Joseph as a Boy

Genesis 37:1-28; 39:1-2

Bible Memory Verse: "Serve the Lord with all your heart." ~ 1 Samuel 12:20

Supplies needed for this lesson: Crayons, scissors, glue stick, cotton balls (optional)

During the month of November, we're going to be learning about two people who were spoken to by God when they were children and who went on to serve God their whole lives. This week we're going to learn about Joseph.

Joseph was the son of Jacob. Jacob had 12 sons in all. As a child, Joseph helped his brothers watch the family's sheep. For our first activity today, we're going to make sheep ears to remind us that God cares for sheep and God cares for us all the time. Print the sheep ears template from the end of this lesson plan. Cut out the ears and the band to go around your head (you can ask a grown up for help). If you have them, glue cotton balls to the ears. If not, just go to the next step. Next, glue the ears to the band. Then glue the band together at the ends to make a circle. (depending on the size of your head, you may need to cut out more than one band) Great job! Are sheep soft and fluffy or hard and prickly? What noise does a sheep make? Very nice! Now, let's find out more about Joseph and his family from the Bible.

Today's Bible adventure comes from the book of Genesis (that's the first book in the Bible) Click the video link at the LCKids web page to watch Miss Sue and Woolly as they talk about Joseph and a beautiful coat his Dad gave him. You can also read this true story by clicking the link called *PS-K Bible Story*.

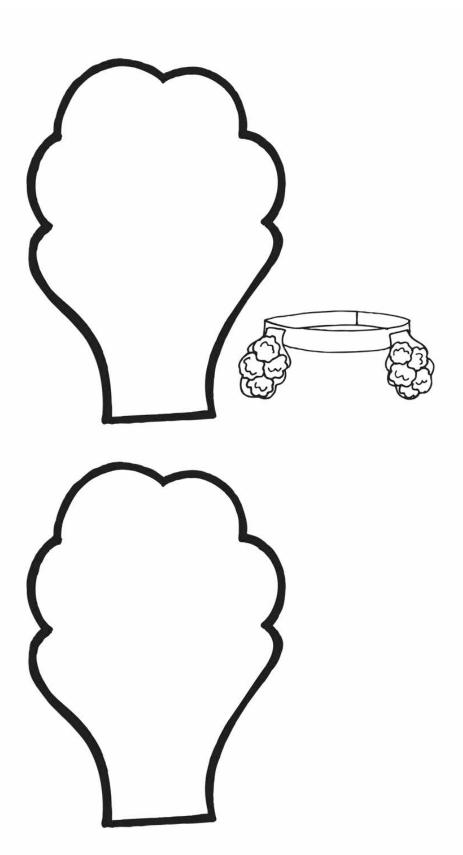
Joseph's brothers seemed pretty mad that their father gave Joseph such a special gift. They were so mad, in fact, that they sold him to some travelling salesmen! But God loved Joseph even more than Jacob and He cared for Joseph wherever he went. **God cares for us all the time**, too. Next week we'll learn more about Joseph and how God continued to care for him his whole life.

God cares for us all the time. He cares for us no matter where we are, what we do or how we feel. For our final activity today, we're going to make a craft that will help us remember that God always cares for us. Print this week's Make n share from the end of this lesson plan. (print on a single page or print on two pages and glue them together back to back) Finish coloring the pictures. Then cut along the heavy black lines at the top and to make three flaps. Fold on the dotted line so the faces are covering the pictures. What feelings are pictured on each flap? [sad, afraid, happy] As you open each flap, say "When I am (insert feeling that matches the face on the flap), God cares for me." How blessed are we that God cares for us all the time!

Great job today! Let's end our lesson with a prayer of thanks:

Dear God, thank You that You care for us all the time, no matter where we are, what we do or how we feel. Help us to remember and thank You every day for Your love and care. We love You, Jesus! Amen.

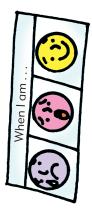
This week's family page, *Heart Tugs*, can be found at the LCKids web page. At the end of this lesson plan, there is a letter for your grown up that tells them what we will be learning for the next few weeks as well as a poster of our Memory Verse for this month's lessons. And don't forget to check out next week's lesson to find out what happens to Joseph next!



Sheep Ear Patterns

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God Cares Faces



When I am..



God cares for me.

God cares for me.

God cares for me.

Instructions

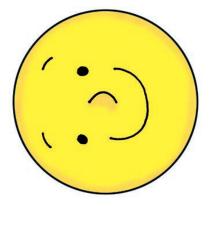
- 1. Finish coloring the pictures.
- 2. Cut on the heavy black lines.
- 3. Fold up the faces flaps to cover the pictures.

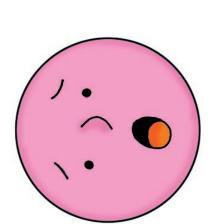
4. Open each flap. Tell how God cares for you when you are sad, afraid, or happy.

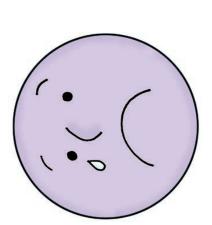


God cares for me too.

God cared for Joseph. Genesis 37:1-28; 39:1, 2

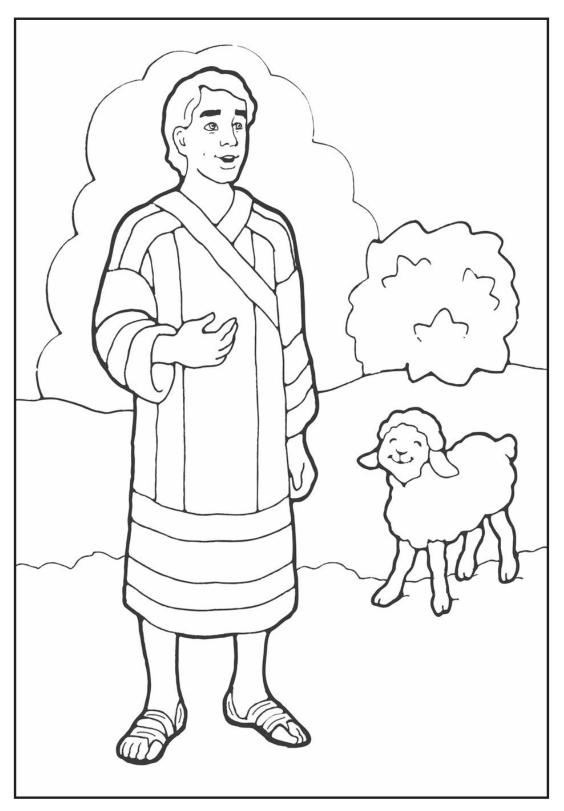








Joseph's father gave him a colorful coat.



God cares for us all the time.

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Dear Family,

Your child probably knows many people who serve the Lord. Besides you, there are teachers, ministers, and missionaries who serve the Lord on a regular basis. The lessons your child will learn over the next four weeks are about two men who chose to serve God. Your child will know that he can serve God too. You may want to plan some ways for you and your child to serve God together.

Here's what your child will explore and learn:

Joseph and Samuel

Week 1 • Joseph as a Boy (Genesis 37, 39)

Week 2 • Joseph Serves God All His Life (Genesis 39, 41, 42, 45, 47)

Week 3 • Samuel as a Boy (1 Samuel 1–3)

Week 4 • Samuel Serves God All His Life (1 Samuel 3, 8–10, 12)

The following is the Bible Memory for this unit. Encourage your child to learn this Bible verse:

"Serve the Lord with all your heart" (1 Samuel 12:20, *ICB*).

Please let us know of any concerns or suggestions you have. We're here to serve you and your child.

Blessings, Miss Kim

Serve the Lord with all your heart.

1 Samuel 12:20, ICB