

October 13th

Children's Church Lesson: Joseph's Colorful Coat

Age Group: 2-10

Bible Story: Genesis 37:1-36

Key Verse: "But God was with Joseph." (Genesis 39:21)

Lesson Focus: God was with Joseph even in difficult times.

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer (5-10 minutes)

Greet the children and open with a simple prayer:

"Dear God, thank You for always being with us, just like You were with Joseph. Help us learn today that You are with us in every situation. Amen."

2. Story Time: Joseph's Colorful Coat (10-15 minutes)

Introduction:

"Today, we're going to hear a story about a boy named Joseph, who was given a very special coat by his father. But something happened to Joseph after he got this coat. Even though things got really hard for Joseph, God never left him. Let's find out how!"

Story Summary:

- Joseph was one of twelve brothers. His father, Jacob, loved him very much and gave him a special coat with many colors.
- Joseph's brothers became jealous because they thought their father loved Joseph more than them.
- One day, Joseph told his brothers about his dreams where they all bowed down to him, which made them even angrier.
- The brothers plotted to hurt Joseph and threw him into a deep pit. Then, they sold him to some traders going to Egypt.
- Joseph was taken far away from his family. Even though this was very sad, **God was with Joseph.**

Engage with Questions:

- What did Joseph's father give him? (A colorful coat)
- Why were Joseph's brothers mad at him? (They were jealous)
- What happened to Joseph? (His brothers sold him)
- Who was with Joseph even in these hard times? (God!)

3. Key Verse Activity: “God Is With Us!” (5-10 minutes)

Introduce the memory verse: "But God was with Joseph." (Genesis 39:21)

- For younger kids, practice saying the verse out loud while clapping or marching.
- For older kids, make it interactive by having them say parts of the verse after you.

Reflection:

“Even when Joseph was in a far-away place, God never left him. God is with us, too, no matter what happens!”

4. Craft: Joseph's Colorful Coat (15-20 minutes)

Coloring template

6. Closing Activity: “Joseph's Journey” Discussion (5-10 minutes)

Discussion:

- Ask the kids if they've ever felt alone or had a hard time, just like Joseph.
 - Encourage them to share stories where they felt better because someone was with them or because they knew God was with them.
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7. Closing Prayer and Snack (5-10 minutes)

Close with a prayer:

“Thank You, God, for always being with us. Just like You were with Joseph, we know You are with us, too. Help us trust You when things are hard. Amen.”

Snack Idea:

Serve a colorful snack, such as rainbow-colored fruit or candy, to represent Joseph's coat.

8. Take-Home Message:

Send the kids home with the reminder: “God is always with you, no matter what!”

