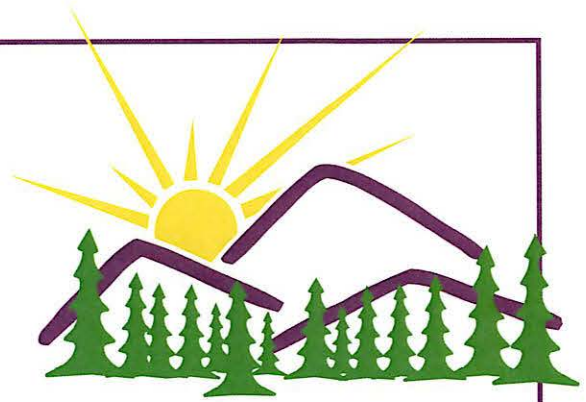


God Provides for Joseph's Family

Theme: Kindness and obedience — Forgiving others



Sunday Morning Lesson

Pre-Class Activity: For younger children: Provide a blank map of Canaan. Call out a Map Fact learned to this point, and have students put a dot at this place on the map.



For older children: “Brush Up” on Bible Knowledge Expectations (BKE). Provide a worksheet listing BKE memory verses covered to this point — Genesis 1:1 (Level 1), John 3:16 (Level 2), John 20:30-31 (Level 3), and Galatians 5:22-23 (Level 4). Have the students locate these references in the classroom Bibles and write down the page numbers where they are found.

Bible Facts: Brush Up On Bible Facts

Memory Verse: Have Memory Verse strips hidden in different places throughout the room. Have the students find the strips and place them on the floor in front of the pocket chart. Once all the strips are found, have the students place them in the pocket chart correctly.

Prayer

Lesson of the Day

Ideas for Telling the Story

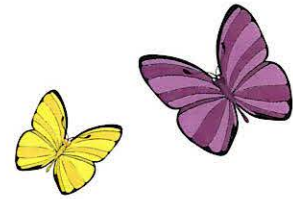
1. In the classroom Bibles, read aloud together Genesis 45:5, 7-10.
2. Have a student use a pointer to point out on a time line approximately when today's lesson events took place.
3. Move to the Floor Map Bible Story Center.
4. On the large wall or floor map, have students point out Canaan and Egypt.
5. Have in the *All Things Made New Gift Box* brown paper sacks for the students to pretend they are Jacob's sons going to Egypt for food. Have a headband for one student that marks him as Joseph in Egypt. Have the smallest child in the class play Benjamin, about whom Jacob was so concerned. Using the Lesson Graphics from

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the *All Things Made New Gift Box* and the props mentioned above, tell the Bible story lesson of the day.

6. Retell the story of Joseph with mistakes. Let the children “catch” and correct you. Use this retelling to explain and emphasize again the “providence” of God – how God worked for many years to get Joseph in just the right place and position to help his family during the famine. God is a wise, good, and powerful God!
7. Sing “Our God is an Awesome God!”



Wednesday Night Lesson

Pre-Class Activity: For younger children: Review the Bible Knowledge expectations studied to this point in the quarter. Go over them orally with the students, as they arrive, OR provide an age-appropriate worksheet the children may complete.



For older children: Provide a Word Search for the twelve sons of Jacob. You may make a Word Search puzzle for classroom use at www.puzzlemaker.school.discovery.com

Bible Facts: Brush Up On Bible Facts

Memory Verse: Hide the Memory Verse strips around the room. Have students find all the strips and, once they are all found, have all students help to arrange them correctly in the pocket chart.

Prayer

Starter

For special occasions such as a birthday or holiday, we often get surprises. Maybe someone plans a surprise party or surprises us with a special gift. This means that a lot of things may go on around us that we don't know about at the time. Plans are made, people are invited, food is prepared, and gifts are purchased; but it's all done out of our sight. This is similar to the way God provides for His people at times. He works behind the scenes in ways we do not recognize at the moment. This is called God's "providence," and it was at work in God's taking care of Jacob's family.

Earlier we spoke of the surprise birthday party planned just for you. Your parents are putting a lot of money and time into this party, but you've decided they have just forgotten about your birthday. The night before the party, you ask your mom if you can go with your friends to the movie and eat at the mall. She says, "No," and you are sad and down. You feel you are not loved and life is boring. But then the next day, all your friends show up at your house. Your parents take all of you to the movie and then to eat. You get the stereo you've wanted forever and now you realize why your parents had said no to the movie earlier. Did you think or say things you shouldn't have said when your parents first said no? Do you try to put situations in their best light or do you find that you feel sorry for yourself? What did Joseph do when he ended up in so many bad situations? Was he disrespectful? Did he use bad language or give up on God?

Briefly Review the Lesson Story from Sunday Morning

Ideas for Illustrating and Reinforcing the Story

1. *Objective: Demonstrate kindness*

Give each student a piece of paper and a pencil. Read the following scenario to the class. Give the students a little while to think about it, then ask each one to draw or write in words a kind response. A suggested scenario is the following:

Two students in your math class don't seem to like you at all. It looks as if they talk to each other about you. They avoid you every way they can and make ugly faces at you. As the quarter goes on, you are doing well in the class and making good grades. The two students come to you and apologize for being unfriendly and ask you to help them with their math homework.

- What would be a kind response?
- What would be an unkind response?
- What might be the consequences of each response at some later time?

2. *Objective: Illustrate what happened to Joseph in Egypt*

- Have enough items for each student to have one of each item. Have several pretty rocks and one ugly rock, several sheets of nice clean bright colored paper and one wadded white piece, and several new crayons and one old broken one. Pass out the nice items to the students, but to one student give the ugly rock, the wadded paper, and the broken crayon. Explain that you will give a reward to a student who has a rock, a piece of paper, and a crayon. Ask, "Who has these items?" Everyone will raise his or her hand. Then further explain that the one who receives the reward must have an ugly rock, wadded white paper, and a broken crayon. The student who first received "bad" things will now receive the reward. Make the application to what happened to Joseph in Egypt. The teacher determines the reward.

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