

City LG - September 28-29, 2019

Bible Story: God's Plan (Joseph Forgives His Brothers) • *Genesis 42–45*

Bottom Line: You can trust God has a plan.

Memory Verse: *Trust in the LORD with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding.*
Proverbs 3:5 (NirV)

CG: Countdown Video

WORSHIP: “Zeal” and “Give My All”

Worship Leader prays...

“Hi, everyone! We’ve spent a lot of time this month talking about Joseph. (*Hold up Bible.*) That’s because Joseph’s story is completely epic in every way. Not only that, but Joseph also gave us a great example of what it means to trust God. I can’t wait to wrap up his story with you here today!

“Let’s recap really quick. Joseph was the great-grandson of Abraham. He was his dad’s favorite son. His brothers were so jealous of him that they sold him to some traders who were headed toward Egypt. Once he got to Egypt, Joseph had to work as a servant, and then he was thrown into prison for something he didn’t even do. It looked like he might have had a way to get OUT of prison because he was able to tell the meaning of some other prisoners’ strange dreams . . . but the guy who could have helped him totally forgot.

“Still, God was with Joseph. And Joseph trusted God. At the right time, God brought Joseph out of prison and gave him a very important job in Egypt! In fact, Joseph was second in command after Pharaoh and in charge of all the food supplies in the land. He worked hard to store up grain for the whole country during the seven years when lots of food was growing. That way, when the land stopped producing food, they had enough stored up so the people could survive. That’s what our Bible Story is all about today. Let’s take a look!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 8:00)

“From the very beginning, God had always been with Joseph. Even when Joseph was kidnapped, lied about, and left in prison, God was still working out His amazing plan for Joseph’s life.

“Joseph offered to his brothers to bring their families and come and live in Egypt. The brothers returned home and told their father that Joseph was still alive. Jacob and all of Joseph’s family traveled to Egypt to live.

“Because God had raised Joseph to a position of power, his entire family had enough to eat. And over the years, God grew Joseph’s family from a single family into an entire nation of people.

“Joseph could have gotten hopeless or angry and given up along the way, but instead, he trusted God. He knew God was with him. He knew that God could see the bigger picture.

“You and I can trust God like Joseph did. All we need to do is believe that He has a plan.

“Remember:

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “You can trust God has a plan.

“Let’s pray.”

Pray: “Dear God, You always have a plan. You’re always in control. Thank You for having a plan for Joseph’s life, and thank You for having a plan for each of our lives, too. Please help us to trust You and remember that You’re always with us—no matter what! We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

No matter what’s going on in your life, and no matter how out-of-control you might feel, you can always trust God and believe that He’s in control.

“It’s time for you to head to Small Group now. I know it’ll be great! See you later!”

Offering Time:

“Offering time is a chance for us to bring our money to God, so he can use it to make somebody else’s life better. For us, here in the City, we give our offering to an organization called ‘Missions of Hope’ to help kids in Kenya have food, clothes, and learn about God’s love for them.”

Here at (your Campus name), we bring our offering to help support:

Homer Glen: Victor

New Lenox: Daniel

Orland Park: Michael and Valerie

CG: Picture of Child

“(Your Campus Child) lives in Nairobi, Kenya and is part of a really great place called Mission of Hope International! We have some friends of Parkview Kids that just got back from Kenya, and can’t wait to share their stories with you!”

If you brought your offering today, you can bring it up now and place it here in our offering container while our Offering Video plays! (*show offering container*).”

CG: Offering Video (Runtime: 3:00)

Dismiss kids to their small groups.