

GOD GIVES US PURPOSE!

Joseph

Consider this breakdown:

Day 1 – Joseph is Sold

Day 2 – Joseph’s Rise to Favor and Fall to Prison

Day 3 – Joseph Interprets Dreams

Day 4 – Joseph Forgives His Brothers & The Israelites Move to Egypt

Too much reading?

You might choose to watch the movie (highlighted on page 6) rather than comb through the scriptures. The recommended breakdown by minutes and seconds is as follows (these correspond with the above scripture readings):

Day 1 – START-24:40

Day 2 – 24:41-45:57

Day 3 – 46:00-1:04:59

Day 4 – 1:05:00-END



Packet Breakdown:

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Scripture Readings and Discussions

Day 1 – Joseph is Sold

Read: Genesis 37:5-36

Discuss:

- What did Joseph's dreams mean and why did they make his brothers angry?
- Should Joseph have kept his dreams to himself?
- How can we see that God is good even though He let bad things happen to Joseph? Why MIGHT He let this happen?

Day 2 – Joseph's Rise to Favor and Fall to Prison

Read: Genesis 39:1-10 & 16-23 (**PARENTS: READ AHEAD**)

Discuss:

- What does verse two tell us about God and Joseph?
- What do we learn about Joseph after reading how he responded to Potiphar's wife (v. 8-9)?
- Why do you think God might be allowing this to happen to Joseph? (The Bible doesn't tell us explicitly, but it is good to wonder)!
- How can we see that God is good even though He let bad things happen to Joseph?
- Does God let bad things happen to us? If so, what do we know is true of Him even when bad things are happening?
- ****Apply it!** God is always with us. He will be with us in all things, even today! Let's remember as we continue through our day that God is with us!

Day 3 – Joseph Interprets Dreams

Read: Genesis 41:14-42; 46-49; 53-57

Discuss:

- What we didn't read was that, in prison, Joseph interpreted the dreams of his fellow prisoners. Both of them came true because

the Lord helped him to understand them! Now Pharaoh has had a dream and is looking for someone to interpret it. Remember – God is in control of all things! He is the one giving Pharaoh his dreams and helping Joseph out of prison.

- What gifts/talents do we know Joseph has? How does he have those talents? How can we have gifts like this (the Holy Spirit)?
- Who do we know is in control of what is happening in Pharaoh’s dream?
- Who is in control of what is happening to Joseph? Why is it happening? Is this a reward? Or is it simply because God has a plan that He wants to see through?

Day 4 – Joseph Forgives His Brothers & The Israelites Move to Egypt

Read: Genesis 45:1-3 & 25-28; Genesis 46:1-7 & 27; Genesis 47:11-12

Discuss:

- What we didn’t read was that, because of the famine, Joseph’s brothers had to come to Egypt for food. When they came, Joseph put them through a series of tests. When we jump in at chapter 45, Joseph is overcome with emotion to see his brothers and find out if his father is still alive. Discuss all that God has done to make this moment happen. *Joseph is sold, Joseph becomes Potiphar’s favorite, etc. Because of God’s control!*
- Why is it such a big deal that God used Joseph to move Israel (Jacob) and his family into Egypt? *The Israelites are God’s chosen people, a great nation with a great story that teaches us many things about God.*
- Does God still use people the way that He used Joseph? Can He use us? How has He used us in the past? *Parents, be open and share what you have seen God do in your life.*
- How did Joseph respond every time that God did something big?
- How is Joseph an example of how we can be used by God?

Daily Activity Ideas

Day 1 – Joseph is Sold

- Joseph's Coat Craft – Have kids use regular washable markers to color on a white coffee filter. Spritz with water and wait until it dries. The colors should create a tie dye affect. Cut it in the shape of Joseph's coat and glue it onto the Joseph **worksheet** included in this packet.
- Robe Run – Use chalk. Draw a large outline of a robe with stripes. Children should work together to run a relay. Take turns coloring ONE strip with a color of their choice. They should return to the group and tag the next person to go color the next stripe. Consider adding a timer or playing more than once to find their best time. This can also be done with markers on a dry erase board, a chalkboard wall, a poster board, etc. Whatever is easiest and gets your kiddos moving!

Day 2 – Joseph's Rise to Favor and Fall to Prison

- Play Potiphar Says – Similar to Simon Says. Instead of tricking players by not saying "Potiphar says," trick them by telling them to do something that does not please God. Just like Potiphar's wife tried to trick Joseph.

Day 3 – Joseph Interprets Dreams

- Act out Pharaoh's Dreams – Assign parts and act out Pharaoh's confusing dreams.
- VIDEO: Pharaoh's Dreams - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QWiJ8VQXJzY>
Joseph: King of Dreams (2000) - Pharaoh's Dreams Scene (7/10) | Movieclips

Day 4 – Joseph Forgives His Brothers & The Israelites Move to Egypt

- Bitter Roots (From Focus on the Family) - Have your children taste a bitter, non-poisonous root such as ginger. Alternatively, use some horseradish, lemon juice or lime juice. Have something sweet on hand for your children to eat to remove the bitter taste.

Discuss:

- One of Satan's favorite tools to cause discord in families and churches is the root of bitterness. It happens easily: one person does wrong to another without realizing it and then the person who feels wronged holds a grudge. Pretty soon everyone is so busy being bitter towards each other, they forget to love each other.
- If we miss the grace of God, we harbour grudges and do not forgive. On the other hand, when we share the grace of God with others, we readily forgive before the other person asks our forgiveness.
- Holding grudges and not forgiving puts a bad taste in our relationships like the _____ (bitter tasting food). When we forgive others, it is like the _____ (sweet treat). When you ate the _____, it helped to take the bad taste out of your mouth. Just as the sweet taste took away the bitter taste, so God can remove unforgiveness from our hearts and replace it with love

- <https://www.kidsofintegrity.com/lessons/forgiveness/hands-options/bitter-roots>

Additional Resources & Worship

Worship:

- Worship Folder - https://cma1-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/children_alliancechurch_com/EmHg-MZPu2hBo9_CkxloXAwB4-ARLozNem0W4FbZDPpb4Q?e=EAQFjP
- Fly - https://cma1-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/children_alliancechurch_com/EbT8mF9I-8VPiu-H6U_gWlcbHyrr3kXHX5BDpkRo2VLOFw?e=50hevT
- Ready to Serve (Deuteronomy 13:4) - https://cma1-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/children_alliancechurch_com/ERwOQjU4a25DrRTblzLMql8BxlUK_5jBce2oaXZEirKn6w?e=qV495D

Videos:

Full Length Movie: Joseph

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/KidsSeries/198123?episode=1>

LYRICS (Joseph Song) – Saddleback Kids

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RlvuWMqAPTQ>

God's Story: Joseph: Summarize the Video in under 4 minutes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NQ7wLTBnF84>

Memory Verse:

Genesis 50:20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.