

City LG - September 7-8, 2019

Bible Story: Bad Day (Joseph Sold by His Brothers) • *Genesis 37, 39:1-2*

Bottom Line: When you think you're alone, you can trust God is with you.

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: “No Pressure” and “Look to You”

(Worship Leader prays)

“Hi everyone! So glad you are here today! We are going to start our time together with a game! Here’s how to play...”

OPENING ACTIVITY: Clumps

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Tell kids to stand up and scatter around the room.
- Tell them that when you call out, “Clumps of [insert number]. Go!” they should gather into groups with that amount of people.
- When a clump forms, they hold hands in a circle.
- Continue playing, calling out different numbers.
- ***Each time, there will likely be a kid or two who gets left out. That’s okay. Just keep quickly calling out new numbers so they are able to jump back into the game.***
- After playing for a while, you might choose to start eliminating the kids who are left out of a clump until you get down to just two players.

What You Say:

“At some point, almost all of you were left out during this game. It’s not fun to feel alone, is it? But we all feel that way sometimes. **[Transition] Let’s get started on our talk today, where we’ll hear about what we can do when we feel alone.**”

Begin Lesson...

“Last week we talked about a man named Jacob. *(Hold up Bible.)* God had made a big promise to Jacob’s grandfather Abraham. God had said that He would grow Abraham’s family into a great nation. This big promise from God was passed down to Abraham’s son Isaac and then later to HIS son, Jacob. Isaac and Jacob made many mistakes, but God was still faithful and gave them lots of children. In fact, Jacob had 12 sons.

“Our story today is about one of Jacob’s sons named Joseph. Let’s watch our video today to find out more!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 7:00)

“The traders took Joseph all the way to Egypt. They sold him to a man named Potiphar, who was the captain of Pharaoh’s palace guard. Now poor Joseph was stuck as a servant living in a faraway land.

“Joseph must have felt so alone after all his brothers had done to him. But here’s the amazing part. God was with him! God was ALWAYS with Joseph—in the good times and the bad times. And actually, Joseph’s story was just getting started. Be sure to come back next week to hear what happened next!”

“Did you know that God is with YOU, just like He was with Joseph? It’s true! You’re never really alone, because You can trust God and believe that He’s in control.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “When you think you’re alone, you can trust God is with you.

“Let’s pray and thank God for being with us.”

Pray: “Dear God, thank You for being with Joseph, even when he probably felt like he was all alone. We know that You’re always with US when WE feel alone. You’re there when things are going great, and You’re also there when we feel scared or confused. Help us to remember that You are with us, and help us to trust You through anything we might face in life. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

“What a story! Joseph was betrayed by his brothers, thrown into a dark well, and then sold to those traders. He ended up in a faraway place as a servant. He must have felt all alone!

“But still, in the book of Genesis, we read this.

Open the Bible to Genesis 39:2 (NirV) and read.

“The Lord was with Joseph.

“God was with him! God had never left him. God was with Joseph at home. He was with Joseph in the well. And He was also with Joseph in Egypt.

“God was ALWAYS with Joseph. God is always with you, too. Even in those times when you feel scared, when you feel like no one else understands, or when you’re not sure what’s going to happen next, God is with you.

“Many times when Jesus was alone, He prayed. When He was sad, exhausted, or if He just wanted to spend time with God, Jesus prayed. That’s exactly what we can do when WE feel afraid!

“We’re learning a really great verse together this month that helps us remember to trust God. It’s Proverbs 3:5. Let’s say it together.

CG: Memory Verse Slide

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

“Great job! Even when life doesn’t seem to make sense, we can always trust God and remember that He’s got it under control.

“You’ll get to talk some more about that back in Small Group. Before we head there, let’s worship God with our offering!”

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! Here’s a picture of Missions of Hope!”

CG: Missions of Hope JPEG

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.