



ELEMENTARY

OCTOBER WEEK 2 PLAN



1

WELCOME KIDS!

Play outside or color

10 MINS



2

ICE BREAKER GAME

“Rock, Paper, Scissors
Tournament”

5 MINS



3

WORSHIP SONGS and BIBLE STORY

20 MINS



4

JESUS CONNECTION

Salvation call

5 MINS



5

SMALL GROUP BREAK OUT

20 MINS

4TH / 5TH GRADE

- Discussion questions about Joseph
- Read Bible together



1ST / 2ND / 3RD GRADE

- My Backpack of Promises activity



ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS TOURNAMENT

1

EXPLAIN THE GAME

Rock beats scissors, scissors beat paper, and paper beats rock.



2

FIND A PARTNER

Everyone finds a partner to play one round. Ready... Rock, Paper, Scissors... GO!



3

WINNER MOVES ON

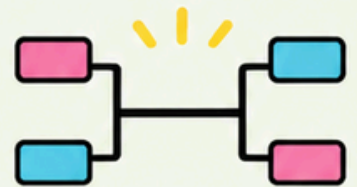
The winner moves to the next round. The person who loses cheers for their partner and finds a new partner.



4

KEEP PLAYING

Keep playing new partners each round until we get to the final 2!



5

FINAL ROUND

Our last 2 players will face off to see who is the Rock, Paper, Scissors Champion!



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HAVE FUN!

Be a good sport, cheer each other on, and remember it's just for fun!



JOSEPH BIBLE STORY

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1

RECAP – LAST WEEK

- Last week we learned that God takes care of us and is with us in good times and bad.
- Who remembers our story of Joseph from last week?
- What did Joseph's dad, Jacob give him as a special gift to show his love? (A coat of many colors)
- Did Joseph's 12 brothers like that Joseph was the favorite? No, they were jealous and sold him to merchants and Joseph went to Egypt with them.



2

INTRO TO TODAY

- Does that sound like it would be really hard to go through?
- Today we are going to put a weight (or can) into a backpack every time Joseph goes through something hard and makes his life feel heavy.
- I need a volunteer to wear the backpack as Joseph.



3

BIBLE PICTURE 1 – SOLD TO EGYPT

- Joseph's brothers sold him to travelers that were going to a faraway land called Egypt. **Add a weight.**
- Joseph was given an important job for Pharaoh the king.
- But one day Pharaoh's wife told a lie about Joseph. **Add a weight.**
- Joseph got in trouble and went to jail. **Add a weight.**
- But Joseph always made good choices and he was a good worker.

[READ Gen. 39:20-23](#)

4

BIBLE PICTURE 2 – PHARAOH'S DREAM [Read Gen. 41:1-8](#)

- One day the king sent for Joseph. He wanted his help to understand a dream.
- Joseph listened and God helped him to know exactly what the dream meant.
- Joseph told Pharaoh: For 7 years we will grow lots and lots of food. For the next 7 years nothing will grow.
- Do you think this was a hard or easy message to give Pharaoh? **HARD!** **Add a weight.**
- Even though that message wasn't easy to hear, Pharaoh knew God had helped Joseph and so he put Joseph in charge of building barns and saving food.
- Do you think this was an easy task? **Add a weight.**
- I'm sure it wasn't easy, but God was with Joseph and he became a very important person.



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BIBLE PICTURE 3 – JOSEPH SEES HIS BROTHERS AGAIN

- One day across the land there was no food growing. **Add a weight.**
- Lots of people were hungry. But God was with Joseph and since he had been prepared they came to Joseph to buy the food he had saved up.
- Joseph's family was also needing food, so they came a loooong way to Egypt to buy food.
- Joseph saw his brothers but they didn't know it was Joseph. (This would be hard.) **Add a weight.**
- He had grown up and was wearing fancy clothes from Egypt.
- Joseph didn't tell them who he was at first and gave them food.
- Do you think they were happy to get some food for their hungry family?
- After a while, they ran out of food and were hungry again. So what did they do?
- Yes, they went back to ask Joseph for more food, but this time Joseph said **"LOOK, IT'S ME JOSEPH!"**

READ Gen. 45:3-8

- They were so surprised! But they were a little scared wondering, "Is Joseph going to be mad at us for all the bad stuff we did to him?"
- Great news! Joseph was so happy to see his family. He was not mad at them, he forgave them and hugged them. He gave his little brother an extra big hug.
- "I'm not angry with you because God sent me here to do good and has taken care of me."



6

JESUS CONNECTION / OBJECT LESSON

- Does that backpack feel heavy with all the things that Joseph went through?
- Do you know that Jesus says to give our sins and heavy things in life and he will take them? (Start to take the weights out one at a time.)
- We just need to ask Jesus to come into our life.
- He says lay all your burdens on me! All our bad choices, all those times someone has been mean to you, all the hard things in life and he will take our burdens.
- Does that mean we will still go through hard times in life like Joseph? Yes, but Jesus will always be with us and help us through it all.
- Do you want to ask Jesus into your heart today and trust God like Joseph did even when it was hard? Raise your hand and repeat after me:

Jesus please come into my heart, forgive me for the wrong things I've done, help me know you will be with me on good days and bad. I love you. Amen.



JOSEPH

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

GENESIS 39-41 • 4TH & 5TH GRADE

1

JOSEPH IN EGYPT

Read Genesis 39:1-6

- Why do you think it was hard for Joseph to be taken away from his family?
- What does verse 2 tell us about who was with Joseph? How does that encourage you?



2

A WRONG ACCUSATION

Read Genesis 39:6-20

- What happened to Joseph and why was it unfair?
- What choices did Joseph make, even when it was hard?



3

JOSEPH IN PRISON

Read Genesis 39:21-23

- How did the prison warden feel about Joseph?
- What does this section teach us about working hard and trusting God, even in difficult places?



4

PHARAOH'S DREAMS

Read Genesis 41:1-46

- What did Pharaoh's dreams mean?
- How did Joseph respond, and what does this show us about trusting God and using the gifts He gives us?



JESUS CONNECTION

- Like Joseph, we will face hard situations in life. How does this story help us see that God is with us, even when things are unfair or difficult?
- How can we trust Jesus and make good choices, even when it's hard?



Joseph Forgives



Trace the words:

God meant it
for good.

Genesis 50:20

My Backpack of Promises

Joshua 1:9

1. Color 2. Cut out both backpacks 3. Glue around the edges of the plain backpack and press the two together, leaving the top unglued to make an opening 4. Fill your backpack with God's promises!



My Backpack of Promises — Promise Cards



**I am
with you
always**



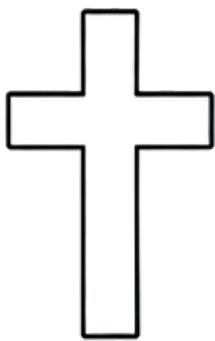
**Be
strong
and
brave**



**Do not
be
afraid**



**I will
help
you**



**I love
you**



**I hear
your
prayers**