



Joseph's Special Coat

I'M SPECIAL TO GOD

GENESIS 37:3-11

Play-N-worship for Toddlers & Twos Lesson 14 Joseph's Special Coat

BIBLE STORY

Have children sit in a circle. Open your Bible to Genesis 37:3-11, and show children the words. Then show children the open storyboard of Joseph, his brothers, and his father.

Say: We're going to find out about a Bible friend named Joseph. Joseph had a very big family. Ask: Who's in your family?

Say: Joseph's family had 12 brothers. That's a lot! Let's see how many 12 is. Count the children until you get to 12. Count some children twice, if necessary.

Say: Joseph's father, Jacob, loved all his sons very much. Point to Joseph's father, and have kids hug themselves. But he loved Joseph most of all. Jacob gave Joseph a special coat. Show children the coat.

Ask: What colors do you see in Joseph's coat? Help children name the colors.

Help children count how many brothers are in the picture. Say: Joseph's brothers were mad! Have kids stomp their feet. They didn't like it that only Joseph got a special coat. So they took Joseph out to the field and put him in a deep hole. Joseph was sad. Have kids make a sad face.

Say: But Joseph was special to God. And God took care of Joseph, even in that deep hole. After a while some people came and helped Joseph out of the hole. Have kids pretend to climb out of a hole. They took Joseph on a long trip to Egypt, where Joseph became a great leader for God's people. Have kids make a happy face.

Say: Joseph was special to God and you're special to God, too.



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Doll Play

Help children dress the dolls in “special clothes.” You don’t have to have fancy doll clothes to do this—just look for one special thing about each piece of clothing, such as “this one is yellow” and “that one has snaps.” Encourage children to look for special things about the dolls as well. Remind them that they’re each special to God.

Ball Play

Let children take turns hiding and finding special balls. Use balls that are colorful or have a special texture, such as shiny or bumpy—whatever you have in your room. Have children close their eyes while you hide the ball. Give them clues to find each ball, such as “I see something special. It’s under the table and it’s red.” Use the finding game to remind children that they’re special to God, and God will always find them no matter where they are.



Music

You’ll need the *Play-n-Worship* DVD, a DVD player, and a television. Play “How Wide?” and have kids follow the actions on-screen. Then give each child two sheets of different-colored construction paper. Play “How Wide” again. Have children wave their papers up and down and back and forth along with the music. Notice the different ways each child moves. Point out that we’re all different, but each child is special to God.

Game

Have children sit in a circle. Say: **Today in our Bible story, Joseph’s brothers put him in a deep hole. But Joseph was special to God, and God took care of him and helped him out. Let’s play a game to remind us about that.**

Invite one child to stand in the “hole” (center of the circle). Sing to the tune of “The Farmer in the Dell”:

[Name of child]’s in the hole,

[Name of child]’s in the hole.

Hi-ho, the derry-o!

[Name of child]’s in the hole.

Choose another child to help the first child out by trading places. It’s okay if several children want to stand together in the center.

When all the children have had a turn, have everyone return to the circle, join hands, walk around, and sing:

No one’s in the hole,

No one’s in the hole.

Hip, hip, hurray! God saved the day!

No one’s in the hole!

Sensory Play

Fill a dishpan with beans or dried pasta. Set a few empty plastic containers in the beans for children to dump and fill. As they play with the materials, explain that when Joseph went to Egypt, he had a special job—he had to make sure everyone had enough food to eat. Talk about special jobs children might have at home, such as setting the table or picking up toys. Remind children that they’re special to God.

