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"The Lord Was With Joseph"

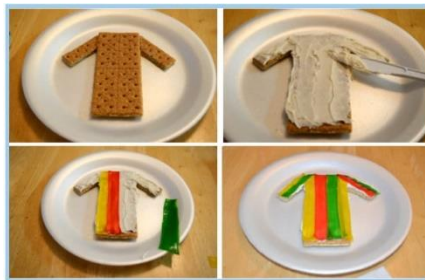
1. Joseph Scripture Costume/Figure – Paint or color a paper bag and cut holes for the arms and head to make a coat of many colors (images and instructions from [here](#)). While painting, talk about who Joseph was. He was the son of Jacob and Rachel, and his dad gave him a coat of many colors to let him know how much he loved him. His brothers were jealous of him so they were very mean to him.

- If you want to simplify a bit, you can color this [paper figure of Joseph from The Friend](#) instead.



2. Video – Watch/discuss any of the following videos and summarize what happened to Joseph. Note that the story of Joseph continues into next week's lesson. We'll focus more on his reunion with his brothers next week.
 - "[Joseph in Egypt](#)" video from Latter Day Kids
 - "[Joseph's Inspired Dreams](#)" video from the church
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3. Act Out the Story – Look at page 4 below while having the kids retell the story of what happened to Joseph. Then use the paper bag coat or paper figure to act out the story of what his brothers did to him and what happened afterward. It could be fun to make a video of each kid pretending to be Joseph and talking about everything that happened to him.
4. The Lord Was With Him – Joseph went through some really hard things, but does that mean the Lord didn't care about him? (No!). Share or summarize this quote from the manual:
 - *Sometimes bad things happen to good people. Life teaches us that lesson clearly, and so does the life of Joseph, the son of Jacob. He was heir to the covenant God had made with his fathers, but he was hated by his brothers and sold into slavery. He refused to compromise his integrity when approached by Potiphar's wife and so was cast into prison. It seemed that the more faithful he was, the more hardship he faced. But all this adversity was not a sign of God's disapproval. In fact, through it all, "the Lord was with him" ([Genesis 39:3](#)). Joseph's life was a manifestation of this important truth: God will not forsake us. "Following the Savior will not remove all of your trials," President Dieter F. Uchtdorf taught. "However, it will remove the barriers between you and the help your Heavenly Father wants to give you. God will be with you" ("[A Yearning for Home](#)," Ensign or Liahona, Nov. 2017, 22).*
 - Song: Sing "[Jesus Is Our Loving Friend](#)" and testify that Heavenly Father and Jesus love us SO much. They will help and guide us to good things, even when it seems like life is hard.
 - "[Joseph Trusted God](#)" from *The Friend* would be great to read as well.

5. Other Lessons (Being Kind) – Were Joseph’s brothers kind to him? (No!). Is it important to be kind to your siblings? (Yes!). What are some kind things they could have said or done for Joseph? What can we do when we’re mad at our siblings?
- Compliments and Kind Acts Coin Flip: Take turns saying and doing kind things for siblings (or class members if you’re doing this with primary). If you want to make it more game-like, you can flip a coin. If it lands on heads, you will SAY something kind about a sibling. If it lands on tails, you will DO something kind for a sibling. Take turns doing this multiple times.
 - Do the scripture draw on page 3.
 - Talk about any other lessons from this story that you feel like you need to focus on (fleeing temptation, God warning us of danger, etc.).
6. Emergency Preparedness – Read “[Joseph Prepares for Hard Times](#)” from *The Friend*. After discussing how Joseph helped them store food for later emergencies, come up with specific ways our family can be more prepared for future events. From the manual:
- [Genesis 41:15–57](#)
What do we learn from these verses about how the Lord blessed the people of Egypt through Joseph? What can we learn about preparing for future emergencies? Discuss what you can do to be better prepared as a family. For ideas, see Gospel Topics, “[Emergency Preparedness](#),” topics.ChurchofJesusChrist.org.
7. Coat of Many Colors Snack – Use graham crackers, frosting, and fruit roll-ups to make a coat of many colors while reviewing the story. We might just put M &M’s on the frosting instead of fruit roll-ups to make it colorful. Image and idea from [this website](#).



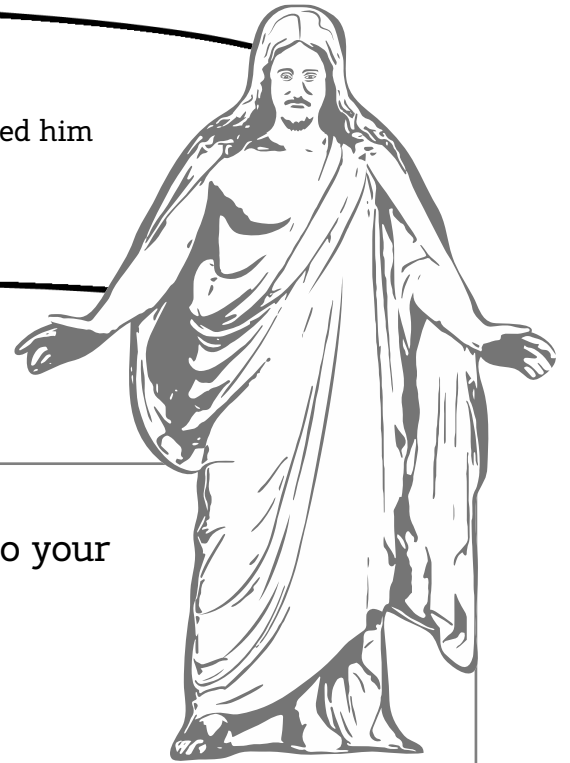
This “[Joseph: King of Dreams](#)” movie isn’t 100% biblically accurate, but we’re planning on watching it to go along with this lesson as well. The one in [this set on Amazon](#) is on sale and also comes with “The Prince of Egypt,” which can help discuss the story of Moses when we get to that story soon.

Additional Ideas:

More Great Free Ideas at www.theredcrystal.org
[Old Testament Cartoon Videos from the Church Website](#)

Genesis 37

Joseph's brothers were jealous of him and treated him unkindly.



Draw a picture of one way you will be kind to your family.



Illustration of Joseph's brothers taking away his coat, by Sam Lawlor