

# Joseph at Potiphar's house

Hello Mom and Dad

All people matter to God. All sorts of people whether difficult or easy in our eyes, matter to God because they are made in His image and likeness. You also are significantly loved and treasured by God who thinks good thoughts about you. "How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, you are still with me!" Psalm 139:17-18

Our kids are often met with challenges in their interactions and they may be hurt by the words and actions of others. We need to teach them to walk in the spirit of forgiveness, serving others like Jesus would. Joseph in Potiphar's house showed how to live a life of service even when he was wronged.

Our lesson objectives for this week:

- To teach kids to serve others when we have been wronged
- To learn to keep trusting God when things go wrong

To start your time together, we encourage you to thank the Lord out loud for His goodness and faithfulness. Ask each person what they are thankful for. Help each child indicate by making examples such as, "I am thankful to the Lord for His protection and for giving us food every day." Allow time for each child to state their thanksgiving.

We have put together a selection of songs you may use as you launch into the lesson.

We are cheering you on!

With love,  
3CKids Team



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## What to prepare:

- Read in advance:  
Genesis 39

## Praise and Worship:

Copy these links and paste it into your browser to play the songs of the week:

- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=twFAZfU\\_x4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=twFAZfU_x4) (**Send Your Rain**)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Wxi-F9R7I0> (**First**)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=shzOEbCWWS0&t=21s> (**I will go**)

## Memory verse:

Romans 14:19

**"So then, let us aim for harmony in the church and try to build each other up."**

## Declaration for the week:

***I forgive easily and  
I love to serve others***

## Activity Sheet

The activities are added to aid with general knowledge

- Activity – Find the path
- Activity – Word search
- Activity – Make up the words
- Activity – Colouring

## Fitness Fun

Fitness is always fun when you involve the family. Learn new skills and grow strong together with these exercises.

Spell your name and follow the exercise according to the alphabets in your name.

## Lesson Time

**Opening Activity:** Remember what you look like (this is for a group of kids)

Ask: How many of you looked in the mirror this morning? So, you should all know what you look like, right? I am going to say a statement about what you look like – if that sounds like you, I want you to jump on your feet and stay standing. (Mention what you see on each child, e.g. You have a pink ribbon on your head, you are wearing a dolphin t-shirt etc)

If it is one child in the room ask them about what they like about what they are wearing.

Say: What you look like is more than about the clothes you are wearing. God made you in His image and likeness, which means even though we all look different on the outside, we are like Him on the inside. That means we can learn to love, forgive and serve other people just like Jesus would.

Pray with me: Father God, thank You for today. Thank You that You will teach me how to be like Jesus in every situation. Teach me how to love, forgive and serve everyone in my world. In Jesus name. Amen.

Repeat the declaration: I forgive easily and I love to serve others

Ask: What do we know about Joseph from the Bible? (Lead the kids in answering – he was sold to be a slave by his brothers, he was loved by his dad, he was in jail for a long time)

Ask: If you were Joseph, how would you feel as someone who was new in a different country? (afraid? And shocked?)

Say: Joseph was in a new country in Egypt, with a different language, different culture and beliefs. Everything was strange for him. He only knew the one true God but in Egypt there were many gods. It was a big scary adjustment for Joseph. But Joseph trusted God because he knew that God was in control. Joseph was very hard working and the ruler of Egypt (Potiphar) saw that Joseph was hard working and put him in charge of his whole household and everything he owned.

Ask: What kinds of things do you think Joseph did when he was taking care of Potiphar's house? (Let kids give ideas)

Say: It looked like things were going great for Joseph. He was successful and he continued to trust God. When he was busy taking care of everything in the house, Potiphar's wife tried to make Joseph do something wrong and make a bad decision. Joseph knew that it was wrong and a sin against God so he ran away from her. Potiphar's wife lied about what happened and told her husband and everyone that Joseph did her wrong running away because he was guilty. Potiphar believe his wife and threw Joseph into prison.

Ask: How do you think Joseph felt being put into prison for something he did not do? (let the kids answer) – Ask: Have you ever been in trouble for something you did not do? (Let the kids answer)

Say: Being in trouble for something you did not do is really hard. Sometimes you want someone to believe you and hear what you have to say. Sometimes you may want the person who actually did the wrong thing to be punished. Joseph had to keep trusting God and not say anything bad about Potiphar and his wife. He served people in prison and helped everyone who needed help. This went on for a long time and Joseph kept trusting God. God rescued Joseph from prison and It may not always be easy but God wants us to help people who have done us wrong. He gives us His Holy Spirit who leads us and shows us what we can do everyday to help other people. We can trust God with our lives because He is always in control even when people say wrong things and do wrong things to us.





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### **Application:**

Say: Think about times you have been in trouble for something you did not do. Maybe your sister did something wrong and got you in trouble for it. Perhaps you both did wrong but you were the only one who got into trouble. Make a decision to forgive the person who did wrong and also the one who did not listen or believe you.

Pray after me: "Father God, I am so thankful for Your love today. Thank you for making me in Your image and Your likeness. With Your help, I choose to forgive all those who got me into trouble. Please forgive me where I have not helped or served others because I felt sad or angry about what others did. Please wash me in Your blood and make me clean. Please help me with a plan to love and serve others the way You would. In Jesus name, Amen"

Think of ways you can serve the people who have done something wrong against you.

Write a list and make it happen. Example:

- Make your sister's bed
- Give your brother some of your sweets
- Make tea for your mom with the help of someone older

Declare what the blood of Jesus has done for us. Let's say it together:

- By the blood of Jesus, I have been redeemed from the power of the enemy.
- By the blood of Jesus, all my sins are forgiven.
- Because I spend time with other Christians, the blood of Jesus cleanses me from sin.
- By the blood of Jesus, I am justified, and God sees me as if I have never sinned.
- By the blood of Jesus, I am sanctified and set apart for God's holy purpose.

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### **Devotion plans:**

You are welcome to use the devotions that accompany the lessons throughout the week to help each child connect to the Word daily. The devotions are aimed to help each child spend daily quiet time with the Lord through His word. If you have the means, assist each child to create a special place and help allocate a special time for their devotion.

Younger children: we encourage you to spend a few minutes a day reading the scripture to your child and helping them say the declaration.

Older children: help the children to read the daily scripture, reflect on what the Lord is saying to them and then write their own declaration for the day.

