

# Bible Story Lesson Plans

## Book 4: Joseph

### Background Information for Joseph

- Joseph was the 11th son of Jacob.
- Joseph was the son of Jacob and Rachel.
- Benjamin was the 12th son of Jacob.
- Benjamin was also the son of Jacob and Rachel.
- Jacob's favorite son was Joseph.
- Jacob gave Joseph a special coat of many colors.
- God gave Joseph two dreams that told what was going to happen in the future:
  - Dream 1 – Sheaves of wheat
  - Dream 2 – Sun, moon, and stars
- Joseph's brothers were jealous of him because he was the favorite son of Jacob.
- Joseph was sold two times:
  - First time – His brothers sold him to slave traders going to Egypt.  
He was sold for 20 shekels of silver.
  - Second time – The slave traders sold him to Potiphar in Egypt.
- Jacob's sons lied to their father and led him to believe that Joseph was dead.
- Potiphar was the captain of the guard of Pharaoh.
- Potiphar put Joseph into prison for something Joseph did NOT do.
- Joseph told the cupbearer and the baker the meanings of their dreams.
- Joseph got out of prison when he told Pharaoh the meaning of his dreams.
- Pharaoh placed Joseph as second in command in Egypt.
- Joseph was 30 years old when he began working for Pharaoh.
- Joseph married Asenath and had two sons: Manasseh and Ephraim.
- Egyptian name of Joseph: Zaphenath-Paneah.
- Joseph built granaries and saved the grain during the seven good years.
- Joseph forgave his brothers for selling him into Egypt.
- During the years of famine, Joseph continued to give grain to the people as long as they paid him for the grain. At first the people paid in money; then they paid with their livestock; then they paid with their land; and finally they paid with their own lives, which were to be given to Pharaoh in slavery.
- Joseph died in Egypt when he was 110 years old.

### LESSON 1      **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_; **Team:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Scripture: Genesis 37:1-4
- Main Theme: Love Your Brothers and Sisters
- New Visual Aids (2): The Special Coat, 4N1; Jealous Brothers, 4N2
- Previous Visual Aid: Jacob's Children, 3N17 (Show this visual from Book 3 at the beginning of the story.)
- Story: The Special Coat
- Application: Joseph was the favorite son of his father Jacob. This was nice because he got special things from his father. Yet, his brothers did not like him. I am sure that was difficult for Joseph. His brothers were jealous because Joseph was the favorite and also because Joseph told Isaac about the things they had been doing. I am sure that Joseph didn't plan to tell his father. Isaac probably asked how things were out in the fields and Joseph didn't want to lie and so told the truth. His brothers did not like it

that he told the truth and was such a good and loving son. Is there someone you do not like? Someone you find it very difficult to be nice to? Your job is to love that person even if it is difficult. Your job is to be nice no matter what. This is especially true if the person is your brother or sister.

- New Bible Verse, 4N23: John 1:12 (Continue to review all the verses from Books 1, 2, and 3 as time permits: Genesis 1:31, Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, John 3:16, Hebrews 9:22, Hebrews 13:5, 2 Peter 3:18.)
- Activity Choices: You may choose to do a color page or a review game or both, if you have time. (See the Suggested Schedules on page 9 for ideas on how to organize your classes.)
  1. Joseph Picture Bible:
    - ❖ Give each student a folder to decorate. Decorate the folder a little bit each week during the lessons on Joseph.
    - ❖ Give each student a color page to decorate: 4N1, The Special Coat
    - ❖ Make sure names are on the back of each color page.
    - ❖ Do not send the Joseph color pages home until all the lessons on Joseph are finished. All the color pages will be put into a Picture Bible on the life of Joseph.
  2. Review Game:
    - ❖ Choose a review game to play from Book 1, 2, 3, or 4.

## **LESSON 2**     **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_; **Team:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Scripture: Genesis 37:4-11
- Main Theme: God Has a Plan for Your Life
- New Visual Aid: Two Dreams, 4N3
- Previous Visual Aid: Jealous Brothers, 4N2 (Show this one at the beginning of the story.)
- Review: The Special Coat (4N1-4N2)
- Story: Two Dreams
- Application: God gave Joseph two dreams. These dreams were a look at the future of Jacob's family. Jacob and his family did not know this. All they could understand was that Joseph thought he would be more important than them. They did not like this. Yet, God had a plan for Joseph's life, and the jealousy of his brothers was a part of God's plan. Just as God had a plan for Joseph's life, God has a plan for your life. Instead of getting angry and jealous at people, just trust God to be in control and let Him work. He knows what is best for you just as He knew what was best for Joseph. Joseph needed to learn to trust God, and you also need to learn to trust God.
- Bible Verse: John 1:12 (Genesis 1:31, Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, John 3:16, Hebrews 9:22, Hebrews 13:5, 2 Peter 3:18)
- Activity Choices: You may choose to do a color page or a review game or both, if you have time. (See the Suggested Schedules on page 9 for ideas on how to organize your classes.)
  1. Joseph Picture Bible:
    - ❖ Decorate folders a little bit each week during the lessons on Joseph.
    - ❖ Give each student a color page to decorate: 4N3, Two Dreams
  2. Review Game:
    - ❖ Choose a review game to play from Book 1, 2, 3, or 4.

## **LESSON 3**     **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_; **Team:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Scripture: Genesis 37:12-35
- Main Theme: Remaining Silent Is a Type of Lie
- New Visual Aids (3): Joseph in the Pit, 4N4; Joseph Is Sold, 4N5; Jacob Is Sad, 4N6
- Previous Visual Aid: Jealous Brothers, 4N2 (Show this one at the beginning of the story.)
- Review: The Special Coat, Two Dreams (4N1-4N3)