we can say that a vicious animal ate him up. We'll see what his dreams amount to."



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Reuben, the eldest, quickly said, "Don't kill him! We can just throw him into the well, but let's not harm him." Reuben was hoping he could rescue Joseph later and return him to his father.

So when Joseph came, the brothers stripped off his beautiful colourful coat and threw him into an empty well.

As they were sitting down to eat their meal, a caravan of Midianite traders came.

Judah said, "Let's just sell Joseph to these traders. We don't have to kill him. After all, he is our own brother, our flesh and blood." The others agreed. So they sold Joseph to the traders for 20 shekels of silver.

When Reuben returned and saw that Joseph was gone, he was very afraid. What was he going to tell his father now?! After all, he's the eldest and responsible for his brothers.

So the brothers took Joseph's coat, slaughtered a goat and dipped the coat into the blood. Then they brought it home to show their father.

When Jacob saw the blood-soaked coat, he wailed and cried. "It is my son's robe! Some ferocious animal has devoured him. Joseph has surely been torn to pieces. And he mourned for many days, refusing to be comforted.

Meanwhile, Joseph was being brought to Egypt. And the story continues next week ...



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LESSON

Through the life of Joseph, we see pictures of Jesus.

Joseph was Jacob's beloved Son

Jacob trusted Joseph to check on his brothers and bring back reports for him. Jacob blessed Joseph with a beautiful colourful coat as a mark that he was the beloved son.

Jesus is God's beloved son

This reminds us that Jesus was God's beloved son.

When Jesus was on earth, twice God spoke from heaven to declare, "This is my beloved son with whom I am well pleased."

We are all God's beloved children

But because of Jesus, we are all now God's beloved children. Unlike Jacob, God doesn't play favourites. So we don't have to be jealous of each other. God sees us in His beloved son, Jesus, so He loves all of us just the same! So we can live each day knowing that our Father's favour and grace is on us always.

Romans 9:24, *"I will call those who were not my people, 'my people,' and he who was not beloved, 'beloved'."*

Joseph's brothers tried to kill the Dreamer. But God's dreams don't die.

God had a purpose for Joseph's life. And even though his brothers tried to stop it by selling him off, God continued to work in Joseph's life to bring it to reality (as we will find out more in the next few lessons).

Like Joseph, Jesus also was rejected by his brothers. He was betrayed by his disciple for 30 pieces of silver, whipped and crucified. The devil thought he had destroyed God's plan of saving the world. He thought he had won! But he was wrong. God used the devil's evil plans to bring His own plan of salvation to reality.

TAKE-HOME LESSON:

Because of Jesus, we are God's beloved children.



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ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS

HUDDLE TIME

Get into small groups. Share what it means to be God's beloved children. Pray for each other.

Pass out the provided registration cards for those who haven't filled it in yet.

SONG: I am Special

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God made me!

CRAFT:

Colour Craft/Experiment

Choose a colour-based activity or craft (depending on age group) to tie in with Joseph's colourful coat and remind the children that they are all God's beloved children, e.g.

Walking Water Science Experiment

<http://www.coffeecupsandcrayons.com/walking-water-science-experiment-kids/>

Potato printing

Filter paper colouring

<http://www.instructables.com/id/Coffee-Filter-Flowers-Great-for-Valentines-Day-and/>

Coloured games

<http://www.learning4kids.net/2-years-3-years/>

Colourful names

<http://happyhooligans.ca/salt-glue-watercolour-art/>



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DECLARE TOGETHER

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Close in prayer.



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INTRODUCTION

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Who remembers the memory verse?

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STORY: Joseph, the Lord was with Him (Genesis 39)

We're learning about one of Jacob's sons. What's his name? Joseph

What happened to him? Brothers angry with him. Sold him to traders. Lied to father that he died.

Older kids can read Genesis chapter 39 together. Else paraphrase for the younger kids.

Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. Potiphar, an Egyptian who was one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him there.

² *The LORD was with Joseph so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. ³ When his master saw that **the LORD was with him** and that **the LORD gave him success in everything** he did, ⁴ Joseph found **favor** in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned. ⁵ From the time he put him in charge of his household and of all that he owned, the LORD blessed the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph. The blessing of the LORD was on everything Potiphar had, both in the house and in the field. ⁶ So Potiphar left everything he had in Joseph's care; with Joseph in charge, he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate.*

Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, ⁷ and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!"

[Teacher's note: This was wrong because Potiphar's wife was asking Joseph to do something that only husband and wife can do together.]

⁸ *But he refused. "With me in charge," he told her, "my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care. ⁹ No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?" ¹⁰ And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her.*

¹¹ *One day he went into the house to attend to his duties, and none of the household servants was inside. ¹² She caught him by his cloak and said, "Come to bed with me!" But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house.*

¹³ *When she saw that he had left his cloak in her hand and had run out of the house, ¹⁴ she called her household servants. "Look," she said to them, "this Hebrew has been brought to us to make sport of us! He came in here to sleep with me, but I screamed. ¹⁵ When he heard me scream for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house."*



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¹⁶ She kept his cloak beside her until his master came home. ¹⁷ Then she told him this story: "That Hebrew slave you brought us came to me to make sport of me. ¹⁸ But as soon as I screamed for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house."

¹⁹ When his master heard the story his wife told him, saying, "This is how your slave treated me," he burned with anger. ²⁰ Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined.

But while Joseph was there in the prison, ²¹ *the LORD was with him*; he showed him *kindness* and granted him *favor* in the eyes of the prison warden. ²² So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there. ²³ The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care, because *the LORD was with Joseph and gave him success* in whatever he did.



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LESSON

God was with Joseph

Joseph was sold by his own brothers and ended up a slave in Egypt ... far from his father and home. Can you imagine being abandoned by your own family?

But the good news is, God never left Joseph, and He was with him in Egypt. And even when he was thrown into prison for something he did not do, God was there with him too.

Today, when we believe in Jesus, God's Holy Spirit is in us forever. So no matter what happens, always remember that God is always with us!

God's presence gave Joseph favour and success

Joseph served in Potiphar's house. Potiphar was a captain of the guard, a high-ranking official.

Potiphar realised there was something different about Joseph and put him in charge of his household. Everything Potiphar had was under Joseph's care. That was a very big and important responsibility.

Because of Joseph, Potiphar and all he had were blessed by God too!

Even in prison, the Lord granted Joseph favour in the eyes of the prison warden who put him in charge of all in the prison.

Genesis 39:23 *the LORD was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.*

When we have Jesus, we have His favour and success. And all around us are blessed because of us. We are blessed to be a blessing!

God's presence gave Joseph power to resist temptation

When Potiphar's wife tried to get Joseph to do something bad, Joseph refused because:

- He knew his master trusted him
- He knew his position in the house — he could have everything except his master's wife
- He knew God had blessed him so much ... so how could He sin against God?



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Jesus was also tempted in every way, yet He did not sin.

When we believe in Jesus, we become Jesus' boys and girls. When we know who we are and who we belong to (Jesus), we can also say no to sin and temptation. We don't have to listen to or follow our friends when they do naughty things. We can remind ourselves, "I'm a Jesus-boy/girl, and I don't do these sort of things!"

Joseph was falsely accused and punished for what He did not do.

Jesus was also falsely accused by the chief priests and false witnesses (Matt 26:59-60).

Jesus took the punishment that was meant for us.

And there was a time when even God left Jesus' presence — as He was hanging on the cross, carrying all our sin and shame, Jesus cried out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matt 28:46).

Because of Jesus, we can have God's presence and favour in our life!

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CRAFT:

Genesis 39:23

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Template:

<http://www.dltk-bible.com/crafts/mpaperjoseph.htm>





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Even in prison, the Lord granted Joseph favour in the eyes of the prison warden who put him in charge of all in the prison.

STORY: Joseph, Forgotten? (Genesis 40)

Older kids can read Genesis chapter 40 together. Else paraphrase for the younger kids.

Later, Pharaoh became angry with his baker and wine server/butler, so he put them in the same prison as Joseph. One night, both the baker and the wine server each had a dream. Joseph went to them the next morning and saw that the two men were worried.

The wine server told Joseph his dream. "I saw a vine. On the vine there were three branches. I watched the branches grow flowers and then become grapes. I was holding Pharaoh's cup, so I took the grapes and squeezed the juice into the cup. Then I gave the cup to Pharaoh."

Joseph explained the dream to the wine server. He said, "The three branches mean three days. Before the end of three days, Pharaoh will forgive you and you will be Pharaoh's wine server again.

***Remember me.** Tell Pharaoh about me **so that I can get out of this prison.** I have done nothing wrong! I should not be in prison."*

The baker also told Joseph his dream. He dreamed there were three baskets of bread on his head. In the top basket there were all kinds of baked food for the king, but birds were eating this food.

Joseph told him that, "The three baskets mean three days. Before the end of three days, the king will take you out of this prison and cut off your head! He will hang your body and the birds will eat it."

*Three days later, Pharaoh freed the wine server and gave him his job back. But Pharaoh hanged the baker. Everything happened the way Joseph said it would. **But the wine server forgot about Joseph***

LESSON

Joseph was forgotten

Even though he helped to interpret the wine server/butler's dream, the butler did not remember Joseph and forgot him!

Have you ever put your hope on someone to help you, and they disappointed you?
Have you ever felt forgotten and forsaken? Have you ever felt like nobody cares?
[get kids to share]

God never forgets us

Even when people fail us and forget us, the Bible tells us repeatedly that God will:

- never abandon us (Deuteronomy 4:31)
- never forget (Isaiah 49:15), and
- never leave nor forsake us (Deuteronomy 31:8)

In Isaiah 49:15-16, God asks: *"Can a woman forget her own baby and not love the child she bore? Do you think your mother will forget you? No! But ... even if she does (because mothers are humans too), God promises us, "Though she may forget, I will not forget you! ..."*

Jesus asks us to remember Him

1 Corinthians 11:24-25 *This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."*
In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

When we are in our dungeon, when we are feeling sad, lonely and forgotten, we can fix our eyes on Jesus — we can remember His love for us and His finished work on the Cross — and believe that He will help us overcome the challenges because He has already overcome the world!

So every time we take the bread and cup on Sunday, it is not a snack time. It is a time for us to remember how much Jesus loves us because He went to the cross to die for us so we can be with Him forever.

TAKE-HOME LESSON

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Dungeon: when he was falsely accused and thrown into prison

Dejected: despite promises, the cupbearer forgot all about Joseph

But through all these, we are reminded over and over again:

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STORY: Joseph, Forgotten? (Genesis 41)

Older kids can read Genesis chapter 41 together. Else paraphrase for the younger kids.

Two years later, Pharaoh dreamed he saw seven healthy, good-looking cows came out of the river and stood there eating grass. Then seven more cows came out of the river and stood on the bank of the river by the healthy cows. But these cows were thin and looked sick. The seven sick cows ate the seven healthy cows. Then Pharaoh woke up.

Pharaoh went back to sleep and began dreaming again. This time he dreamed that he saw seven heads of grain growing on one plant. They were healthy and full of grain. Then he saw seven more heads of grain but they were thin and scorched by the hot wind. The thin heads of grain ate the seven good heads of grain. Then Pharaoh woke up again. The next morning Pharaoh was worried about these dreams, so he sent for all the magicians and wise men of Egypt. Pharaoh told these men the dreams, but none of them could explain the dreams.

Then the wine server remembered Joseph and told Pharaoh about Joseph. So Pharaoh called Joseph. Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I had a dream, and no one can explain it for me. I heard you can explain dreams." Joseph answered, "I cannot, but God can explain the dream for you." Then Pharaoh told Joseph his dreams.

Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, "Both of these dreams have the same meaning. God is telling you what will happen soon. The seven good cows and the seven good heads of grain are seven good years where there will be plenty of food in Egypt. The seven thin, sick-looking cows and the seven thin heads of grain mean that there will be seven years of hunger. These seven bad years will come after the seven good years. It will be so bad that the people will forget how much food there had been in Egypt.

So, Pharaoh, you should choose a wise, intelligent man and put him in charge of Egypt. Then you should choose other men to collect food from the people. During the seven good years, the people must give them one-fifth of all the food they grow. All the food collected during the seven good years will be stored in the cities until it is needed. Pharaoh, this food will be under your control. Then during the seven years of hunger, there will be food for Egypt, which will not be destroyed by the famine."

Then Pharaoh told them, "I don't think we can find anyone better than Joseph to take this job! God's Spirit is in him, making him very wise!"

So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "God showed these things to you, so you must be the wisest man. I will put you in charge of my country, and the people will obey all your commands. I will be the only one more powerful than you."

Pharaoh made Joseph governor over all of Egypt. Joseph was 30 years old.



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LESSON

The Lord was all Joseph had — and He was enough

Joseph had nothing. He was a slave and slaves had no rights. The people who owned them can beat them to death and they will not be punished. But Joseph rose from a slave to the second most important man in Egypt.

How was he able to interpret Pharaoh's dream, when even the wisest men in Egypt could not do it? Joseph told Pharaoh that he was not able to interpret the dream but God was able to do it. You see, although Joseph had nothing, he had the Lord, and the Lord was enough because he gave Joseph all the wisdom he needed.

Psalm 23:1 *"The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing".*

We can prepare ourselves and do what we can — Joseph was diligent and made sure he was presentable before Pharaoh — but ultimately, it's not our own cleverness or abilities that gives us success, but the Lord with us. Like Joseph, we have everything we need because we have Jesus.

God restored (gave back) to Joseph more than he lost

Joseph was 17 years old when he was sold as a slave by his own brothers. He lost his family, home and even his own rights. He spent 13 years of his life as a slave and in prison. It would almost seem like he was going nowhere and his life was wasted. But at the age of 30, God promoted Joseph to be the second most important man in Egypt, a powerful nation.

There may be times in our life when things are going wrong and we feel sad or upset. We may have lost our friends when we changed classes/school, or our brother/sister broke our favourite toy.

Jesus was 30 when He started His public ministry. Three years later, He was crucified on the cross. When Jesus died, He took all our sins and punishments so that we can have all God's blessings. And when Jesus rose from the dungeons of hell, He defeated sin and death to rule over the whole world.

As God restored to Joseph more than what he lost, He will also give to us more than we lost. Whatever sin took away from us — love, joy, peace, patience, health, wealth etc — Jesus restored on the Cross in exchange for His blood.

TAKE-HOME LESSON

Jesus is all I need.



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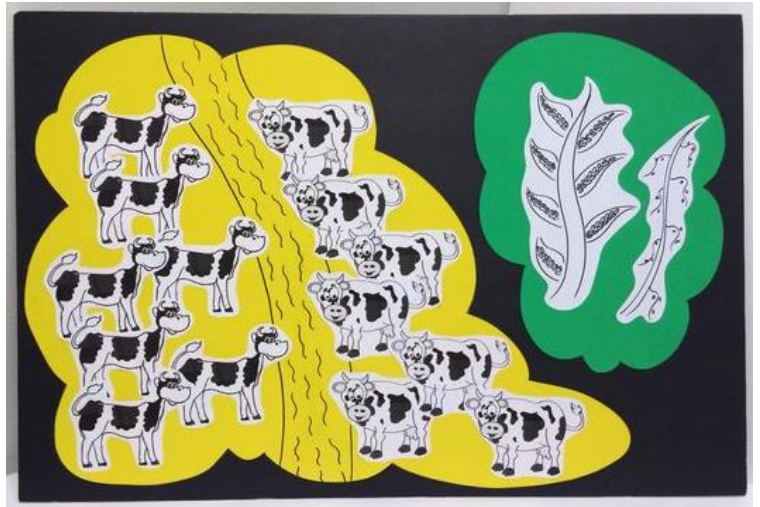
Get into small groups. Share what we lack and what we can do about it on our part. Pray that we will find all we need in Jesus.

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RELATED CRAFT

Text:

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LESSON OBJECTIVES

CHILDREN WILL LEARN ...

that Jesus saves and forgives them

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Genesis 41:46-45

CLASS PLAN

TIME: 50 mins	
15 mins	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome / Cheer• Run through boundaries with kids• Attendance / Fill in registration cards• Commit class and kids to God in prayer
15 mins	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intro• Story/Lesson
20 mins	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thanksgiving Box• Huddle Time



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INTRODUCTION

HOOK (optional; depending on time)

Where's the coin?

Prepare 3 or more identical non-transparent plastic cups. Put a coin under one of the cups and shuffle them around. Get kids to guess which cup has the coin.

Variations: <requires practice>

Cup and Coin Magic Trick: www.instructables.com/id/Cup-and-Coin-Magic-Trick/

3-cup shuffle: http://www.ehow.com/how_2217381_do-threecup-shuffle-magic-trick.html

Tennis ball trick: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NIPY9MrbX7M>

Magic Cup trip: http://www.ehow.com/how_2215863_do-magic-cup-trick.html (no coins in this one)

REVIEW

Last week, we learned how Joseph was called to interpret Pharaoh's dream and then he was promoted from prisoner to ruler of Egypt!

What happened next?

STORY: Joseph, Forgotten? (Genesis 41:46-45)

Joseph was ruler of Egypt. During 7 good years of plenty, he collected all the food and stored in huge quantities — too much to count.

Then the famine came. Everywhere else had no food except for Egypt.

Pharaoh told the Egyptians, "Go to Joseph and do what he tells you."

Joseph opened the storehouses for the Egyptians. People from all over the world came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph.

Jacob found out there was grain in Egypt, so he sent 10 of his sons to go buy grain. Jacob did not let Benjamin, the youngest, go because he was afraid something might happen to him like with Joseph.

The brothers came to see the ruler of Egypt (Joseph) and bowed with their faces to the ground (remember Joseph's dream?)

They did not recognize Joseph, but right away Joseph knew who they were, though he pretended not to know.

Joseph interrogated the brothers (maybe he wanted to know how his father and youngest brother were doing) and kept them under guard for three days.

He allowed them to bring back food to their father on 2 conditions:

- i. 1 brother was to stay back in Egypt as a prisoner
- ii. They had to bring their youngest brother with them the next time they come

Joseph's brothers agreed. Simeon was taken away while the rest were allowed to leave. They said to each other in their Hebrew language, "We're being punished because of Joseph."

They didn't know Joseph could understand them. He turned away and cried.

The brothers went home with the grain and told the father what had happened. Of course the father refused to allow them to bring Benjamin with them to Egypt.

But when the grain ran out, they had no choice but to go back to Egypt. Judah promised the father that he will take good care of Benjamin. So bringing gifts and Benjamin, they returned to Egypt.

When Joseph saw Benjamin, he ordered a huge feast to be prepared for them. Interestingly, the brothers were seated from eldest to youngest, and Benjamin was given 5x more than anyone else.

Then Joseph gave instructions to fill up each of the brother's sacks with as much food as possible, put the money they brought to pay for the grain back into the sack and put Joseph's silver cup into Benjamin's sack.



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The next day, the brothers set off on their donkeys with their bags of grain. After that, Joseph sent his men to go after them to look for his silver cup.

The men searched the brothers' sacks and found the cup in Benjamin's sack! They wanted to arrest Benjamin.

The brothers protested and rushed back to the city and threw themselves at Joseph's feet. Joseph said all of them could go home but Benjamin had to stay back because the cup was found in his cup.

Judah pleaded with Joseph and offered to be Joseph's prisoner/slave instead of Benjamin, for his father's sake.

Joseph could not control himself anymore and revealed himself to his brother. "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt. Do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. God made me ruler of Egypt."

Everybody cried and hugged each other. Joseph invited his brothers to stay with him in Egypt because the famine was still going on for another 5 years and he wanted to provide for them. So the brothers went back with great news to the father; they brought all their families to live in Egypt together with Joseph.



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LESSON

God raised Joseph to be Ruler of Egypt to save the world

Joseph was sold into slavery by his brothers. He was wrongly accused. He was sent to prison. But God raised him up to be the one who would save his family, the whole of Egypt and other countries from the famine.

"... it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you." Gen 45:5

Jesus was betrayed by his own disciple. He was sentenced to death despite being innocent. Yet through His death on the cross, He defeated death. And God raised Him up to be the King of kings who would save the world from their sin.

Joseph forgave his brothers and showed them grace

No matter how bad his brothers were, Joseph still loved them and forgave them. Joseph told his brothers not to blame themselves — that God had allowed what they did for His greater plan ... all the bad He turned for good. Joseph not only forgave them but also invited them to live with him where he could provide for them always.

Even after their father died, and the brothers were afraid that Joseph will seek his revenge, he reassured them. *"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children."* (Gen 50:20-21)

No matter how bad we are, Jesus still loves us and forgave us. Jesus forgave us for our sin and showed us grace. He died for us while we were still sinners. He gave us His life — in Him we are always provided and cared for.

Because of Jesus, we can forgive others who hurt us, just like Joseph forgave his brothers.

TAKE-HOME LESSON

Jesus is my forgiving saviour!



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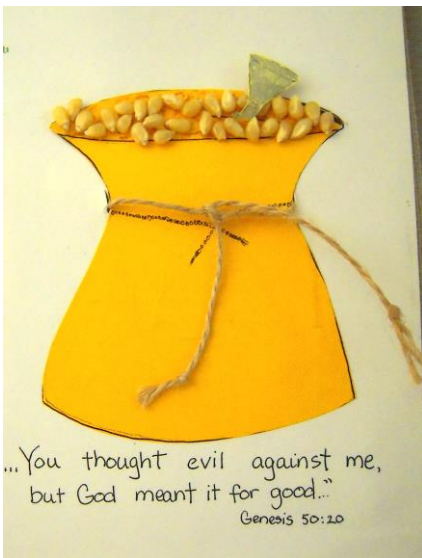
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ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS

HUDDLE TIME

Get into small groups. Share how you have experienced forgiveness, and how can we show forgiveness for others. Invite kids to accept the Forgiving Saviour into their hearts.

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WORKSHEET (next page)

THANKSGIVING BOX

Every week, the children will write down 1 thing they are thankful for.

Get them to fold their paper, write their name and date on top of paper and put it into the Thanksgiving Box.

The Thanksgiving Box will be opened up on last Sunday of 2019 to recall all that God has done for them.

Use the secret code below to decode the following message:

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ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS

We've been going through the life of Joseph over the past few 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.

For older kids, get them to tell what happened at each stage of the story.

#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.

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

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

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.

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 as he ran away quickly. 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. But he forgot about Joseph.

#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 and 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.

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

CHARADES/PICTIONARY

Get kids to act or draw out items/people from the story of Joseph (without talking) for their friends to guess.

E.g.

Jacob

12 sons

Colourful coat

The Dreamer

Slave

Cupbearer

Bread

Rice

Cup

Pharaoh

Prisoner

Ugly cows

Fat cows

Benjamin

Baker

Famine

Potiphar

Stars

Heads of grain



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LESSON

Joseph was Jacob's beloved son

Because of Jesus, we are God's beloved children

The Lord was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did

Jesus is with me and gives me success in whatever I do

Joseph was forgotten by the butler

Jesus will never forget or forsake me

The Lord raised Joseph from prison to palace

Jesus raised us from sin and death to eternal life

Joseph saved his family and forgave them

Jesus is my forgiving saviour!

Despite all that has happened in Joseph's life, God made him an overcomer.

With Jesus, we are Overcomers!

Let's read our memory verse together:

John 16:33 *"In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."*



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