



Lesson Preparation

Joseph Is Rejected and Accused

MEMORY VERSE

Ephesians 4:31–32

★ MATERIALS

Day 1:

- BLMs 4A–B The Surprise Party, Parts 1–2 (*Extension*)
- BLM 4C Scavenger Hunt, treat (*Extension*)

Day 2:

- BLMs 4D–F Readers Theater: Joseph's Story, Parts 1–3 (*Extension*)

Day 3:

- No additional materials are needed.

Day 4:

- DM-4 Jacob's Family Tree (*Extension*)
- PP-1 Joseph's Heritage (*Extension*)

Day 5:

- BLMs 4G–H Lesson 4 Test

Expected Student Outcomes

KNOW

Joseph's brothers reject him. Potiphar's wife falsely accuses him.

DO

Students will:

- identify how envy and jealousy destroy lives
- detail how God used relationships to direct Joseph's life
- summarize God's direction in Joseph's life
- review how to conquer sin and listen to God
- identify the importance of forgiveness and humility

APPLY

Students will realize that those who follow God experience trials. They will acknowledge that God is the one who helps them overcome trials and temptations.

Teacher Resources

Fivash, Terri L. *Joseph*. Review and Herald, 2002.

Swindoll, Charles R. *Joseph: A Man of Integrity and Forgiveness*. Thomas Nelson, 2008.

Student Resources

Bohnet, Eric. *Joseph, Jacob's Favorite Son*. Concordia Publishing House, 2010.

Kowalchuk, Bill. *Greatest Heroes and Legends of the Bible: Joseph and the Coat of Many Colors*. DVD. Good Times Video, 2003.

Lesson Outline

- I. Joseph is rejected (Gen 37, Rom 12:17–19)
 - A. Joseph's brothers
 - B. Potiphar's household
- II. Joseph in captivity
 - A. Joseph's attitude (Prov 6:16–19, Gen 39)
 - B. Joseph's work ethic and servant's heart
- III. Joseph in Pharaoh's palace
 - A. Joseph's relationships (Gen 40)
 - B. Pharaoh's dreams (Gen 41:1–41)
 - C. Joseph's promotion (Gen 41:41–46)
- IV. Joseph listens to God (Rom 8:28)
 - A. Sin or truth (Ps 119:9, 11)
 - B. Fear or forgiveness (1 Jn 4:18)

♥ TEACHER'S HEART

How do you respond when someone hurts you or someone you love? If you confront the offender and he asks forgiveness, as a Christian you probably find it relatively easy to forgive. But what happens when the one who has offended you shows no remorse and does not seem to be interested in restitution? Perhaps you have been offended deeply even by a family member. Forgiveness allows you to trust God for the outcome without seeking revenge or retaliation. It frees you to continue your Christian life and keep Satan from developing strongholds of anger or bitterness. True forgiveness from the heart, the kind that Jesus taught, is twofold. It includes both forgiving the debt and suffering the loss. Turn to Matthew 18:21–35 and read about God's plan for forgiveness. How you respond to God's clear direction results either in enjoying the flood of healing in your life or wallowing through years of damage and heartache. Take time to be still and let God examine your heart. Read Psalm 139:23–24. Listen for God's prompting and ask Him if there someone in your life you need to truly forgive.

GLOSSARY WORDS

- strife
- envy

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