

MEMORY VERSE/BIG IDEA

TODAY'S MEMORY VERSE/BIG IDEA: Show the children the memory verse/big idea and talk about where it comes from (the Bible, the OLD Testament, the book of Genesis, God said these words.) Discuss what the verse/big idea means.

(3-5yrs) "You meant to hurt me. But God turned your evil into good..." Genesis 50:20a

(0-2yrs) (More parent-led due to age.) God helps his people.

VERSE MOTIONS

"You meant to hurt me. But God turned your evil into good..."

You- point out to "you"

Me- point back at yourself

God- point up to God

Evil- thumbs down

Good- thumbs up

BIBLE STORY AND REVIEW QUESTIONS:

Ages 3-Kindergarten read all and do review questions. Under age 2 read the **blue text** and skip review questions.

1. Joseph was a young man- he was 17 years old. Joseph had 11 brothers, but his dad, Jacob, loved Joseph more than the other brothers. Joseph was his dad's favorite son. Jacob made a beautiful robe with many colors for his favorite son, Joseph. Joseph's brothers were angry. They saw that their father, Jacob, loved Joseph more than them, and they were jealous.

Joseph had many dreams that his brothers didn't like, either. Joseph told his brothers about dreams he had while sleeping. These dreams said that Joseph would have more power than his brothers someday. Joseph's brothers were mad at him for acting like he was more special than them.

Review Question: Why were Joseph's brothers angry with him?

Answer: their father liked him the most and made him a special robe, Joseph told them dreams about how he would have more power than them someday

2. One day, Joseph's brothers went to take care of the flocks of sheep. His father, Jacob, sent Joseph to check on his brothers and the sheep. On the way there, the brothers saw Joseph coming towards them. They made a plan to hurt Joseph because

they were angry with him. But one brother, Reuben, tried to save Joseph. He said, "Let's just drop him in this empty well instead of hurting him. Then we can leave him behind. That's better than hurting him. He's still our brother, after all." Reuben had a plan to come back later and let Joseph out of the well so that he could come back home.

When Joseph reached his brothers, he was wearing the beautiful, colorful robe that his dad had made for him. The brothers took it away from him. Then they threw him down into the empty well.

Review Question: What did Joseph's brothers do to him?

Answer: threw him down into an empty well

3. The brothers then went to eat their lunch. While they were eating, some men came walking by with camels who were carrying lots of things to sell. The men were on their way to Egypt. Judah, one of the brothers, said, "How about we sell Joseph to these traders on camels? Then we can make some money and he'll go far away with them so no one will find out what we have done." Joseph's brothers sold him to the traders for some silver. The traders took Joseph far away to Egypt. Reuben wasn't there when

BIBLE STORY AND REVIEW QUESTIONS CONTINUED

Joseph was sold. He thought Joseph was still in the empty well. So he came back to let Joseph out of the well, but Joseph wasn't there. Reuben ran to his brothers and told them that Joseph wasn't there.

Review Question: What did Joseph's brothers do to him when men with camels came passing by?

Answer: they sold him to the traders for some silver

4. The brothers made a plan so that no one would find out what they did. They got Joseph's colorful robe and put blood stains on it. They wanted to pretend that a wild animal had eaten Joseph. Then no one would think that the brothers had done anything wrong. The brothers took the robe to their father, Jacob. He saw the stain and cried for a long time because he thought Joseph had died.

Review Question: What did Joseph's brothers pretend had happened to Joseph?

Answer: they acted like he had been eaten by a wild animal

5. But, Joseph was alive. God had a plan to help Joseph. While Joseph was in Egypt, God would make Joseph a favorite of the king. The king would make Joseph second-in-charge of the country. **And later, because Joseph listened to God, he would save all of Egypt and his whole family from a famine. What Joseph's brothers had planned for evil, God turned into something good.**

Review Question: What did God do for Joseph?

Answer: helped him, made him the king's favorite and second-in-charge of the country, helped him save Egypt and his family from a famine

ACTIVITY

CLOTHES OF MANY COLORS

Joseph's father Jacob made him a beautiful coat, or robe, that had many colors. Back then, it was hard to make some colors of clothing, so Joseph's coat was very special. Now we're going to see how many colors you can find to wear!

Go to where you keep your clothes. Find shirts, socks, pants, shoes, etc. with different colors on them and put them on. How many different colors can you find and wear at the same time? Can you find and put on more colors than your brother, sister, or parents? When you're ready, name each color on your clothing and count how many colors you are wearing. Whoever is wearing the most colors, wins! After you win, don't forget to put all your clothes back into your closet or drawers! We would also love to see a picture of your crazy colorful outfit on our First Light Littles Facebook page!

COLORING PAGE:

See the link on the COVID-19 Resources site for the coloring page. Cut out the faces and glue them to the face outlines on the other page. Or, you can use the faces as examples to draw the faces onto the outlines of the heads. Post a picture of your completed coloring page on our Facebook page (First Light Littles) so that we can all see your artwork!

SONG

Joseph's Coat of Many Colors [To the tune of "10 Little Indians" ("1 little, 2 little, 3 little Indians...")]

WORDS

Joseph had a coat of colors,
Dad loved him more than the others.
Sad this did make all his brothers,
Let's go count those colors!

1 pretty, 2 pretty, 3 pretty colors,
4 pretty, 5 pretty, 6 pretty colors,
7 pretty, 8 pretty, 9 pretty colors
10 colors on Joseph's coat!

Joseph had a coat of colors,
Dad loved him more than the others.
Sad this did make all his brothers,
Let's go name those brothers!

Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah,
Issachar, Zebulun, Gad, and Asher
Dan, Naphtali, Joseph, Benjamin
These are the sons of Jacob.

MOTIONS

Coat- pretend to put on coat
Loved- hug yourself
Sad- point to frown on your face

1,2,3, etc. hold up corresponding number of fingers

Coat- pretend to put on coat
Loved- hug yourself
Sad- point to frown on your face

With each son's name, hold up an additional finger
counting upward