

Lesson 31 Joseph Has a Dream

[Genesis 37:1-11](#)

Youtube Link: <https://youtu.be/-k9nf92Com0>

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/ntxwbyyJy7Y>

Worship Theme: God wants us to love our family.

Memory Verse: Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. (Eph. 6:1)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. Our God is so good <https://youtu.be/JUMy8rZvqjY>
2. The love of Jesus <https://youtu.be/W7hfRd0undE>
3. Shake us Lord <https://youtu.be/7KoUcleDz9c>

Prayer

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: "Group by Numbers!"



1. Have the children dance to a music, and when the teacher calls out a number, they have to group themselves according to the number.
2. For example, if the teacher says, "3" then they have to be in a group of 3 people.
3. Repeat the game as long as the children

are having fun.

Introduction:

The Bible is a love letter to us from God. Through it we learn of an absolutely holy, all-powerful, all-knowing Creator who has been reaching out with love to the people since the day he first created them. We learn that he loves us with a love like no other. His love is perfect, patient, kind, considerate, sacrificial, holy, and unfailing. Best of all, God's love is a gift, given to us before we even acknowledged him, poured out for us "while we were still sinners" (Romans 5:8). That means God loves us even when we're bad! That's the amazing love of God. God wants us to share His love with the our family!

Bible Story: (Print the pictures

Today we're going to find out about a family from the Bible that received the perfect love of God but wasn't able to share it perfectly. God loved Jacob with a perfect love, but Jacob wasn't able to love with his family perfectly. Jacob lived in Canaan with his 12 sons. He loved all of his sons, but he had a favorite.

Joseph was Jacob's favorite son. He was 17 years old and the 11th son out of 12. Joseph was the son from Rachel, the wife whom he loved. Joseph worked with his brothers watching the sheep, but he told on his brothers to Jacob when they were not doing a good job. Besides being a tattler, his father, Jacob, had given Joseph a special coat. Jacob did not give this special coat to other sons. Joseph's brothers were angry with him for being the favorite, and they were jealous because they didn't get beautiful coats from their father. They couldn't say a kind word about their little brother.

One night Joseph had a dream, and he told his brothers all about it. He said, "We were tying the sheaves of grain in the field when the sheaf I was tying stood tall while all of your sheaves of grain gathered around mine and bowed down to it." His brothers didn't

like this dream because it sounded like Joseph thought he was better than they were and that he should rule over them. They began to hate Joseph.

Joseph didn't pay much attention to his brothers' feelings. The next time he had a dream, he told his brothers and his father about it. "I dreamed the sun and the moon and 11 stars all bowed down to me," Joseph said. His father wondered about the dream, but his brothers were furious!

God loved Jacob and his family with a perfect love. And Jacob loved God, but he wasn't able to love God or his sons with the same perfect love. And his sons also did not love each other with God's love. They were all very unhappy.

Sometimes, families love each other well and get along great. Other times, families can act more like Joseph's. We might fight with our family members, get mad at each other, or brag to each other. Even though we don't show love perfectly, God does. God will always love us perfectly, no matter what we think or how we act.

Next week, we'll learn more about what happens when family members don't love each other.

Questions to discuss:

1. How many brothers does Joseph have? (11 brothers)
2. Who is Jacob's favorite son? (Joseph)
3. What did Jacob give to Joseph (Special coat)
4. Why do Joseph's brothers hate him? (Because they are jealous)
5. Do you love your parents and siblings? (Tell your parents and siblings that you love them when you go home today.)

Memory Verse:

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right." (Eph. 6:1)

Craft: Color Joseph's coat!

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Prayer

Devotion for Teachers

As we follow Christ and grow in his love, we will naturally want to demonstrate his love in our families. Jacob's sons all needed the love and favor of their father. Reread Genesis 37:3-4. How did Jacob's favoritism toward Joseph affect his other sons? As you teach students, remember that every student is special and want to be loved by their teacher. Decide to show special love and encouragement to your students this week.

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Memory Verse: _____
