

October Week 3

Backyard
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CRAFT

Joseph's Journey

SUPPLIES: Joseph's Journey map, Joseph, crayons, sticker, glue sticks

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Pass out a Joseph to each child. Have them color Joseph on both sides. When they are done, fold on the solid lines and glue bottom to make them into a "tent" so Joseph stands up. (while they color the map next, the glue can dry.)**
 - *"Here is Joseph! Let's color him and get him ready for his journey!"*
- ⇒ **Pass out the Joseph's Journey Map. Have kids color the map.**
 - *"We heard an amazing true story today about trusting God's plans, even when they are hard. Joseph trusted God's plans when they were hard. Let's make a game to help us remember Joseph's journey.*
 - *Let's color the map to get it ready for Joseph's journey!"*
- ⇒ **Have children move their Joseph to each stop on the map as you discuss Joseph's journey. Then fold the map and place sticker on the outside.**
 - *On your paper is a map of Egypt. It shows the different parts of Joseph's journey. Can you find Joseph's family house with his dad? (Point to the image.) Great! Let's put Joseph at his house.*
 - *Now can you find the next picture? It's Joseph's older brothers! (Point to the image.) They're working in the field. Let's move Joseph to the field with his brothers.*
 - *His older brothers were mad and jealous that their dad had given Joseph such a nice coat. So, they threw him in a hole. (Point to image.) Put Joseph in the hole.*
 - *After that, his brothers sent him far, far away. (Point to the image.) They sent him far away, and he worked for a man named Potiphar. This is Potiphar's house. Let's put Joseph in Potiphar's house.*
 - *When Joseph worked for Potiphar, he worked hard and did a good job. But someone said he did something bad that he didn't do and was put in jail. (Point to the image.) Let's put Joseph in jail. Poor Joseph!*
 - *There's one more picture left. It's Pharaoh's palace. (Point to the image.) Let's move Joseph to Pharaoh's palace. We'll hear more about that part of Joseph's journey next week.*
 - *Now fold your paper to look like a book and let's add your sticker. Great job!*
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *"God has plans for each of us. We learned today that Joseph's journey was not always an easy one, but Joseph continued to trust God and follow God's plans for him. Remember that just like Joseph, even when it's hard, God loves you and has plans for you.*
 - ***Who has plans for you? God has plans for me!"***

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ACTIVITY #1

Joseph in the Jail Cell

SUPPLIES: Floor tape, CD Player, worship music CD

SET-UP: Make a large rectangle on the floor with tape. Add “bars” to look like a jail cell.

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children around the outside of the jail cell.**

- *“Friends come join me over here around the outside of the jail cell. Today in our true Bible story we learned about Joseph. He sure had a lot of hard things happen to him, didn’t he?”*
- *“First, he got thrown in a hole by his brothers because they were jealous of his beautiful coat. Poor Joseph!”*
- *“Then his brothers sent him far, far away to Egypt. In Egypt he worked in Potiphar’s house, but then someone said he did something he didn’t really do. He got thrown in jail! Oh no!”*
- *“Well, we are going to play a silly game using this jail cell. It’s going to help us remember that even when things are hard, we can trust God.”*

⇒ **Play a game of freeze dance. If children are still moving when the music stops, they go in the jail cell.**

- *“We are going to play a fun game of freeze dance! When I push play on the music, I want you to show me your best dance moves. Then when the music stops you need to freeze! If you forget to freeze or are still moving when the music stops then you are going in the jail!”*
- *“Are you ready? Let’s play!”*

⇒ **Each time you pause the music, send the kids to “jail” and**

- *“FREEZE! If you are moving you need to go to jail! Oh man! Even when Joseph was in jail, he knew that he could trust God’s plans for his life. God has plans for your life, too!”*
- ***“Who has plans for you? God has plans for me!”***

⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“Joseph was put in jail, even when he didn’t do anything wrong. That was really hard! But Joseph knew he could trust God’s plans, even when things were hard! And we can trust God’s plans when it’s hard, too.”*
- ***“Who has plans for you? God has plans for me!”***

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ACTIVITY #2

Colorful Scarf Look and Find

SUPPLIES: multicolored scarves

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children join you in the center of the room.**

- *“Today in our true Bible story we heard about a man named Joseph. And do you remember what the special coat he got from his father was? Yes! A beautiful colorful coat.*
- *I have a lot of beautiful, colorful scarves here that remind me of that coat. Let’s play a look and find game with them!*

⇒ **Have children close their eyes and hide the colorful scarves around the room.**

- *“Everybody close your eyes! I am going to hide these scarves around the room. Keep them closed!”*

⇒ **Have children open their eyes and collect all the scarves.**

When they have returned with all of them, review the story and have them practice the memory verse.

- *“Joseph’s father gave him the colorful coat, but his brothers were jealous. Do you remember what happened next? That’s right, they threw him in a hole. How terrible! But remember – God had plans for Joseph and he has plans for you, too!*
- *Let’s practice our memory verse together: “For I know the plans I have for you,’ says the Lord.” Nice job!*

⇒ **Repeat and tell the next part of the story.**

- *“After his brothers threw him in the hole, they sent him far, far away. He worked for a man named Potiphar. But then someone said he did something bad that he didn’t do and he got thrown in jail! Oh no! But even then, God still had a plan for Joseph and he has plans for you, too!*
- *Let’s practice our memory verse again! “For I know the plans I have for you,’ says the Lord.” Nice job!*

⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“Even when things were hard, Joseph continued to trust God and follow God’s plans for him. Remember that just like Joseph, even when it’s hard, God loves you and has plans for you!*
- ***Who has plans for you? God has plans for me!”***

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ACTIVITY #3

Parachute Bottom Line

SUPPLIES: Colorful scarves

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Gather everyone in the center of the room and have each child grab a corner of the parachute.**
 - *“Friends, these colorful scarves remind me of Joseph’s colorful coat! Let’s use them to play parachute!”*

- ⇒ **Toss the scarves on the parachute and have children slowly raise and lower the parachute while trying to keep them on.**
 - *“Let’s see if we can keep all of these scarves on while I retell Joseph’s story to you. Can we do it? Here we go – nice and slow. Up and down.*
 - *Joseph’s brothers were working in the field. Joseph came out to see them and they noticed the beautiful colored coat his Dad had given him. They were so angry and jealous that they took him and threw him into a huge hole! Oh no! Then they decided to send him far, far away. When he got to Egypt he worked for a man named Potiphar. But then someone said that he did something he didn’t really do! How terrible! And he got thrown in jail. Oh no!*
 - *Now let’s shake the parachute really fast and pop the scarves out!*
 - *Now freeze! Even though things were hard, God had big plans for Joseph and he has plans for you, too!*
 - ***Who has plans for you? God has plans for me!***

- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**

- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Even when things were hard, Joseph trusted God and the plans he had for Joseph’s life. We can do the same. Friends, tell me...”*
 - ***Who has plans for you?***
 - ***God has plans for me!”***

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY OCTOBER WEEK 3

SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

⇒ The Bible

- *The Beginner's Bible: Joseph's Colorful Robe, p. 71*

REVIEW *Pass out stickers as kids answer the questions!*

⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line

- **Who has plans for you?**
God has plans for me!

⇒ Memory Verse

- **"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord.**
Jeremiah 29:11

CONNECT IT

⇒ Today we will make a list of things that make us sad and then we will pray and talk to God about it. When I say your name, I want you to **tell me one thing that makes you sad.**

- *Have each child share and write the ideas down on the board/paper.*

PRAY

⇒ "It can be hard to talk about what makes us sad, so thank you for making this list with me. I'm so glad we can talk to God about it! Let's pray!

⇒ "Dear God, sometimes things are hard, and it makes us feel sad. [Child's name] feels sad when [what child said], and [child's name] feels sad when [what child said]. (Continue with each child.) Help us to do what Joseph did and keep trusting Your plans, even when they're hard. Help us choose to do what is right no matter what. We know You love us, and You know the plans You have for us. You're the best, God. In Jesus' name, amen."