

## CatholicMom.com Gospel Activity – Celebrating Our Catholic Faith

### Religious Education Lesson Plan Helpers by Laura Grace

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## Joseph and His Wonderful Coat

### **Review:**

Questions from last week's lesson.

**Vocabulary:** (Write bold words on the board and discuss with class)

**harvest**- a crop that is gathered during a certain season

**grain**- a small seed that is ground into flour to make bread

**jealous**- feeling bitter and unhappy because someone has something that you want

**forgive**- stop feeling angry about something someone did

### **Plan:**

1. Book: Clip and Tell Bible Stories by Lois Keffer.

Read story: "Joseph and His Brothers" (page 35 – 38) and do cut outs as the story unfolds. Then ask questions from below.

1. How many sons did Jacob have? 12
2. Who did he love most of all? Joseph
3. What did he give Joseph? A wonderful coat.
4. How did his brothers feel? They were jealous and hated Joseph.
5. What did the brothers do to Joseph? They sold Joseph to some merchants as a slave.
6. What did the brothers tell their father what happened to Joseph? The brothers put goat's blood on Joseph's coat and told him that he was dead.
7. Where did the merchants take Joseph and what did they do with him? Joseph was taken to Egypt and sold as a slave to Potiphar, the captain of the King's guard.
8. Potiphar's wife told a lie about Joseph and Potiphar became angry and did what to Joseph? Put him into prison.
9. What did Joseph do in the prison for two years? Joseph was very good at telling people what their dreams meant and he explained the other prisoners' dreams to them.
10. The king had a strange dream and Joseph was brought to him. What did Joseph tell the king what his dreams meant? For seven years there will be good harvest

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with lots of food for everyone, but then there will be seven years when the harvest are bad and many people will be hungry, even starving.

11. The king was so pleased with Joseph that he did what to him? He put Joseph in charge of all the stores of food in Egypt.
12. What did Joseph do? Joseph made sure the extra grain from the seven years of good harvest was stored away.
13. What happened after seven years? Harvest was very bad.
14. Jacob sent ten sons to Egypt to buy grain. Benjamin was left behind. The brother's asked the governor if they could buy food. Did they recognize Joseph? No
15. What did Joseph tell them? That he would sell the food, but when they come again, they must bring Benjamin with them. Joseph kept one brother (Simeon) there in Egypt until they came back.
16. What happened on the way home? The brothers open their sacks of grain they had bough and found the money they had paid to Joseph. They thought they were being punished for selling Joseph.
17. Who put the money there? Joseph told his servants to put it there.
18. Later, the brothers came back to buy more grain and brought Benjamin. What did Joseph do? He sold them more grain and ordered his servants to give them a meal.
19. On their way home, Joseph's guards caught up with them and open the sacks of grain. What did they find in Benjamin's sack? Joseph's silver cup. (Joseph had told his guards to hide it there. He wanted to test his brothers.)
20. The guards brought the brothers back to Joseph. What did Joseph do? Told the brothers that they could go home, but they had to leave Benjamin here with him.
21. What did the brothers do? Begged Joseph to let them take Benjamin with them. Their father had already lost one son and if he looses Benjamin it would break his heart. They wanted Joseph to let another brother stay there instead of Benjamin.
22. After the brothers told Joseph that, what did he think? He knew that his brothers had changed and were sorry for what they had done to him long ago.
23. What did Joseph do? He told the brothers who he really was. He also told them to go back and get their father and families and live with him.

2. Introduce game: What does God want us to do when someone does something wrong to us? Forgive them.

You're Forgiven Tag- This game will help your kids discover the need for forgiveness in their lives. (The Encyclopedia of Bible Games for Children's Ministry, page 29).

Or

Forgiveness Balloons- The Really big Book of Bible Games, page 62.

3. Introduce craft: What did Jacob give Joseph? A wonderful coat.

Joseph Magnet- <http://www.kathyross.com/pdfs/freesample-biblecrafts.pdf>

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Or

Joseph and the Coat of Many Colors-

[http://www.daniellesplace.com/html/bible\\_themes\\_j.html#joseph](http://www.daniellesplace.com/html/bible_themes_j.html#joseph)

Or make a coat out of a brown paper bag from a grocery store-

<http://daniellesplace.com/html/rpreschoolsamplejoseph.html>

Scroll down to crafts.

4. Puzzles & Mazes, Worksheets, etc.

More 365 Activities for Kids (do any of the Daniel puzzles, mazes, dot-to-dot, spot the difference, etc. from February 11 - 26)

Joseph's Amazing Coat (page 6)- Amazing Bible Mazes by Anita Reith Stohs

The Great Bible Big Fun Activity Book: From the Old and New Testaments by Toni Lind  
A Special Coat- Joseph had a special coat. Find the coat that does not have a twin.

5. Introduce snack: What did Jacob give Joseph? A wonderful coat. What did it look like? It was very colorful.

Colorful Coat Cookies- <http://www.pillsbury.com/recipes/ShowRecipe.aspx?rid=41183>

Have the children make coat shaped cookies and decorate them. (Example: one large rectangle for main part of coat, and 2 long thin rectangles for the sleeves of the coat).

Joseph's Coat of Many Colors Snack- <http://www.dltk-kids.com/recipesdb/view.asp?rid=356>

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