



PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts



2. MEMORY MATCH

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Match" Activity Page, cardstock, and scissors

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Memory Match" onto cardstock and cut apart, two sets per small group.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

God's plan is always best.
JOSEPH FORGIVES
GENESIS 42-45

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Place each card face down on the floor or table. Ask one child to go first by choosing two cards and turning them over. If they match, remove both cards and set them aside. If they don't match, turn both of the cards back over in the same place. In both cases, allow another child to have a turn. Repeat until all of the matches have been made and every child has had a turn.

MEMORY VERSE

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD."
JEREMIAH 29:11, NLT

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Let's see if we can make matches! (*Point to the cards.*) On the cards, there are pictures of our Bible stories about God's plan for Joseph. There are two of each picture. When it's your turn, you can turn over two cards (*demonstrate*) and see if they're a match! I'm excited to see the pictures of Joseph!"

KEY QUESTION

Who has a plan for you?

DURING THE ACTIVITY: (*Choose a child to be first.*) "Turn over any two cards you like. (*Please use the following statements when your class makes the corresponding matches.*) Do you see a match? (*Pause.*) Great job! This match is when Joseph went to jail, but he was still a good helper. Let's make another match. (*Pause.*) Awesome! This match is when Joseph got his special coat from his father. Ready to make another match? (*Pause.*) Yay! This match is when Joseph helped the Pharaoh understand his dreams. We have one more match. (*Pause.*) This match is about today's Bible story. I can't wait to hear what God's next plan is for Joseph!"

BOTTOM LINE

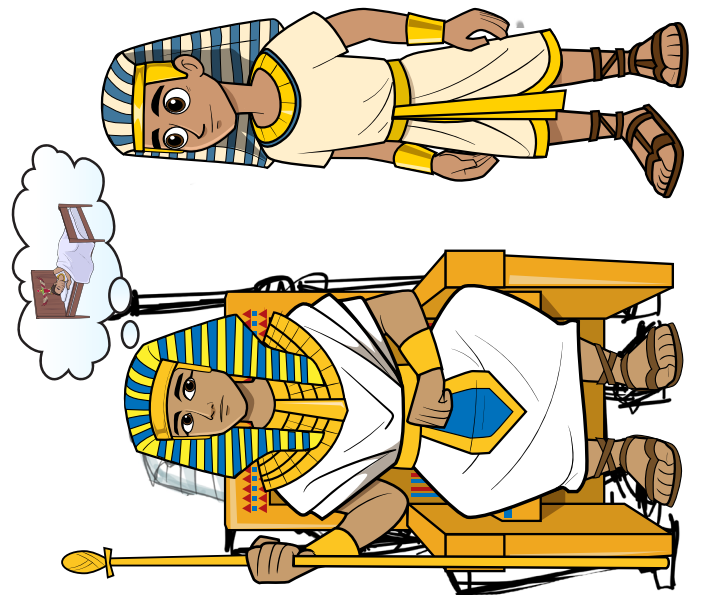
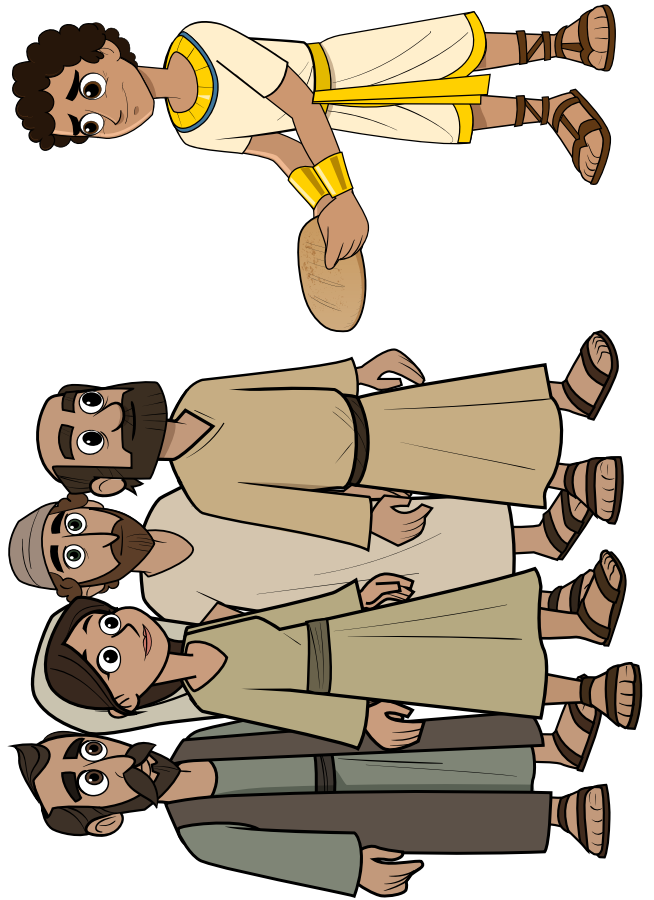
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AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "God has a plan for all of us. Are you ready to hear the TRUE story from the Bible about God's plan for Joseph?"

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by chanting this month's Bottom Line as you walk to the story area.





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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE
an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home



2. STORY RINGS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Story Ring Pictures" and "Story Ring Pictures Parent Note" Activity Pages, cardstock, scissors, hole punch, and binder rings

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Story Ring Pictures"

onto cardstock, cut apart, and hole punch one set per child. Copy "Story Ring Pictures Parent Note" onto cardstock and cut apart, one note per child.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Give each child a set of "Story Ring Pictures" and a binder ring. Assist them in putting the pictures on their book ring in order as you review the story. Make sure a "Story Ring Pictures Parent Note" goes home with each child.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "I need everyone to sit at the table with me. We're going to make a story ring!"

Note: You may need to assist some children in finding the pictures and placing them on their binder rings in the correct order.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "First, we need to make sure your rings are open. (Help if needed.) Now, look for the picture of Joseph in the special coat his daddy gave him. Put it on your ring. Remember how mad Joseph's brothers got? They sent him far away, but Joseph trusted that **God has a plan for me.** "Now, look for the picture of Joseph in jail with the two other guys. Joseph was put in jail, even though he did nothing wrong. But instead of getting mad or sad, Joseph trusted that **God has a plan for me,** and he helped other people. "Now, we need the picture of Joseph helping Pharaoh save the grain. Joseph trusted that **God has a plan for me,** and he helped save food for A LOT of people!

"The last picture we have is Joseph and his brothers. Look how happy they are! Joseph trusted that **God has a plan for me,** and he forgave his brothers. He even gave them food and a hug.

"Now, let's do something fun. Stand up and hold your story rings while we sing a new song together. Ready? (Sing the words below to the tune of "Farmer in the Dell.")

"God has a plan.
God has a plan.
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AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Who has a plan for you? God has a plan for me!"

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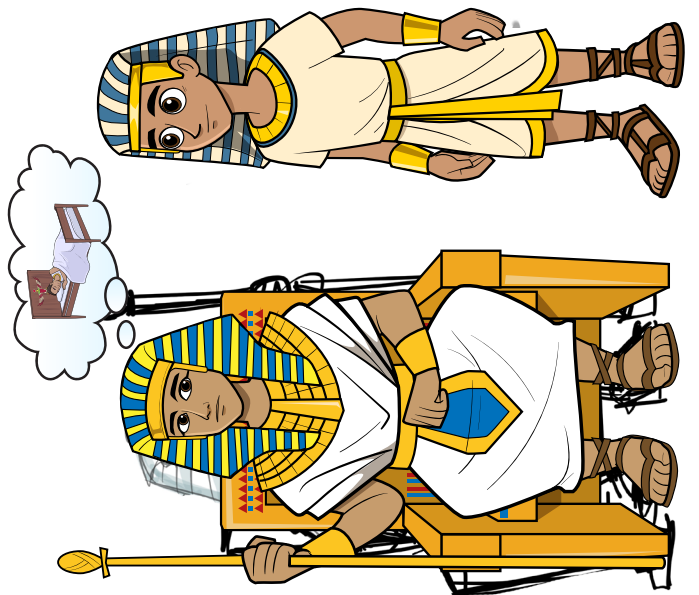
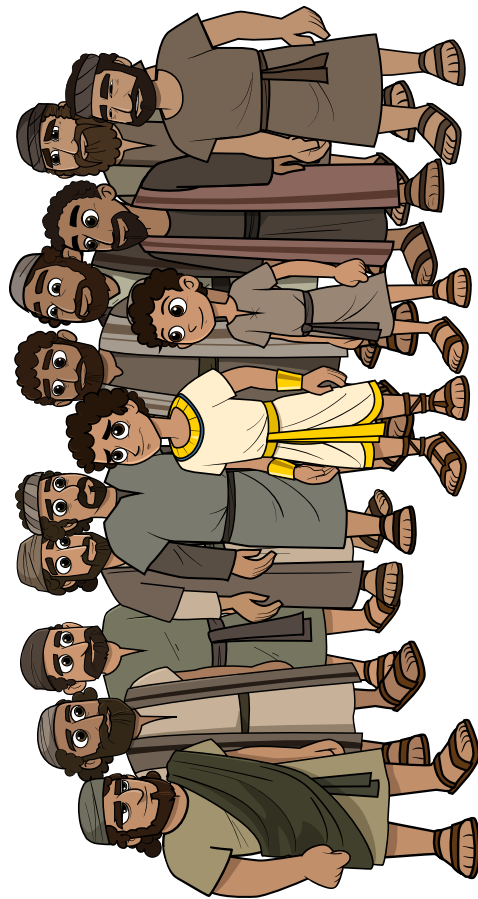
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