

Power Kids Preschool Lesson
CELEBRATION SUNDAY
March 1, 2020

The Forgiving Prince: Joseph and His Brothers
Genesis 37-46

March Key Verse: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved (Romans 10:13)

1. **Sing/talk** - <https://open.spotify.com/playlist/7vOQHbEfqDSn1bSBHX8so2>
2. **Read** *Jesus Storybook Bible* 'The Forgiving Prince' or watch [here](#)
3. **Discuss passage** after reading the story about Joseph, use the illustrations to see if the children can retell what's happening in the four pictures provided (captions are printed on the back) a. [illustrations of Joseph's story](#) b. [caption for 1 and 2](#) c. [caption for 3 and 4](#) (these will be printed and ready in the classroom)

Questions to be asked to help the children describe picture 1:

- a. Who was Jacob's favorite son? (Joseph)
- b. Why were his brothers jealous? (Because their dad only gave Joseph a rainbow colored coat)
- c. Did this make his brothers happy? (No)
- d. Joseph had many dreams. What were they about? (About him being ruler of his brothers)

Questions to be asked to help the children describe picture 2:

- e. Did this make his brothers happy? (Nope, not this either!)
- f. What did his brothers do to Joseph? (They sold him for money to be a slave)

Questions to be asked to help the children describe picture 3:

- g. Joseph was far from home and his family and got blamed for something he didn't do. Even though he didn't do anything wrong, what happened to him? (He was sent to jail)

Questions to be asked to help the children describe picture 4:

- h. God used everything bad happening to Joseph to do something good. Joseph was a dream expert. What was the king's dream about? (Cows)
- i. Because he helped the king understand his dream, what did he make Joseph? (a prince)
- j. God used Joseph to save everyone when they were running out of food and becoming hungry. His brothers came to the palace and talked with the prince. But they didn't know it was Joseph!
- k. When the brothers found out it was Joseph, they were afraid he would punish them. But what did Joseph do instead? (He loved them and forgave them)
- l. Can you describe a time when you forgave someone?
- m. One day, God would send another prince who would leave his family and be punished for doing something he didn't do to save God's people. Do you know who this prince is? (Jesus)

Recap: Just how God used the bad things that happened to Joseph to save his people, God would use the bad things that happened to Jesus to forgive the whole world

4. **Do passage activity:** Joseph's coloring page storybook
Have the children put the story picture cards (the same ones used while discussing the story) in the right order and staple them together like a book to take home. Have them color the pictures. All supplies will be in the classroom.
5. **Discuss key verse** Have the kids repeat the verse after you in small bits
Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved (Romans 10:13)
Simpler: *Everyone who calls on God will be saved (Romans 10:13)*
Talk about how God used Joseph to save his people from going hungry and then also sent Jesus later on to save his people from a life without God. If we are living with and need God, he will save us.
6. **Key verse activity** make paper cup phones to be with and call on God [here](#)



Poke a hole in the bottoms of both cups and thread a long string through each hole.

Secure each end with tape. Tape the key verse onto the outside of each cup.

Tell the children they can use the phone to talk with God.

Even though we don't usually hear God talking to us the way we can talk to him, remind the children that ONE of the ways that God speaks to us is while we are reading stories from the Bible. The words in the Bible are the words God is speaking to us. If you want to hear God, ask your parents to read the Bible with you at home

7. **Pray** Have the kids repeat the prayer after you in small bits
8. **Play**

Supplies needed:

Story time--story picture cards

Passage activity--set of picture cards per child, stapler, crayons

Key verse activity--two paper cups, scissors, yarn, tape, key verse print out