

Lower Elementary (Recommended for Kindergarten/1st Grade)

Lesson Date: September 12/13, 2020

Lesson Theme: We can trust God's plan for us.

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Scripture: Genesis 39, Joseph in jail.

1. If you watched last week's lesson, you learned that Joseph was his father's favorite son. His brothers were jealous and they sold him as a slave to some people going to Egypt. How do you think Joseph felt? *He was probably sad and scared.* The Bible doesn't talk very much about how Joseph felt but it does tell us what he did.

2. Do you remember the name of the man that Joseph worked for in Egypt? *Potiphar.* Even though Joseph was probably sad, how did he do his work for Potiphar? *He worked hard and did his best!*

3. Joseph knew God was with him and he trusted God's plan. But then something unfair happened. Do you remember what it was? *People said Joseph did something wrong even when he didn't. And then they put him in jail.*

Do you think Joseph ever wondered if this was God's plan?

Do you remember what Joseph did in jail? *He helped people. He cared about people and helped everyone. Then they put Joseph in charge of the jail!*

Have you ever had to trust God's plan when things were hard and you didn't know what was going to happen next?

4. Let's talk to God about it. "*Lord, would you help me trust you and know that you are near even when things are hard? And even when I don't know what's going to happen next, help me honor you and do my work for you. Amen.*"

Is there something that you really don't like to do but it's part of your work? Like maybe cleaning your room or doing school work? Or maybe it's being kind to a little brother or sister that messes up your toys? Even when our work is hard and we don't like it, we can ask God to help us do a good job in a way that would make him really happy! He really will hear us and help us.

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### Activities

Here are suggested activities to do with your children during the week to reinforce the lesson and apply it to their lives.

#### Monday - Coloring page

Color this page of Joseph working for Potiphar in Egypt.

#### Tuesday - Word Search

This word search is a review of the first part of Joseph's story.

#### Wednesday - Crossword Puzzle

Complete the crossword puzzle with this word bank:

Love	Father	Joseph	Sold
Brothers	Son	Hate	Robe

#### Thursday - Find the Differences

Find the differences between the two pictures of Joseph being accused of something he didn't do.

1. Potiphar's left eye
2. Line under Potiphar's lower lip
3. Right ankle of Potiphar
4. Headband of guard
5. Hem of guard's garment
6. Joseph's left eye
7. Joseph's right ankle

Optional: color the pictures.

#### Friday - Paper Chain

Cut strips of paper and use a stapler or tape to make a paper chain as pictured below. Review the story of Joseph put in prison (chains) for doing something he didn't do, but he still trusted in God's plan.





# Joseph and His Brothers

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Based on Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 (NIV)



Genesis 37

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W H G I D C Y M L R A O X A T  
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P O P Z Z D W H N A S C H D T  
I Q E N M R A A J N M A F E U  
P B R G S G L W E M E N L F R  
C O R S Y N R R M E R A O O F  
B R N O A P D A B O C A C D D  
M J B L T L T O Z P H N K S Y  
L O H D I H R D G E A B S K R  
O B W H J F E E O S N P H I F  
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D O O H Z E S B D J Y H A Z O

LAND	MERCHANTS	LOVED	JOSEPH	CANAAN
HATED	GRAZE	OLD	BORN	ROBE
SONS	JACOB	BROTHERS	SILVER	CHILDREN
EGYPT	KILL	FLOCKS	FATHER	SOLD

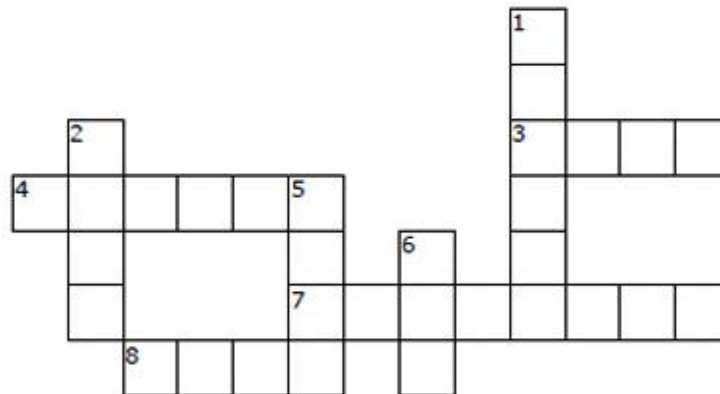
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## ACROSS

- 3. Gave something to someone else in return for money
- 4. A male parent
- 7. Men or boys with the same parents as another person
- 8. To have strong feelings of affection for another person

## DOWN

- 1. Son of Jacob who had a coat of many colors
- 2. To dislike someone or something very much
- 5. A long, loose-fitting piece of clothing
- 6. A male offspring

LOVE	FATHER	JOSEPH	SOLD
BROTHERS	SON	HATE	ROBE

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## Find the errors

When he came to Egypt, Joseph went working in the house of Potiphar.  
Find the seven errors in the scenes below.

