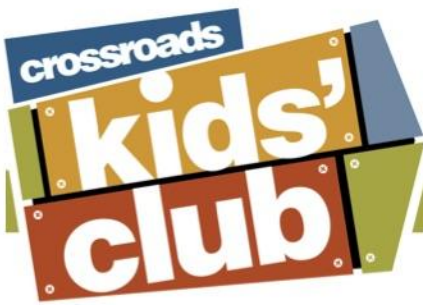


# Preschool



July 23-24, 2016

DATE

Joseph

LESSON TITLE

Genesis 37-48

WHERE TO FIND IT

God is always with us.

MAIN POINT

## schedule

**First 10 minutes of the service hour:**  
Engage kids in cooperative play activities to help them connect to other kids

**Next 5 minutes:** Connect Time

**Next 25 minutes:** Large Group

**Last 25 minutes:** Snack and Small Group

## tips

Sometimes you'll need to tell a parent if their kid had a tough time in class. (Maybe the kid hit someone, or cried a lot). Describe the specific behavior that the kid displayed, but not the kid him- or herself. We want to make the parents aware of what happened, while also making sure that all feel welcome and encouraged to come back!

## check-in/out

Ask kids if God was with Joseph through the good times AND the bad!

## large group heads up

Joseph's story is a big one, but it's a great opportunity to help kids understand that **God is always with us, no matter what!** If the details of Joseph's life seem overwhelming to kids, just keep returning to that main point!



## connect time

**GOAL:** *Connect time is all about engaging kids in a short, interactive game to prepare them for Large Group.*

- **Clean up! (10 minutes after the service start time, when you get the 5-minute warning from the presenter)**
- Line up.
- **Say:** Today we're going to see that God is ALWAYS with us, no matter what!
- Lead kids in pretending to do the following actions. Say "God is with us" before each action.
- "God is with us when..."
  - We eat breakfast in the morning
  - We drive in the car with our grownups
  - We're angry
  - We walk a dog outside
  - We're happy
  - We're asleep
  - We're dancing
  - We're sad
  - We're playing hide and seek
  - We're hugging our friends

**As you walk into Large Group, encourage kids to put on their listening ears! Remind them that HOPS will be showing us how we should act in Large Group, so we have to listen!**



## instructions

**Goal:** Kids will (1) understand how God was with Joseph through good and bad times and (2) recognize that God is always with us, no matter what!

**Why?** It can be hard to believe that God can be present on bad days. But Joseph's story helps us understand that God may have a bigger plan in mind.

**Tip:** Instead of doing a craft today, we're spending more time retelling the story of Joseph in a fun, active way!

## small group

### REVIEW THE STORY

Lead kids through the following events to help them retell the story. Ask them to **stand up** when Joseph was going through a **good** time, and **sit down** when he was going through a **bad** time. After each "event" say "**God was with Joseph!**" in different and silly ways.

- Joseph got an awesome coat from his dad! (Good! Stand up and yell "God was with Joseph!")
- His brothers hated him and they sold him to strangers. (Bad. Sit down and whisper, "God was with Joseph.")
- A man named Potiphar put Joseph in charge! (Good! Stand up and say, "God was with Joseph!")
- Joseph went to jail for something he didn't do. (Bad. Sit down, touch your toes and say, "God was with Joseph.")
- Joseph was put in charge of the jail! (Good! Stand up and in a deep voice say, "God was with Joseph.")
- Pharaoh had a dream and Joseph knew what it meant. (Good! Stay standing and reach as high as you can, and say, "God was with Joseph.")
- The dream meant people would starve. (Bad. Sit down, rub your tummy and say, "God was with Joseph.")
- Joseph had a plan! (Good! Stand up, do a jumping jack and say, "God was with Joseph.")
- Joseph forgave his brothers and saved everyone from starving. (Good! Stay standing and YELL as loud as you can, "God was with Joseph!")

### MAKE IT PERSONAL

- Tell kids the following scenarios, then repeat "**God is with me!**" after each one:  
(Continued on next page.)

- When I have a bad dream (God is with me!)
- When I go to school (God is with me!)
- When I feel sad (God is with me!)
- When I feel happy (God is with me!)
- When I play with your friends (God is with me!)

*Extra time? Give kids a **coloring sheet**. After that, give each kid a dixie cup (or let them use the cups from snack time) to make up some fun rhythms! Lead kids in tapping the cups with their fingers, tapping the cups on the table, sliding the cups across the table to make a smooth noise, turning the cups upside down, etc.*

## special notes

Joseph went through good and bad times, and so do preschoolers! But at their age, a “bad” thing might be something that you think isn’t a very big deal. Try to recognize that no matter what a preschooler is going through, it’s a big deal to them!

## presenter tips

Here’s a link to today’s video. Watch it ahead of time to prepare.

God’s Story / Joseph:  
<https://vimeo.com/66760375>

## script

### WELCOME AND INTRO

**Main Goal:** Review the beginning of God’s story and rescue plan.

**Notes:**

- **\*Click to play intro music.**
- **Say:** Hi Friends! Welcome to Kids’ Club. I’m \_\_\_\_\_ and I’m really glad you’re here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend HOPS.
- **Video: HOPS Put your listening ears on!**
- **Say:** (Holding up the **Bible**.) *This* is God’s story. Out of all the stories in the world, this is the most important. Do you know what it’s called? (Let kids respond “the Bible”.) That’s right, the Bible! It’s God’s Rescue plan. It shows us how He rescued us from all the wrong things in the world.
- **Say:** In the beginning, God made the whole world and everything in it. He created the sun and the moon, the water and the land, the plants and the animals, and people like you and me! Everything was good. Give me a big thumbs up! (Let kids respond. Then change your tone.)
- **Say:** But THEN, something bad happened. Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and all the wrong things came into the world. Things like sadness and death. Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond.)
- **Say:** Even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God, God loved them anyway! He planned a great rescue so that Adam and Eve, and you and me, could be close to God again! Do you know who the Rescuer is? (Let kids say: Jesus!)

### INTRO: JOSEPH

**Main Goal:** Introduce Joseph through a God's Story video.

**Notes:**

- **Say:** God planned to send the Rescuer, Jesus, through a family! And today, we're going to learn about a guy named Joseph who was part of that family.
- **Say:** He had some really good things happen to him! Let's all wave our hands in the air and say, "woohoo!" (Let kids respond.) But Joseph also had some bad things happen to him. Can you show me a sad face? (Let kids respond.)
- **Say:** Even though Joseph went through both good and bad things, God used him to save his special family! Let's watch a video to see what happens. As you watch, see if God was with Joseph, even during the bad times.
- **Video: God's Story / Joseph**
- **Say:** Was God with Joseph during the bad times? (Let kids say: YES!) Yes, he was! No matter how sad or lonely Joseph was, God was STILL with him.

### GOD WAS ALWAYS WITH JOSEPH

**Main Goal:** Review the main events of Joseph's life and how God was with him through everything, good and bad!

**Notes:**

- **Say:** Joseph went through a LOT of good and bad things!
- **(Click to show image of Joseph.)**
  - **Say:** First, he got a wonderful coat from his dad. His dad loved him so much! Everybody pretend like you're putting on a fancy coat! (Let kids respond.)
  - **Ask:** Was God with him then? (Yes!)
- **(Click to show image of brothers.)**
  - **Say:** Then, his own brothers sold him! That probably made Joseph really sad and lonely. Can you give me a sad face? (Let kids respond.)
  - **Ask:** Was God still with him then? (Yes!)
- **(Click to show image of Potiphar and Joseph.)**
  - **Say:** Potiphar put Joseph in charge of his whole house!
  - **Ask:** Was God with Joseph then? (Yes!)
- **(Click to show image of jail.)**
  - **Say:** Next, Joseph got thrown in jail, even though he didn't do anything wrong! Can you say, "Oh no!" (Let kids respond.)
  - **Ask:** Was God STILL with Joseph then? (Yes!)
- **(Click to show image of Joseph in charge.)**
  - **Say:** After all that, Joseph got put in charge of all the other prisoners in the jail. Then, he got put in charge of a whole country! Wow! Can you give me a big thumbs up? (Let kids respond.)
  - **Ask:** Was God with Joseph then? (Yes!)

**GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US TOO**

**Main Goal:** Understand that God is with US too, no matter what!

**Notes:**

- **Say:** You know who else God is always with? US! He never leaves us, no matter what.
- **Say:** If YOU ever go through bad things, raise your hand. (Let kids respond.) Yeah, we all have hard days. But is God still with us? (Let kids respond: Yes!) I think we can yell that a little louder! (Let kids respond: YES!) Good job everybody. Whether we go through bad things or good things, God is always with us, and he always loves us.

**WRAP UP AND WORSHIP**

**Main Goal:** Help kids interact through prayer and worship!

**Notes:**

- **Pray:** (Break into small, repeatable phrases.) Dear God. We love you. We're so glad you are always with us. Aaa-men!
- **Set up worship:** God is always close to us, but we can be even CLOSER when we worship him with songs! Let's all stand up and sing right now.
- **Music Video: Boss of Me**
- **Music Video: Come With Me**
- **Song: King of the Jungle**

*Dismiss kids to small groups. (Be creative as you dismiss them. Ask them to come give you a high five first, or maybe tiptoe or hop--like Hops--to their groups.)*

# PREP needs



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## connect time supplies

“God is always with us” Game - no supplies needed

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## small group supplies

**Per group:** Bible, markers

**Per kid:** Coloring page, 1 dixie cup from snacktime

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## large group supplies

**Per Group:** Bible

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## a/v needs

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Video: HOPS Put your listening ears on! (<https://vimeo.com/67408013>)
3. Video: God's Story / Joseph (<https://vimeo.com/66760375>)
4. Image: Joseph
5. Image: brothers
6. Image: Potiphar and joseph
7. Image: jail
8. Image: Joseph in charge
9. Music Video: Boss of Me (<https://vimeo.com/118151941>)
10. Music Video: Come With Me (<https://vimeo.com/49923933>)
11. Song: King of the Jungle (KC/SM media videos songs>songs>songs with slides)

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## connect questions

Tell me about Joseph.  
When is God with us?



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