

Quarter #: 1	Class Age: 1st-3rd graders	Lesson Title: Joseph Imprisoned
Lesson #: 11	Prepared By: Emily Sorrells	Lesson Scripture: Gen 39-41

Visuals / Resources:

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

Pre-class activity:

- Sunday - Romans 8:28 Coloring Sheet
- Wednesday - "Joseph in Prison" 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.

Other Review: Other memorization work like saying or singing the books of the Bible, the 12 sons of Jacob, or Abraham's Family Tree.

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

- Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, bought Joseph, but God was with Joseph and he became a successful man in Egypt. He worked in Potiphar's house, and Potiphar could see that God was with Joseph. So, Potiphar liked Joseph and he made Joseph the overseer of his house and in charge of everything he had.
- After a while, Potiphar's wife noticed that Joseph was handsome and she tried to get Joseph to do things like he was her husband. Joseph knew this was wrong because she wasn't his wife, she was Potiphar's wife. Potiphar was good to him. He told her no and that he would not do that to Potiphar or sin against God. Another day, Potiphar's wife grabbed Joseph's garment (define: clothing, robe, coat, shirt, etc.) and tried to get him to sin. He left his clothing in her hand and ran away because he did not want to sin. As soon as he left, she yelled to the servants of the house and lied about Joseph. She said that Joseph was trying to do this sin, but when she yelled he ran away. That was not true. She told Potiphar the same thing, and he was angry with Joseph. Potiphar threw Joseph into prison.
- God was with Joseph in prison, and he made the prison keeper like Joseph. The keeper put Joseph in charge of all the prisoners. In all that Joseph did, God made it success.
- While in prison, Joseph heard the dreams of the cupbearer and the baker, who were in prison. Joseph told them that the cupbearer's dream meant that he would be restored to office and the baker's dream meant that he would be hanged and killed by Pharaoh. Joseph asked the cupbearer to remember him when this happened and he saw that he had correctly interpreted the dream. In three days, it all happened the way that Joseph had said it would. However, the cupbearer forgot Joseph.
- After 2 years had passed, Pharaoh had a dream that no one was able to interpret. Finally the cupbearer remembered Joseph, and he told Pharaoh how Joseph had correctly interpreted the dreams before. Joseph told Pharaoh that it was nothing about him but that God was the one who

would answer and help Pharaoh. Pharaoh told Joseph the dream. (Tell the dream to the class.) Joseph told Pharaoh that the dream meant that there would be 7 years of abundance followed by 7 years of famine. Joseph told Pharaoh what God intended for him to do to prepare. So, Pharaoh set aside and stored up the extra food in the years of plenty so they would have a reserve in the years of famine.

- Pharaoh promoted Joseph and put him in charge of reserving the food. Joseph was second only to Pharaoh in the land of Egypt. Pharaoh gave him a new name, fine clothing/jewelry, honor, and a wife. Joseph had 2 sons Manasseh and Ephraim. When the years of famine came there was food in the land of Egypt, but all the other lands on earth came to Egypt to buy grain because the famine affected the whole earth.

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 obey him all the time.

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 obey God even when no one else is looking. We should obey God no matter what earthly role we are in. We should flee from temptation and sin.

Activities:

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

- "More Dreams" Worksheet - Draw the dreams that Joseph Interpreted
- Joseph Worksheet - Circle the correct picture
- Tell the story from this week, but tell it with errors. Tell the students to catch the errors and correct you.

Songs:

- The 12 sons of Jacob song
- Obedience
- This World is Not My Home

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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