

NVC 2-4's | W3

Bible Story: Joseph -Genesis 37, 39-47

PRESCHOOL TIMETABLE

FREE PLAY (10 Minutes)

Set out simple toys and puzzles. Welcome kids as they arrive.

MOVE ACTIVITY (5 Minutes)

Do a short, fun movement activity.

PRAISE & WORSHIP (5 Minutes)

Lead kids in singing. Encourage them to join in.

BIBLE STORY (15 Minutes)

Tell the Bible story clearly and simply.

MEMORY VERSE (5 Minutes)

Say the verse together and practice the motions. Repeat a few times to help kids remember.

CREATE ACTIVITY (5 Minutes)

Help kids complete a simple craft that connects to the Bible Story.

SNACK TIME (5 Minutes)

Pray before eating. Watch for allergies.

HOME TIME (5 Minutes)

Help kids take their craft. Please make sure the child's tag matches the parent's tag before dismissal.



Bible Story

Joseph • Genesis 37, 39-47

Key Question

Who is always with you?

Bottom Line

God is always with me.

Memory Verse

"God is with you wherever you go." • Joshua 1:9
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5 min

Move Activity

5 min

Saving the Food

What You Need

 Plastic toy food	Several
 Baskets or bins	1
 Large serving spoon	Several

Providing time for fun interaction

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Place the basket on one side of your room and pile the food on the floor opposite the basket. Place the serving spoon(s) near the pile of food.

During the Activity: Line children next to the basket of food. Ask children to take turns scooping up one food on their spoon, and then carry it carefully to the basket. If it drops, encourage children to scoop it back onto their spoon and continue. After they drop their food into the basket, have them quickly return and pass the spoon to the next friend in line.

After the Activity: Introduce the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Hello, friends! Come over and line up behind me. We have a very, very important job to do today!"

During the Activity: "Your job is to scoop up one piece of food with your spoon and walk it very carefully all the way across the room to that basket/bin. We need to save all this food for later! Be careful not to drop it! [Child's name], you're first! Scoop up a piece of food. *(Pause.)* Okay, nice and steady ... walk it over and put it in the basket. *(Pause.)* You did it! You saved one piece of food! Great job! Come back and give the spoon to [next child's name], and they can save some food too!" *(Continue with each child. Repeat until all the food has been moved to the basket.)*

After the Activity: "Look! Our basket is full of food! You all did such an important job. You worked hard and saved the food! Today, in our true story from the Bible, we'll hear about a man named Joseph, and he had a big job collecting lots of food too! Let's go hear more about the big job Joseph had."

5 min

Worship

EADER: "Hi, friends! My name is [your name]. I am SO happy to see you today! We are going on an adventure together! Do you like adventures?"
(Pause.)

CHILDREN and LEADER: "Yes!"

LEADER: "Awesome! Before we go anywhere, let's practice our adventure walk together. Everyone, get up on your feet!"

(Stand up on your feet.)

"Let's tiptoe super quietly."

(Tiptoe while walking in place.)

"Good job! Now we need to stomp super big."

WORSHIP LEADER: "Let's serve the Lord and sing this song out together!"

SONG: "Coat of Many Colors"

(Exaggerated stomp in place.)

"Last one, let's march in place like super explorers!"

(March in place.)

"Great job!"

"Let's serve the Lord and sing this song out together!"

5 min

Amazing Music

What You Need

No supplies needed

10 min

Bible Story

10 min

Wonder Bible Story (Video)

What You Need

No supplies needed

Memory Verse

What You Need

No supplies needed

Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

What You Say:

"Great singing, friends! We are going to hear an awesome Bible story about Joseph today! Now let's learn some of God's words from the Bible. *(Open hands like a book.)* Are you ready? Watch me say the words from the Bible and do the motions, and then you can do them with me!

(Note: You can find examples of hand motions in the "Memory Verse Hand Motions" PDF and video, and on Pinterest.)

"'God (point up) is with you (point to self) wherever you go' (march in place). Joshua 1:9 (open hands like a book).

"Can you do that with me?"

(Lead children to say the Memory Verse with Hand Motions once or twice.)

"Great job, friends! God is with us everywhere we go!

5 min

Create Activity

5 min

Joseph's Journey Map | Made to Create

What You Need

	"Joseph's Journey Map" Activity Page	1
	"Joseph's Story Stickers" Activity	Several Pages
	Cardstock	Several
	Crayons or washable markers	Several
	Permanent marker	Several

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Print "Joseph's Journey Map" on cardstock, one per child. Print "Joseph's Story Stickers" on label paper, one set per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

During the Activity: Encourage children to color their picture, then add each sticker as you review the Bible Story.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Come on over, friends! Our Bible Story today is about a long and amazing journey that Joseph went on. Let's make a map to show all the places he went!"

During the Activity: "First, let's get our maps ready. Color the path and all the different places on your map. *(Allow time for children to color.)* Your maps look great! Now, we're going to use these special stickers to tell Joseph's story on our map. Let's find the right spot for each one.

"Joseph's story starts here *(point)* when Joseph's dad gave him a special, colorful coat. Find the sticker of the colorful coat. Let's put it right here by Joseph's home on the map. *(Pause.)* At home, God was with Joseph. This made his brothers mad, and they sent him to work far away in Egypt. Find the sticker of the mad brothers and put it here. *(Point.)* That was sad! God was with Joseph there too. *(Pause.)*

Later, Joseph was put in jail and God was with Joseph in jail. While Joseph was in jail, Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, had a dream, but he needed help to understand what it meant. Someone told him that Joseph could help him understand the dream. God was with Joseph and helped him understand Pharaoh's dream. Find the sticker of the dream bubble. *(Point.)* God was with Joseph there too. *(Pause.)* And at the very end of our story, the Pharaoh put Joseph in charge of all of Egypt. Joseph got to work, and he saved a lot of food for seven years. Find the sticker of the food and put it here. *(Point.)* God was with Joseph and helped him do a very important job!"

After the Activity: "Look at your amazing maps! You told the whole story of Joseph's journey. He went to happy places and sad places and even scary places. But no matter where he was, God was always with him. And just like God was with Joseph, He is always with you, too. **Who is always with you? [Bottom Line] God is always with me."**

Prayer

"Dear God, thank You for always being with us. Thank You for being with Joseph when things were hard and when things were good. Just like You were always with Joseph, help us remember You are with us wherever we go. We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Supplies

Saving the Food

Quantity

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