

Toddling Through God's Word:

Joseph Part 1

"Joseph" to the tune of "Humpty Dumpty"

Joseph was the favorite son.

His brothers didn't like him none.

They threw him in a well, and he was put in jail.

But God had a plan that would not fail.

Activity 1: Joseph was the favorite son. (Genesis chapter 37:1-4, Acts 10:34-35)

You Need:

- My Favorites Printable
- Crayons or Markers

Say: "Do you remember Jacob? Guess how many children he had? He had 12 boys? Would you like to have that many brothers?"

"Joseph was one of Jacob's boys. Jacob played favorites with Joseph. Jacob gave Joseph a special gift that he didn't give his other children. How do you think

that made Joseph feel? How do you think that made his brothers feel? They were sad and jealous. God does not want us to play favorites. In fact, God does not have any favorites."

1. Help your child read and fill out the My Favorites Printable at the bottom of this PDF.

Activity 2: The Coat (Genesis 37:3)

You Need:

- $\frac{1}{2}$ a Graham Cracker
- Frosting
- Colored candies such as M and Ms

Say: "Even though it was wrong, Jacob played favorites with Joseph. Jacob gave Joseph a special gift that he didn't give his other children. It was a beautiful, colorful coat."

1. Spread frosting on half of a graham cracker which represents the coat. Let your child decorate the "coat" with colored candies.
2. Pray that God will give us hearts like His. You and your child enjoy your treat!

Activity 3: Joseph's Dream (Genesis 37:5-11)

You Need:

- Dream Printable (2 pages) at the end of this PDF
- Scissors
- Glue

Say: "Do you know how to bow?" Show your child how to bow and practice together.

Say: "People bow to show gratitude and respect. A servant would bow to a king. A musician will bow to his audience after a performance.

"Joseph had a dream that 11 stars, the sun, and the moon bowed to him. This made his brothers angry.

They knew the 11 stars represented

themselves. Joseph's dream meant that his brothers would bow to him. This made them angry. They hated Joseph. That is so sad."

1. Assist your child in cutting out the 11 stars from the Dream Printables.
2. Help your child count each star as he or she glues them onto the page around Joseph.



Activity 4: Jealousy (Genesis 11-24)

You Need:

- Emotion Chart at the end of this PDF

Say: "Joseph's brothers were jealous and angry. They made a bad choice. They stole Joseph's coat. Then they threw him into a dry well. Joseph was trapped in the well."

1. Say: "We all get angry and jealous at times." Have your child find the angry and jealous faces on the emotion chart.
2. Practice making angry and jealous faces with your child. You can be silly!
3. Say: "We all get angry and jealous at times. It is okay to have those emotions, but we need to try to make good choices when we have those unpleasant emotions. One way to make a good choice is to think of what you are thankful for."
4. Make a list with your child of what you are thankful for. This doesn't have to be written down. Speaking the list would be great.

Joseph is sold. (Genesis 37:25-36)

Say: "After Joseph had been in the well for a while, his brothers decided that it would do them no good for him to be trapped in a well. They made another bad choice. They sold Joseph to be a slave.

"Do you know what a slave is? It is someone who has no rights. A slave does not get to do what they want or go where they want. A slave might not get to see family. Slaves have to do what someone else tells them to do all the time."

1. Assist your child in cutting strips of paper and attach them in circular shapes to create a paper chain.
2. Say: "Joseph was taken to Egypt in chains to be a slave. Poor Joseph."



Favorites

Write your name here

1. Color the rectangle below your favorite color.



2. Circle your favorite toy!



3. Circle your favorite food.



4. Draw your favorite animal.



It is okay to have a favorite color, food, and animal. It is not okay to play favorites with people. Playing favorites with people would hurt someone's feelings. God does not play favorites. He loves everyone. He wants us to do the same.

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Angry



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