



PHUMC Sunday School lessons for Preschool – 5th grade.

September 12, 2021 – Joseph in Egypt (Genesis 39:20-40:23)

Prepare to Wonder

Faith Word: Reconciliation

Reconciliation is a big word for little ones. Reconciliation can be hard to understand for adults, as well as children. Forgiving someone does not necessarily bring about reconciliation. Reconciliation restores a right relationship with the person you are in conflict with. Reconciliation can be a slow process, not unlike growing a plant. The seed must be planted in good soil. It must be nurtured and cared for as it grows. The seed of reconciliation must be planted in a truly remorseful person, who takes the time to nurture and care for the person wronged. Eventually, as a seed may bloom, a relationship may be restored.

The Bible story this week tells us about the dreams Joseph had. Joseph believed the dreams came from God. Joseph also believed his ability to interpret the dreams came from God. In the Bible story this week, Joseph was in prison for something he did not do. Instead of complaining and losing hope, Joseph used his gift of dream interpretation for the pharaoh's baker and cupbearer. Joseph correctly interpreted the events that would unfold and that will help him in next week's lesson.

Joseph was treated badly, and that would have made many people angry and mad. Not Joseph. He continued to use the opportunities God provided him to grow seeds of reconciliation. Joseph continues to mature and learn from each unfortunate event.

Wonder with Me

READ the Bible Story

- Joseph in Egypt, from Genesis 39:20-40:23 (*Read from your Bible or see one of the following pages for a picture of the Celebrate Wonder version.*)

WATCH the Bible Story

- <https://youtu.be/sD9TPm1oUTI>

SHARE the Faith Word

Faith Word: Reconciliation – means to bring peace between persons who have disagreed. You could say this word also means forgiveness. You forgive so you can be reconciled and stay friends with those you disagree with.

WONDER Together:

1. Do you have a special ability, or gift, that helps you be able to help others?
2. In our story we heard that Joseph did. He could interpret what dreams meant.
3. Have you ever had a dream? Did you ever wonder what your dream may have meant?
4. God helped Joseph be able to help others. He can help you help others too. Can you think of a time that God helped you help someone?

Spiritual Practice

• Share the Celebrate Wonder Family Spiritual Practice

After reading the bible story from the Bible or from the picture above, do the spiritual practice together.

Say: **A spiritual practice is something we do to help us connect to God. God wants us to forgive others. Forgiving and reconciling with others helps us grow closer.**

Say: **I want you to think of someone you have hurt and you need to say you are sorry to. Imagine saying sorry to them. Imagine they say you are forgiven.**

Say: **This week remember to ask for forgiveness and forgive those who hurt you.**

Go in Peace

Blessing: Touch your child and say: **“May you always carry forgiveness in your heart. God bless you.”**

Prayer: Dear God, help me forgive those who hurt me. Amen.

Additional Activity for each age group

Select the material toward the end of the lesson that is age appropriate for your child(ren)

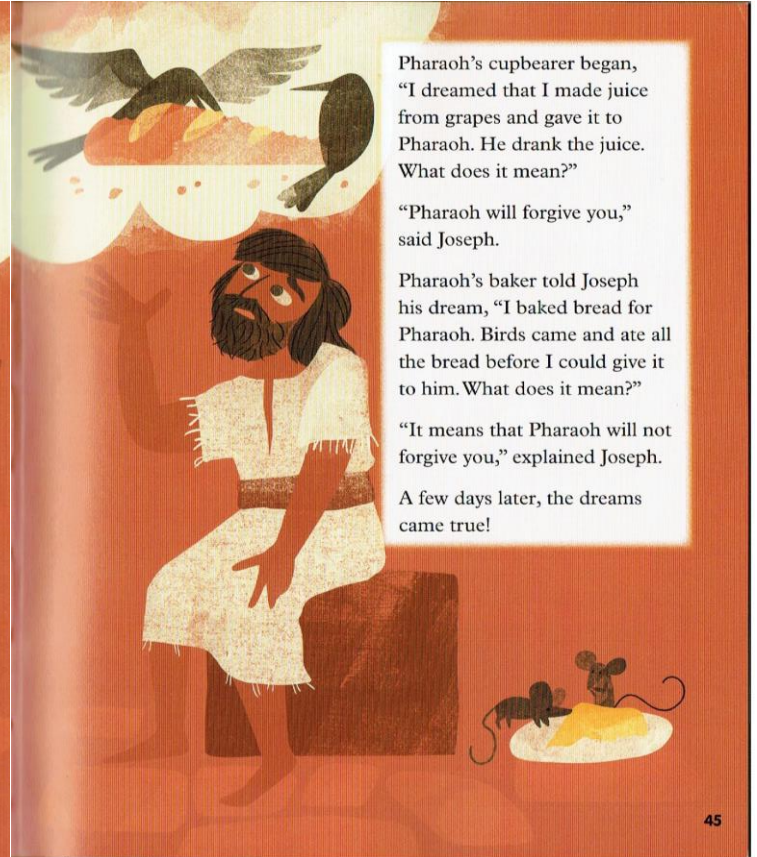
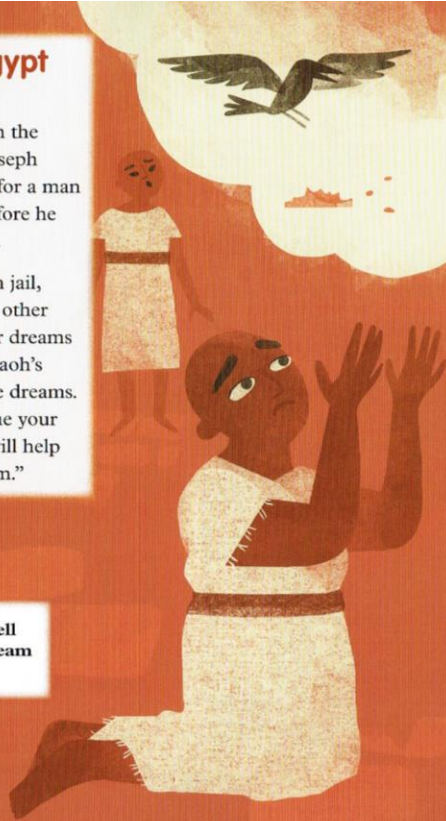
Joseph in Egypt

Genesis 39:1–40:23

Joseph traveled with the traders to Egypt. Joseph worked for a while for a man named Potiphar before he threw Joseph in jail.

While Joseph was in jail, he began to tell the other prisoners what their dreams meant. Two of Pharaoh's workers had strange dreams. Joseph said, "Tell me your dreams, and God will help me understand them."

I wonder: Can you tell someone about a dream you have had?



Pharaoh's cupbearer began, "I dreamed that I made juice from grapes and gave it to Pharaoh. He drank the juice. What does it mean?"

"Pharaoh will forgive you," said Joseph.

Pharaoh's baker told Joseph his dream, "I baked bread for Pharaoh. Birds came and ate all the bread before I could give it to him. What does it mean?"

"It means that Pharaoh will not forgive you," explained Joseph.

A few days later, the dreams came true!

Color Sheet for all



Faith Word—Unit 1

RECONCILIATION



Preschool Activity

Retell the Story with Song

Supplies: None.

Help your child retell the story by learning the following song to the tune of “The Farmer in the Dell.”

(Sing) **To Egypt, Joseph went. To Egypt, Joseph went.**
The Lord was with young Joseph.
To Egypt, Joseph went.

Say: **Last week Joseph was given a special robe from his father, Jacob. The robe made Joseph’s brothers mad, so they sold him to a man who took him to Egypt.**

Ask: **What happened to Joseph in the Bible story today?**

Wonder: **Which part of the story did you like? Which part did you not like?**

Early Elementary Activity

Silly Story-Puzzle

Supplies: copy of the activity sheet below

SAY: Fill out the puzzle using silly answers. Then find Genesis 39:1-40:23 to learn the correct answer. HAVE FUN!!!

Older Elementary Activity

Silly Story-Puzzle

Supplies: copy of the activity sheet below

SAY: Fill out the puzzle using silly answers. Then find Genesis 39:1-40:23 to learn the correct answer. HAVE FUN!!!

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Silly Story – Puzzle

Fill in the blanks using silly words. Then find Genesis 39:1–40:23 in a *Common English Bible* to learn the correct answers.

Joseph traveled to _____. Joseph worked for a
man named _____. But _____ had Joseph thrown
into _____. While Joseph was there, a man told him a
dream. In the dream, the man made _____ and gave
it to Pharaoh. Joseph told him the meaning of the dream.
He would be free soon. Another man told Joseph his
dream. In the dream, the man made _____ for
Pharaoh. But some _____ ate the _____. Joseph
told the man that he would not be set free.

Later, the dreams came true. Joseph was eventually
freed from _____. He went to see the pharaoh.