

Joseph in Jail I can trust God's plan, even when it's hard.

Today's Bible Story: I can trust God's plan, even when it's hard.

Joseph in Jail • *Genesis 39–40*

Memory Verse: "For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD." Jeremiah 29:11, NLT

Key Question: Who has a plan for you?

Bottom Line: God has a plan for me.

Basic Truth: God loves me.

1. What Happened Next?

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What You Need: "Little Story Pictures" Activity Page (print page 2) and cut out

What You Say:

We're going to put our story cards in the order they happened in the story.

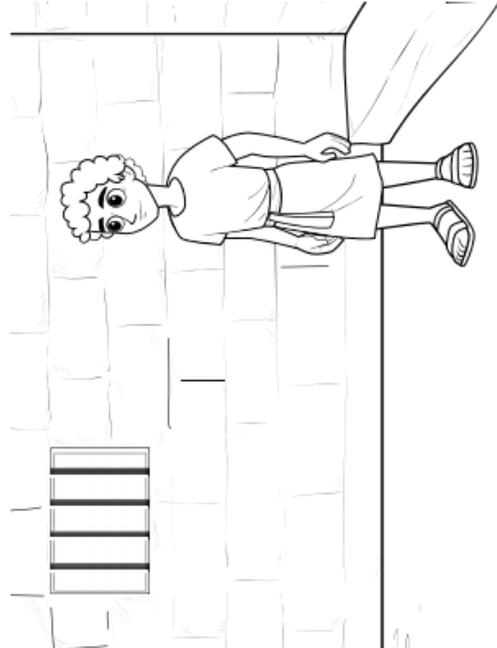
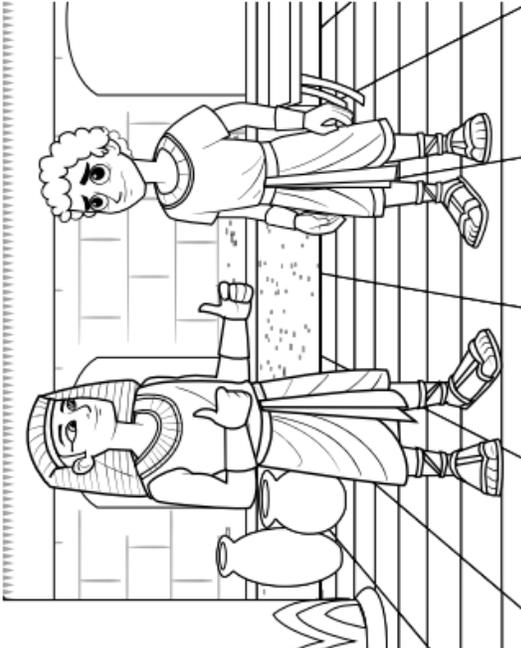
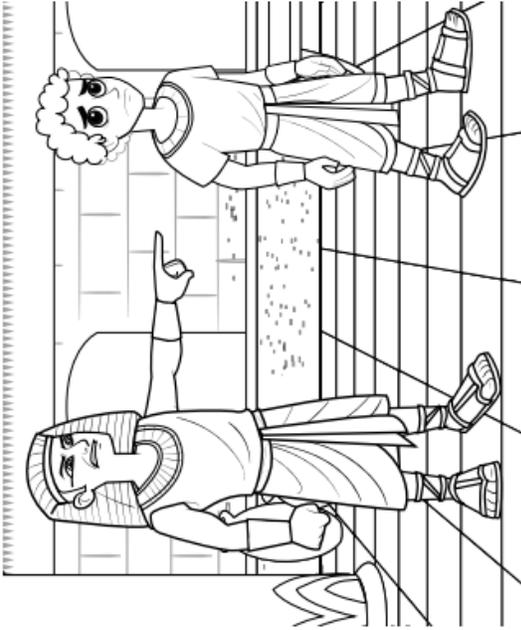
"Look for the picture where Potiphar is happy with Joseph. This is Potiphar. He's smiling at Joseph because Joseph always worked hard and did what Potiphar told him to do. What happened next?"

"Look for the picture where Potiphar is angry with Joseph. This is Potiphar again, only this time he has an angry face. Someone told him that Joseph had done something wrong, even though he didn't do anything wrong. Potiphar got mad and sent Joseph to jail! What happened next?"

"Now, look for the picture of Joseph in jail. This is Joseph in jail. It was a very hard time for Joseph, but he still trusted that God loved him and had a plan for him. So, instead of being mad or sad, Joseph helped everyone he could while he was in jail.

"Okay, we have this card left. Do you see a picture? No. But it does have some very important words. This card says, **[Bottom Line] 'God has a plan for me.'** Lay it down at the end of your row of story pictures.

After the Activity: "Look at your story pictures! You put them in the order that they happened in the story! Way to go! Joseph's story shows us that we can trust God's plan, even when it's hard. God loves you, and He has a plan for you! **Who has a plan for you? [Bottom Line] God has a plan for me.**"



God has a plan for me.

2. Moving Plans

What You Need: List of “Movements” (listed below)

What You Do:

During the Activity: Gather the children around your activity area. Name the first movement from the list and lead the movement for 10 seconds. Call for everyone to freeze when the ten seconds are up then select a different child to name the next movement from the list. Continue moving for 10 seconds, freeze, take turns calling the movements.

LIST OF MOVEMENTS:

1. Jumping Jacks
2. Jumping
3. Touching Toes
4. Sitting
5. Clapping
6. Twisting
7. Marching
8. Squatting
9. Tip Toeing
10. Spinning
11. Patting head
12. Raising hands

After the Activity: “Whew, that was fun—and tiring! You did a great job of following the plan on each of these cards. God has a plan for each of us, and we can always trust that His plan is the best. **Who has a plan for you? [Bottom Line] God has a plan for me.**”

MEMORY VERSE

“*For I know (point to head) the plans I have for you,’ (march) says (hands to mouth like yelling) the Lord, (Point up) Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT).*” (Open your hands like a book.)

(Repeat the verse with motions a few times.)

Prayer

SGL: “Dear God, thank You for (your child/ren’s name(s)). I know You have a plan for each of them, because you love them. I pray they will always trust that You have a plan for them. Help them to wait on You, do the right thing, and trust in Your plan for them. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”