

JOSEPH

MAIN LESSON

BOTTOM LINE: God is with us and has a plan for us.

OBJECTIVE: Preschoolers will say “I can trust that God always has a plan for me.”

KEY PASSAGE: Genesis 45:1-15, Joseph Reveals Himself to His Brothers

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.)

God has a plan. I can trust that God always has a plan for me.

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

Blue is the color of calm. Joseph was now the second in command of all of Egypt. There was a famine in the land. That meant there was no water, and no crops would grow. But Joseph had been smart, and stored up enough grain to get them through the famine.

People came from all around to get some of Joseph’s grain, so they would have food to eat. One day Joseph’s brothers came to Egypt to get food. These brothers had hated Joseph and sold him as a slave. They had not seen Joseph for many years. Over the years they had become sad about what they had done to Joseph.

The brothers came to Joseph, but they did not know it was him. They did not recognize Joseph. But Joseph recognized them. He said, “It is me Joseph, your brother.” The brothers were worried that Joseph would be mad at them for what they had done. But Joseph was only happy! He threw his arms around them and hugged them.

The brothers had done a terrible thing, but Joseph told them that God had used it for good. God had a plan for Joseph to come to Egypt and save the people, making sure

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they had enough food to eat. The brothers were very happy to be reunited with Joseph. Through it all, Joseph trusted in God always. God had a plan for Joseph's life. I can trust God always. I can trust that God has a plan for my life.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Help us to trust in you, and know that you have a plan for each of us.

Amen