



Family Worship Guide

The Hallows Church Kids Ministry

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A Note To Parents: The following content is a continuation of the material taught on Sundays during our Kids Ministry gathering. Below you will see three elements: *singing* the gospel, *speaking* the gospel, and *seeing* the gospel. This threefold movement is the normal dynamic we adhere to in our classrooms. Its purpose is to provide a well-rounded lesson of learning that speaks to many different learning styles and ages.

For the first section, there are links to songs to sing together. The second is a fun activity your family can do together that naturally moves into the Bible story. We want each and every passage to explicitly teach us deeper truths of the gospel. For that reason, I have written in a “gospel connection.” This is for you to read aloud after the Bible story so your kids can end on the gospel. The memory verse and catechism are normally slightly separate in content in the Bible story. This is because we have incorporated catechisms and continued memory verses into our services to serve the kids in teaching doctrine and scripture memorization. Therefore, this material is operating on its own sequence. For consistency sake, we would appreciate trying out this order.

However, many families already have a routine for family worship and if that is you, then by all means, continue in your normal routine! I am praying you will enjoy this time with your family as you worship Jesus together!

Bible Passage: Gen. 37:1-36; 39:1-41:57

Gospel Project Lesson: Unit 3, Session 3

New City Catechism Question: 25

Main Point: God used Joseph's suffering for good.

SING the Gospel

- ▶ *Lion and the Lamb* - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ywDx2JgNVHc>
- ▶ *Who You Say I Am* - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7NMBZKAA7vI&list=PLyenLhZIWQ_wPeC3nXksRdD3PjXv4TS&index=3&t=0s

SPEAK the Gospel

- ▶ **Fun Family Game:** Coat of Many Colors
 - **Supplies:** Poster board/cardboard, marker, construction paper, scissors, tape
 - **Instructions:** Draw the shape of a coat or long shirt on a piece of poster board. Guide kids to cut pieces of construction paper and tape them on the coat
 - **Make the Connection:** Jacob showed that Joseph was his favorite son by giving him a beautiful coat of many colors. Joseph's brothers were very jealous of Jacob's love for Joseph, so they did something terrible to him. Even when Joseph's situation wasn't good, God was still in control and used all of Joseph's suffering for good!
- ▶ **Bible Story** (Read aloud to kids):

Jacob and his family were home in Canaan, the land God promised to Abraham and his family. Jacob had 12 sons, but his favorite son was Joseph. Jacob gave Joseph a colorful robe. The other brothers hated Joseph.

One day, Joseph shared with his brothers a dream he had. He dreamed that he and his brothers were putting together bundles of grain. Suddenly Joseph's grain stood up and the others bowed down to his. Then Joseph had another dream. In this dream, Joseph saw the sun, the moon, and 11 stars bowing to him. This dream meant all of Joseph's family would one day bow down to Joseph.

Some time later, Jacob sent Joseph to check on his brothers, who were tending to the sheep. When the brothers saw Joseph coming, they decided to kill him. Reuben, Joseph's oldest brother, convinced the others to throw him into a pit instead. The brothers threw Joseph into the pit. Then they saw a caravan of people heading to Egypt. The brothers sold Joseph to them as a servant. The travelers sold Joseph to an Egyptian officer named Potiphar.

The Lord was with Joseph and made him successful at everything he did. Potiphar's wife tried to get Joseph to sin against God and Potiphar, but Joseph refused. This made her angry, and she accused Joseph of doing something he didn't do. Potiphar believed his wife, and Joseph went to jail.

God was with Joseph and blessed him. The jail warden put Joseph in charge of the other prisoners, and God made Joseph successful. Two of the prisoners Joseph cared for were Pharaoh's cupbearer and baker. Both of them told Joseph about dreams they had, and Joseph told them what the dreams meant. Joseph said that one day, the cupbearer would serve Pharaoh again, but the baker would not because in three days, the baker would die. Joseph asked the cupbearer to remember him and to tell Pharaoh that he did not deserve to be in jail. The cupbearer did serve Pharaoh again, but he forgot about Joseph for two years.

At that time, Pharaoh had two dreams. Pharaoh saw seven fat cows eaten by seven skinny cows, and seven fat heads of grain eaten by seven thin heads. No one knew what these dreams meant! That's when the cupbearer remembered Joseph.

God told Joseph what Pharaoh's dreams meant, and Joseph explained the dreams to Pharaoh. "The dreams represent seven years of lots of food followed by seven years with no food. You should pick someone to save food during the good years to use during the bad years."

Pharaoh made Joseph second-in-command in all of Egypt. Joseph stored away food during the good years, and during the famine, people came to him to buy grain.

Gospel Connection: Maybe Joseph felt alone in the pit and in prison. Did God forget Joseph? No. God was with Joseph, and He had a wonderful plan. Centuries later, God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world as part of that family.

Jesus experienced true loneliness and ultimate suffering as He died on the cross for our sins. God raised Jesus from the dead. When we trust in Him, God forgives our sin. We won't experience true loneliness because Jesus promised to always be with us. (Matt. 28:20) And compared to the weight of glory awaiting believers, our suffering on earth is "momentary light affliction" (2 Cor. 4:17).

God is in control of our lives, and He uses suffering and injustice to accomplish His plans in and through us. We can trust God's faithfulness. Through all circumstances, God's will prevails—all for His glory and our good.

▶ **Scripture Memory Verse**

“God raised him up, ending the pains of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says of him: I saw the Lord ever before me; because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore, my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices.” - Acts 2:24-26

▶ **Catechism Question 25:**

Q: Does Christ’s death mean all our sins can be forgiven?

A: Yes, because Christ’s death on the cross fully paid the penalty for our sin, God will remember our sins no more.

SEE the Gospel

▶ **Discussion Questions**

1. What book is this story from? Why do think God gave it to us?
2. Who in this story needs the gospel?
3. (For OT) What is God doing for his people in this story? How does God do the same for us- only better- in Jesus?
4. How does believing this good news change the way we live?