

Quarter #: 1	Class Age: 1st-3rd graders	Lesson Title: Joseph and His Brothers
Lesson #: 10	Prepared By: Emily Sorrells	Lesson Scripture: Genesis 37

Visuals / Resources:

- Abeka cards, Flannelgraph, or good story-telling skills, depending on preference.

Pre-class activity:

- Sunday - Jacob's Sons Crossword Puzzle
- Wednesday - "Joseph Sold by His Brothers" Word Search

Welcome Activity: Attendance activity

Prayer: Before the prayer, ask the students what they are thankful for. Ask the students who we can pray for. Ask the students how we can praise God. Give examples of these the first few classes. If there is a white board available, you could even keep a prayer request list. Soon they will volunteer plenty of ideas for prayer. Pray.

Memory Verse: Romans 8:28

Review: Review previous lesson. Review recurring principles or themes this quarter: God Keeps His Promises, Obedience, God does not like Favoritism, Forgiveness

Other Review: Other memorization work like saying or singing the books of the Bible, the 12 sons of Jacob, etc.

Lesson Facts: *(Main points to cover...)*

- Jacob lived with his family in the land of Canaan. His twelve sons pastured his flock. Jacob loved his son Joseph the best of all of his sons, and he made him a robe of many colors. When the brothers saw that Jacob loved Joseph most of all, they hated him and did not speak peacefully to him.
- Joseph had a dream, and he told it to his brothers. He said that he dreamed they were binding sheaves in the field. His sheaf stood up and his brothers sheaves gathered around and bowed down to his sheaf. His brothers hated him even more for his dreams and for him telling them the dream. When he had another dream he told it to them again. He said that he dreamed that the sun, moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to him. When Jacob heard this he rebuked Joseph asking if he thought his father, mother, and brothers would be bowing to the ground in front of him. However, Jacob kept this in his mind. Joseph's brothers hated him and were jealous of him.
- When Joseph traveled to find his brothers who were out pasturing the flock, they saw him coming from far away. They made a plan to kill him and throw him in a deep pit. They planned to lie about him and say that a fierce animal ate him. They thought that would put an end to all of his dreaming. However, Reuben convinced the brothers to not kill him. He said they should shed no blood but just throw him in the pit. The brothers agreed. They tore off his colorful coat and threw him in a dry, empty pit. Judah had an idea to sell Joseph to the Midianite traders that were passing by so they could make some money, and the brothers agreed to do that. When Reuben returned and saw that Joseph was gone he was very upset. The brothers took Joseph's coat and dipped it into the blood of a goat that they killed. They took the bloody coat to Jacob to trick him into thinking that Joseph was eaten by a wild animal. Joseph cried for him and was not comforted. Meanwhile, Joseph was sold again in Egypt to Potiphar. Potiphar was an officer of Pharaoh.

Illustration - Tell the students about a girl named Cathy who just one first place in a singing competition. She won a huge gold medal. Cathy's friend also competed, but she got 18th place. Cathy goes to school the next day wearing the huge gold medal and tells everyone that she won. She is so proud. She really makes a show at school. Ask the students if Cathy is humble. How does her pride make others feel towards her? How did Joseph's brothers feel towards him about his special coat and meaningful dreams. We must learn to be humble.

Principle: *(Concept / Key truth to be gained...)*

- God makes difficult things work out according to his plan. No matter what we do, God is still in control.
- God wants us to know that He keeps His promises. He passed his promise from Abraham, to Isaac, to Jacob.
- God wants us to be humble. Joseph seemed proud of his coat and his symbolic dreams. We should not have pride in those things.
- God wants us to love our brothers and sisters. Joseph's brothers hated him and were jealous of him.

Application: *(How students can apply...)*

- Because we see that God kept his promises in the O.T., we know he will keep his promises to us. If God says he will reward the faithful, we can know that he will. Do we believe God when we read his word? We should. Do you believe God will reward us with eternal life in heaven if we obey him?
- We should act with humility about ourselves, our accomplishments, and our blessings.
- Don't fill your heart with hatred and jealousy.
- Don't fight with, tease, hit, call names, or have any other hateful attitude toward your siblings. Love your brothers and sisters.

Activities:

Activities for Sunday & Wednesday - choose which activity to do on which day according to time, attendance, student energy level, etc.

- "Do Your Best" Worksheet
- Draw Abraham's family tree on the white board. Start with Abraham. Ask the students to tell you the names, wives names, and 12 son's names.
- "Dreams"Worksheet - Draw Joseph's dreams about his family

Songs:

- The 12 sons of Jacob song
- Love One Another
- Trust and Obey

Other Notes: If other people have lost items from the master file, I may have copies at home. Let me know; I usually try to keep a copy as well.

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