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MAIN LESSON

BOTTOM LINE: God is with us even during bad times.

OBJECTIVE: Preschoolers will say “I can trust God when bad things happen.”

KEY PASSAGE: Genesis 37:3-4, 17-35, Joseph Sold Into Slavery

WORSHIP TIME:

Prior to the lesson, sing one or two songs with the kids. Use CDs or live lyrics of songs that the kids are familiar with.

LESSON:

Today’s story comes to us from the Bible. (Hold up a Bible.) The Bible is God’s word to us, so we know that everything it says is true. (Open the Bible and set it down in front of you as you give the lesson.)

Sometimes bad things happen. But we can trust God even in bad times.

Jacob loved his son Joseph very much. He gave Joseph a beautiful coat, filled with many colors: Yellow, purple, blue and green.

Green is the color of jealousy. Joseph’s brothers were jealous of Joseph. They hated Joseph because their father loved Joseph more than them. It was a bad time.

One day Joseph came out to the fields where his brothers were working. The brothers were angry. They took Joseph’s beautiful coat and threw Joseph into a deep pit. The bad time just got worse.

Later, some travelers were passing through. Joseph’s brothers took Joseph out of the pit and SOLD him to the travelers. They took Joseph away from his home and family. Talk about a bad time!

Through it all, Joseph trusted in God. God took care of Joseph and protected him, even in the worst of times. We’ll talk more next week about how God took care of Joseph.

I can trust God always. I can trust God in bad times.

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SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Help us to trust in you, even when times are bad.

Amen