

JOSEPH

MAIN LESSON

BOTTOM LINE: God is with us even when things don't stay the same.

OBJECTIVE: Preschoolers will say "I can trust God when things change."

KEY PASSAGE: Genesis 41:1-43, Joseph Interprets the King's Dream

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 things change. But we can trust God even when things change.

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

Purple is the color of royalty. In today's story, Joseph met royalty - the king, the pharaoh – and Joseph's life changed very fast. The pharaoh had two bad dreams. No one in the kingdom could tell pharaoh what his dreams meant.

Then someone remembered there was a man in the jail, named Joseph, who could interpret dreams. Pharaoh had Joseph brought to him. He told him about his dreams. In one dream, there were seven fat cows and seven skinny cows. The skinny cows ate the fat cows. In another dream, there were seven healthy stalks of grain and seven dried up stalks of grain. The dried up stalks of grain ate up the healthy stalks of grain.

God helped Joseph to understand the dreams. Joseph told Pharaoh the dreams meant his kingdom would have seven years of good crops and then seven years where there was no water and no crops. Pharaoh was so pleased to know what his dreams meant that he made Joseph his second in command of all of Egypt. In one day, Joseph went from being in jail to being the most important person in the land, after Pharaoh. That's a big change!

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Through it all, Joseph trusted in God always. I can trust God always. I can trust God when life changes.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Help us to trust in you, even when things around us change.

Amen