



## RADICAL LOVE – “LOVE GOD FOR NO REASON”

### LESSON OVERVIEW

**Revelation:** Love God for No Reason

**Bible Lesson:** Genesis 37-50 (The Story of Joseph), Job 1:6

**Heart:** Joseph had no reason to love God when everything was taken away from him, but he held onto a dream that brought God’s mercy and love to a nation

**Memory Verse:** “He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?”  
– Micah 6:8

### GAME

- Musical Chairs
- 4-Corners
- Playground

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Page Team Lead for all communication of needs (supplies, parent assistance, medical, restroom breaks)
- NEVER leave the classroom without paging Team Lead
- NEVER be alone with a child – this includes one on one conversations
- NO pictures or video recording is allowed in the classroom
- Every child and serve team member MUST wear their name tag

### RULES

- Respect

### DECLARATION

“I am a child of God, full of His Holy Spirit. I am learning His ways. I am made to encounter and connect with Him daily. I am walking in His favor and carrying His presence wherever I go.”

### CONNECT WITH GOD FOCUS

- Creation



## REVELATION

**SAY** | Radical love is when you love God for no reason. If He never did anything for you ever again, you still love Him. Radical love is when you love God because He is God.

Jesus tells us in Matthew 22:37-38 that the most important commandment is “...Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love Him with all your mind.”

In this series we will dive into what it means to love the Lord with all your heart, soul, and mind.

In the book of Job, we get a picture of someone who loved God for no reason. Satan came to God from roaming the earth and the Lord said to Satan, “Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one on earth like him, a man who is blameless and upright, who fears God and shuns evil.” Satan answered the LORD, “Does Job fear (honor) God for nothing?” Satan goes on to tell God that He has blessed Job and protected him and his family, but if he were to lift His hand of favor off of Job, Job would curse Him. So, the Lord lifted His hand from Job and allowed Satan to test him. But though Job lost all he had and all of his children, Job never cursed God. He loved God for no reason, He had radical love.

**Our revelation today is, Love God for No Reason.**

**Let’s pray**, Holy Spirit, we welcome you here, we don’t make room for you, but we give you the entire room. We ask you to teach us your ways so that we may know you and find your favor. Speak Lord, your servants are listening. Amen.

## BIBLE LESSON

**TEACHER PROMPT** | If you memorize this story and this lesson, it will help you teach it in excellence and allow Holy Spirit to speak to you and through you.

**BIBLE LESSON INTRO** | Our Bible lesson today is found in Genesis 37-50



Our story begins with a man named Joseph. Joseph was one of the 12 sons of Jacob, he was Jacob's favorite son because He was born of his wife Rachel, whom Jacob loved. God gave Joseph 2 dreams, in both dreams his brothers are all bowing down to him. Little did Joseph know, these dreams were a prophetic picture into God's plan to save his family in a desperate time to come, Joseph would soon hold on to this dream. With no hesitation, Joseph shared his dreams with his family, this did not make them happy. One day his brothers schemed against Joseph and threw him in a well and wanted to kill him!

How do you think Joseph felt in this moment? (allow for response) In this moment, Joseph had no reason to love God, after all he was just thrown into a well by his own brothers and was about to be left to die. Though he may have felt abandoned by God, God did not leave him.

After throwing him into the well, Joseph's brothers saw some traders passing by and decided instead of killing him, they would trade him for 20 pieces of silver. Now Joseph had been sold into slavery in Egypt, but God was with him, and he found favor in God's eyes. Joseph was even put in charge of all of his master's house! That was until his master's wife lied about him and had him thrown in jail...

Once again Joseph was treated wrongly, how could he continue to love God when, for a second time, he was betrayed? How would you respond if everything you had was taken from you, not one but two times? (allow for response).

Yet Joseph continued to serve God and God was with him. Because the Lord was with Joseph, he found favor with the prison guards and not long after, he was put in charge of all the prisoners. Later he went on to interpret two dreams of fellow prisoners and both dreams came true the way Joseph said they would.

Two years later... Pharaoh had two dreams that no one in the kingdom could interpret, then one of the prisoners whom Joseph had told him his dream and who was set free remembered Joseph in prison. Joseph was brought to Pharaoh, and he told him his dream. The dream was a prophetic warning from the Lord of a time to store up food for 7 years for a famine that was coming. This famine would cause all



of Egypt and surrounding cities to not have any food for 7 more years. Pharaoh listened to Joseph and put him in charge of all of the land of Egypt.

During the famine, one day his brothers, who sold him, made their way to Egypt to buy food for the family. Though they did not recognize Joseph, they bowed down to him, in honor, in order to get food for the family. The prophetic dream that God gave Joseph as a boy would in turn bring saving to his own family.

Joseph could have given up at any point, the hard times and suffering he went through would have been more than enough reason to no longer serve God. But Joseph had Radical Love for God, it didn't matter if he was in a well, a servant, or in a prison, Joseph loved God no matter what he was facing. He loved God for no reason.

When you have Radical Love for God, no matter what you are facing, God will be with you, just like he was there for Joseph. Because of Joseph's love for God, he found favor in His sight. Joseph loved God for no reason and this love brought God's mercy and love to a whole nation and his own family.

**Our revelation today is, Love God for No Reason.**

**TEACHER PROMPT** | Ask Holy Spirit what He wants to do in this next moment. This could look like leading an altar call for accepting Jesus as Lord no matter what they are facing. Or a time where they can come forward for prayer to have love like Joseph, radical love.

## **SALVATION + DISCUSSION**

**TEACHER PROMPT** | This invitation to an eternity with Jesus is huge! Be sensitive to what Holy Spirit wants to do in this time. Ask Him to think through your thoughts and speak through your mouth!

**SAY** | God loves YOU so much that He gave his only Son that anyone who believes, in Jesus, might be saved and have everlasting life, John 3:16. God wants to be close to you. He has taken every step to be close to you. If you have never accepted



Jesus into your heart, you can today! (You can invite children to raise hands, come forward, etc. have everyone repeat prayer together)

**PRAYER** | Father God you are Holy. Holy Spirit, we thank you for all that you teach us and that we get to know you Jesus, we thank you for laying down your life so that we can be close to you. Jesus, would you forgive us from our sins. Would you come live in our heart forever. Amen.

**CELEBRATION** | At TLC one of our values is Celebration. If you made this amazing decision to give your life to Jesus today, please stand up so we can CELEBRATE YOU! Let's Celebrate our friends who gave their life to Jesus today! WOOHOO!!

**NOTE** | List names of any child that received Jesus today on the Feedback Sheet

**ASK** | Encourage children to participate by answering the below questions:

- + What did Holy Spirit highlight to you in this story today?
- + How do you think you would react in this situation if you were there?
- + What is our memory verse?
- + What was our revelation?
- + What was our Bible Lesson about?

## **BENEDICTION PRAYER**

"Teach us your ways that we may know you and find your favor." – Exodus 33:13

## **BIBLE TRIVIA**

### **1. What was our memory verse?**

("He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8)

### **2. What was our revelation?**

(Love God For No Reason)



**3. What was our Bible Story about?**

(Joseph and his life of loving God for no reason)

**4. Who threw Joseph into a pit and sold him into slavery?**

(His brothers.)

**5. Why was Joseph thrown in Jail?**

(His masters wife lied about him.)

**6. Why was Joseph put in charge of all of the food supplies?**

(Because God used him to interpret Pharaohs dream.)

**7. Did Joseph's original dreams come true that his family would bow down to him?**

(Yes, when they came to buy food)

**8. Did God have a plan to save Joseph and his family all along?**

(YES!)

**TEACHER PROMPT** | Fill in the blank with the number of salvations: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name and classroom name: \_\_\_\_\_

Feedback: \_\_\_\_\_

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