

GOOD NEWS CLUB AGENDA

JOSEPH #4 – “Joseph, Rewarded”

WEEK OF:

MAIN TRUTH: God is in control of all things

TO DO AS THE CHILDREN ARRIVE:

1. Greet the children; make them feel welcome.
2. Take attendance.
3. Listen to previous week’s memory verse.
4. Have children put money in missions bank.
5. Have children put acorns in their team’s storehouse according to the number of points earned.

PRE-SESSION ACTIVITY:

SONG: (2 minutes) _____

PRAYER: (4 minutes)

1. Prayer song: _____
2. Review the **WHEN WE PRAY IN CLUB** and **PATTERN FOR PRAYER** Charts. Explain the **Two Kinds of Prayer** – “Thank You Prayers” and “Please Prayers.” (See *attached visual*.)
3. Let the children mention two things they want to thank God for (“Thank You Prayers”) and two things they want to ask God for (“Please Prayers”).
4. Lead the children in “Thank You Prayers” and “Please Prayers.”

MEMORY VERSE: (8 minutes)

Colossians 3:24 – ***“Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward . . . for ye serve the Lord Christ.”***

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HYMN FOR JOSEPH: (2 minutes) _____

BIBLE LESSON: (20 minutes)

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(See *Involvement Helps for Younger Children* for ways to involve the children in the Bible Lesson.)

COUNSEL TIME:

(If you have a helper, hostess, or Teacher Junior Grade, let them do the review time while you counsel those who responded to the invitation. Otherwise, at the end of club, be sure to remind the children who responded to the invitation to stay after club for a few minutes.)

E.O.T.O.: (2 minutes)

Demonstrate to the children how to use the E.O.T.O., “Three Steps Out of Slavery.” Encourage the children to use this witnessing tool with a friend who needs to know about Jesus.

QUIET TIME NOTEBOOK: (2 minute)

Highlight what was learned from last week's Quiet Time. Ask the children to do one per day before the next club. Remind them that they must show you their Q.T. Notebook next week to earn points for the contest.

MISSIONARY TIME: (15 minutes)

1. Sing "God's Way" while child comes to look in the "Go and Tell" Box.
2. Share missionary information for Week #3 using the "Go and Tell" Box. (See attached page.)
3. Pray for the missionary.
4. Show goal chart and mention the amount given so far.
5. Missions song: _____
6. Story: "**Ly Huy's Escape.**" Teach the portion of the story listed under Week #3.

REVIEW ACTIVITY: (5 minutes)

Use the Review Activity below or the Bible Learning Game from the "**Involvement Helps for Younger Children.**"

"**Gospel Concentration**" – See the Good News Club Agenda for JOSEPH #3 for playing instructions.

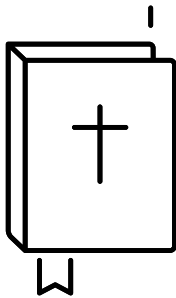
Review questions for JOSEPH #4:

1. **The king's butler, to whom Joseph showed kindness in prison, forgot Joseph for two years. What happened to make him remember?** (Pharaoh had some dreams and no one else could tell him what they meant.)
2. **What were Pharaoh's dreams?** (Seven fat cows came out of the river and seven skinny cows came out and ate up the fat cows. Seven good heads of grain grew on one stalk and seven poor heads of grain grew after them and ate them up.)
3. **What did Joseph say when Pharaoh said, "I have heard that you can tell the meaning of dreams?"** ("I cannot tell what dreams mean, but God can give the meaning.")
4. **What did Joseph tell him the dreams meant?** (God was saying there would be seven years of plenty of food and seven years of no food, or famine, in Egypt.)
5. **Joseph gave Pharaoh some advice. What was it?** (Pharaoh should look for a man to be in charge of storing up food during the seven years of much food so there would be food to live during the seven years of famine to keep the Egyptians from starving.)
6. **What surprise did Joseph have one day when he was selling food during the famine?** (He saw ten of his brothers come to buy food.)
7. **Why were the brothers afraid when Joseph said they were spies?** (The punishment for spies was death.)
8. **Why did the brothers think this was happening to them?** (They had guilty consciences because of what they did to Joseph and thought this was punishment for what they had done.)
9. **What did Joseph demand to prove that they were not spies?** (That they bring their younger brother to Egypt.)
10. **What kind thing did Joseph do for his brothers before they left Egypt?** (He had the money they paid for the food returned to their grain sacks.)

*COUNSEL TIME: (*Only if you did not counsel with the children earlier.)

SEND HOME WITH THE CHILDREN:

1. Pre-session papers for older and younger child
2. Memory verse token (and holder for new children)
3. Quiet Time Week #3 & Quiet Time Guide (for any new children)
4. E.O.T.O.: "Three Steps Out of Slavery"



JEREMIAH 32:17
"LORD GOD!...
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HARD FOR YOU."

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and He is in control of all things.

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You know when I am...

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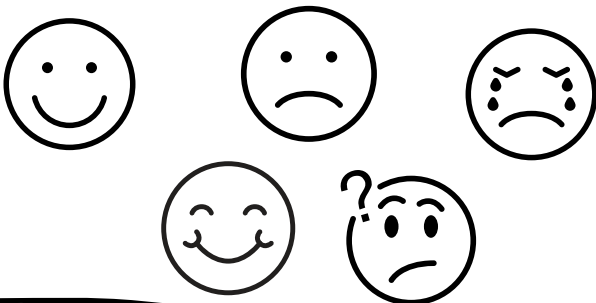
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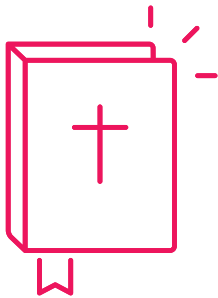
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TWO KINDS OF PRAYERS:

Please Prayers



Thank You Prayers



Joseph #4

JOSEPH REWARDED

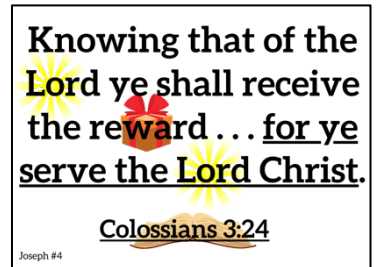
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“Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward...for ye serve the Lord Christ.”

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INTRODUCE THE VERSE:

Hold up a trophy, medal, certificate, or other award and ask the children to tell you what it is. Then explain that a reward is something earned when one completes a task successfully (whether it be running a race, receiving the highest grade on a test, sitting quietly in class, bringing the most visitors, etc.). In our verse today, we're going to learn about special rewards that God gives.



READ THE VERSE:

Read the verse together from the visualized verse. Then read the verse directly from the Bible.

EXPLAIN THE VERSE:

Remember our verse from last week? *(Place visual on the board. Have children say it together then ask them to tell you what it means.)* Our verse today *(show flashcard)* is the very next verse in the Bible. It tells us why we should do all things heartily and for the Lord.

Colossians 3:24

This is where the verse is found in the Bible. We call it the address or reference. It is found in the book of Colossians, chapter 3, verse 24.

“Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward”

Some rewards you receive right away. But God will reward us in Heaven one day for all that we've done that pleased Him.

“...for ye serve the Lord Christ”

Those of us who know Jesus as our Saviour are to serve Him. We do that by living in a way that pleases Him. When we work for Him, He will reward us.

(Saved) Those of us who know Jesus as Saviour can look forward to receiving rewards from Him for doing our chores heartily or happily for Him.

(Unsaved) This promise is only for those who have trusted Jesus as their Saviour. If you have never done that, I would be happy to show you how.

REPEAT THE VERSE:

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INVOLVEMENT HELPS FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

by Linda D. Ruth and Ralph Bechtel

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MEMORY VERSE: Shortened verse

Colossians 3:24 - “. . . *For ye serve the Lord Christ.*”

Colossians 3:24

“. . . FOR ye SERVE the LORD CHRIST.”

Colossians 3:24

– Hands as an open Bible.

– Clap slowly and evenly, clapping on each capitalized syllable.

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BIBLE LESSON HELPS:

- Scene 1 – Put both palms at very top of forehead, fingers pointing up to look like Pharaoh’s headgear, as you say, “*Go and bring that man here.*”
- Scene 2 – Pick food while slowly counting to 7. Then search for food while slowly counting to 7.
– Hold out hand as if a ring is being put on your finger. Pretend to be putting on a robe of importance.
- Scene 3 – As his brothers, bow down before Joseph.
- Scene 4 – Spread fingers in front of face to indicate brothers looking out through prison bars. Count out aloud to 3. Let the brothers out of jail by bringing hands down.
- Scene 5 – Have children stand, look at one another, and say, “*We are guilty. That’s why this trouble has come.*”

BIBLE LEARNING GAME: “Food in Egypt”

Have children form a line across one side of the room (in Canaan). Choose a “Joseph” to stand on other side of room with his back to the others. Children (as going to Egypt), walk slowly toward “Joseph,” asking “*May we buy food?*”

“Joseph” answers, “*No! You are spies.*” Children keep moving ahead until “Joseph” answers “*Yes.*” At that moment, he turns and chases them back to the starting line (Canaan). If someone is tagged, that person becomes the next “Joseph.” If not, you choose another. After each turn, say, “*Joseph served God, and God rewarded Joseph. The Lord will reward you, too, as you choose to serve Him.*”

Play as time allows.

GO AND TELL BOX

Week #3 – What Does a Missionary Do?

(Suggested item to put in the “Go and Tell” Box – a paint brush.)

What do you think a paint brush has to do with *going and telling*?
(Let the children share their ideas.)

You may think that missionaries are like preachers. Well, in some ways they are. However, missionaries do much more than just teach the Bible, God’s Word, to others.



WHAT DOES A MISSIONARY DO? *(Use WHAT wordstrip.)*

There are many kinds of work that God calls missionaries to do. Some are teachers, preachers, nurses, doctors, artists, builders, writers, and translators. Whatever kind of work a missionary does, it is always to help others learn about Jesus.

How can a nurse help others learn about Jesus? While she is taking care of someone who is sick, she can tell that person about Jesus. How can a translator help others learn about Jesus? He is putting the Bible and other books in the language of the people so they can study about Jesus. A builder can build a church where people can come to hear about Jesus.

WHAT DO OUR MISSIONARIES DO?

TEACH CHILDREN – *(Use TEACH CHILDREN wordstrip.)* Some are teaching children about the Lord Jesus in Good News Clubs, Released Time Classes, Sunday Schools, Vacation Bible Schools, camps, and special meetings.

TRAIN TEACHERS – *(Use TRAIN TEACHERS wordstrip.)* Many people in other countries can help the missionaries tell the children about Jesus if they have some training. Our missionaries hold special training classes so adults can learn how to teach children. In the classes, they learn how to tell a Bible lesson, how to teach a memory verse, and how to explain God’s simple way of salvation.

PREPARE VISUALS – *(Use PREPARE VISUALS wordstrip.)* There are always many visual aids such as flannelgraph/flashcard lessons and songs to be made, colored, and/or cut out. Since many visuals cannot be bought in the language of the people, they have to be translated, typed, printed, and prepared for the teachers.

LET'S PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:

THANK God for those who have already been trained to help the missionaries.

PRAY that the Lord will give our missionaries the strength to do the many things that they need to do. Pray that many people will join in helping them.

**God is in
control
of all
things**



- When Joseph heard this, had to turn away because couldn't keep back the tears

- Probably hard to remember things brothers did to him

- But even with those hard things, Joseph could trust God was in control of all of it

MT, PAS – GOD IS IN CONTROL OF ALL THINGS

Jeremiah 32:17 – “Lord God! It is You who have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power... Nothing is too hard for You.”

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

- Joseph could trust that God was in control of everything that happened to him

- Maybe there have been some things that have happened in your life that are sad or hard to understand

- If you know Jesus as your Savior, you can trust that God is in control of all those things

- Even those hard things are part of His plan, & He's going

to do something good through them

CHALLENGE

G – Go over MT

MT, PAS – GOD IS IN CONTROL OF ALL THINGS

R – Review PAS verse Jeremiah 32:17 – “Lord God! It is You who have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power... Nothing is too hard for You.”

O – Overview PAS examples

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

W – Will you do it?

INVITATION

Romans 6:23 – “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

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**BOW HEADS
RESPONSE**

Joseph #4

Flashcard – (©2015)

Genesis 41:1-57; 42:6-26

- Ever had a bad dream?

- Maybe crawled under the covers or ran to your mom's bed to sleep with her because you were scared

- Bad dreams are not fun; Sometimes even important people have bad dreams

- Our true story from the Bible tells us about a great ruler who had bad dreams

- One night in palace, Pharaoh was tossing & turning in his bed; Was having some bad dreams

FLASCARD 4-3

- In morning, called the wise men & magicians to tell him what dreams meant...

- “I dreamt there were 7 cows that were big & healthy; Then 7 skinny & sick cows came & ATE the fat cows!”

- Then Pharaoh described his second dream...

- A stalk grew 7 big, plump ears of grain; Another stalk grew 7 thin ears of grain...

- The 7 thin ears of grain gobbled up the healthy ones!

- No one could tell him what the dreams meant

FLASCARD 4-4

- Pharaoh's butler stepped forward & told about a man who explained his dream 2 years ago ... Joseph!

- Remember, butler was supposed to speak up for Joseph when freed from jail, but he forgot

- Pharaoh commanded, “Find him & bring him to me!”

- Joseph was cleaned up & brought before Pharaoh

FLASCARD 4-5

- Pharaoh said, “I had a dream & no one here can tell me what it means”

- (Read Genesis 41:16a); “It is not in me....”

- Joseph knew he was just an ordinary man; There was nothing special about him

- He was a sinner just like you & me

S, PAU

Romans 6:23 – “For the wages of sin is death....”

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

- Joseph knew was nothing special about him; That's why he said, "It is not me"
- "I can't interpret your dreams, But God can... Your dreams are a warning of what God is about to do..."
- "They both mean same thing; God gave this message twice to make sure you pay attention"
- "Our land will have 7 good years of crops—that's the large cows & good grain..."
- "But! After 7 good years, will be 7 years of famine (when food won't grow)—that's the skinny cows & bad grain..."
- "The famine will be so terrible, people will forget all about the good years"
- Joseph said, "You should find a man who is wise..."
- "He should have many workers to help him; They should use the 7 good years to gather & store food for when famine comes"
- Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "You are the man..."
- "Since God has shown you this, there's no one else as wise as you..."

- "You will be second in command over Egypt; Only I will be greater than you"
- Pharaoh took a ring from his finger & put it on Joseph's
- *Am I dreaming?* He might have thought; It wasn't too long since he was in jail...
- But even during the difficult times in Joseph's life, God was in control
- Maybe you can think of time when had a bad day or when something hard happened

MT – GOD IS IN CONTROL OF ALL THINGS

- God was in control of all that happened; Joseph was just where God wanted him
- FLASCARD 4-6**
- During 7 years of plenty, Joseph worked hard to save enough food for famine
 - Then the famine came; Food was hard to find; Crops didn't grow; So Joseph opened storehouses & began selling food
 - But the famine was great, even outside Egypt
 - So people from other places started coming to Joseph, asking for food

- One day, while Joseph was working, he saw 10 men; They were his brothers!

FLASCARD 5-1

- Joseph recognized them, but they didn't recognize him
- Brothers bowed to Joseph. "Please, we need food," they begged"
- Suddenly, Joseph remembered his dream he had many years ago
- Remember? He dreamed this exact thing would happen; Finally coming true!
- Joseph probably felt happy & angry all at once
- Missed his family, but his brothers sold him into slavery!
- But Bible tells of Someone who was treated much worse than Joseph—Jesus
- Jesus left Heaven & came to earth when born as a baby
- He lived a perfect life you & I couldn't live; Never did anything wrong because...

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- Did this so He could let men who hated Him take & nail Him to a cross

G P, E

Romans 5:8 – "But God commendeth (shows) His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

- Jesus was treated much worse than Joseph
- What would Joseph do?

FLASCARD 5-2

- Joseph said, "Where did you come from? I think you are SPIES!"
- "We are not spies! We are brothers; Have 1 younger brother at home with father"
- Then Joseph had them put in jail for 3 days
- After the 3 days were over, Joseph spoke to them again
- "If you are telling the truth, let me keep 1 of you here; The rest of you take the food home & bring back your younger brother"
- The brothers talked about it with each other in own language...
- "We are guilty because of Joseph; That's why this is happening to us"