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Lesson Overview

In today's lesson, we're going to learn about a guy named Joseph. Joseph was one of Jacob's many sons and Joseph was the favorite. One day, Jacob gave Joseph a beautiful robe to show him how much he loved him. Joseph loved his robe because it made him feel special. Joseph's brothers hated the robe because it was a reminder that Joseph was the favorite. To make matters worse, Joseph told his brothers a dream he had that showed all of his brothers bowing down to him. Now, that really angered the brothers! So, they hatched a plan to get rid of Joseph. One day when they were all out working, they captured Joseph, ripped off his robe and sold him to some foreign traders who brought him to Egypt. Then, they dipped the robe in some blood and brought it back to Jacob saying that Joseph had been killed by animals. This is a crazy story but there is an important lesson to learn. Jealousy makes us do silly things that can really hurt people. Joseph's brothers made a terrible decision when they got rid of Joseph all because they didn't like the attention he got from their father. So kids, don't be jealous!

Big Idea

Being jealous can make us do silly things

Key Question

Why do we get jealous?

Memory Verse

1 Corinthians 13:4 "Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud."

Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
2. (5 min) **WARM UP: Describe a time you were jealous of a sibling or friend. How did it make you feel and what did you do?** (Tip: We can be jealous about a cool toy or game someone got that we want. But, jealousy makes us angry and leads us to do silly things. Instead, we should trust God and be happy with what we have.)
3. (5 min) **PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
5. (2 min) **RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
6. (3 min) **KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **Because we think we deserve what others have.** (Jealousy comes from a selfish heart. Instead of being happy for someone else for what they have, we think we deserve it more than they do. So, we get angry and do silly things. God doesn't like this attitude. Instead of thinking we are so great and deserve whatever we want, we should be happy with whatever God gives us.)
 - **Bonus Questions:** Why do we get jealous? Why doesn't God like jealousy? **4-5th** How can you fight against being jealous? How can having the right thoughts help you to overcome jealousy?
7. (5 min) **EXPLORE: Read Psalm 37:1-3. What does this passage tell us not to do? Who should we trust in for all of our needs?** (Answer: We shouldn't waste our time worrying about what others are doing or what they have. Instead, we should trust in God who knows our needs and will take care of us.)
8. (10 min) **PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
9. (5 min) **CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to pursueGODkids.org to find this week's lesson video.

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: LESSON REVIEW SCAVENGER HUNT

Instructions:

- Before class, hide the Scavenger hunt items (page 5) around the room.
- Then, have the class search to find all of the items. Each time an item is found, tape it up on the whiteboard.
- Once all the items are found, see if the kids can tell you how each item fits into the story of Joseph.
 - Jacob-father of Joseph
 - Joseph- favorite son
 - Robe- gift Jacob gave to Joseph
 - Bible-where the story of Joseph is found

- Egypt-country that Joseph was brought to
- Brothers-jealous of Joseph and sold him into slavery
- Favorite-Joseph was the favorite son
- Dream-Joseph had a dream that brothers would bow down to him

Supplies needed: Scavenger hunt items (pg. 5, precut, colored or printed on colored paper), Tape

OPTION 2: JOSEPH'S COLORFUL ROBE CRAFT

Instructions:

- Give each kid a Robe template (page 6) and a piece of construction paper.
- Give kids tissue paper in varying colors.
- Have the kids glue the robe onto the construction paper leaving room at the bottom for the phrase and memory verse.
- Have the kids tear the tissue paper into small pieces and have them glue them on the robe to make it look colorful.
- Then, have them glue the phrase and memory verse below the robe.
- As they work, read the story of Joseph from Genesis 37:1-14, 23-28. Remind the kids that jealousy made Joseph's brothers do a terrible thing. We need to watch out for jealousy in our own lives. Instead of being jealous, we need to be thankful for all that God has given us.

Supplies needed: Robe template (pg. 6, pre cut, 1 set per kid), 1/2 sheets of construction paper (1 per kid), Tissue paper, Glue

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BIBLE STORYLINE

Joseph and the Cool Robe

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Sometimes being jealous can make us do silly things. That's what happened when Joseph got a special present from his dad.

Key Points:

- Joseph was Jacob's favorite son, so he gave him a _____. Genesis 37:3
- Joseph's brothers got _____ because he was so special. Genesis 37:11
- Joseph's brother sold him into _____. Genesis 37:26
- Sometimes being jealous can make us do _____. 1 Corinthians 13:4

Memory Verse:

| **1 Corinthians 13:4** Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud...

Talk About It

1. *What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?*
2. *Describe a time you were jealous of a sibling or friend. How did it make you feel and what did you do?*
3. *Who was the favorite son? What did Jacob give to Joseph?*
4. *Why do you think the brothers were so jealous of Joseph? What did their jealousy lead them to do to Joseph?*
5. *Read Psalm 37:1-3. What does this passage tell us not to do? Who should we trust in for all of our needs?*
6. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

Instructions: Color the picture.

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Memory Verse

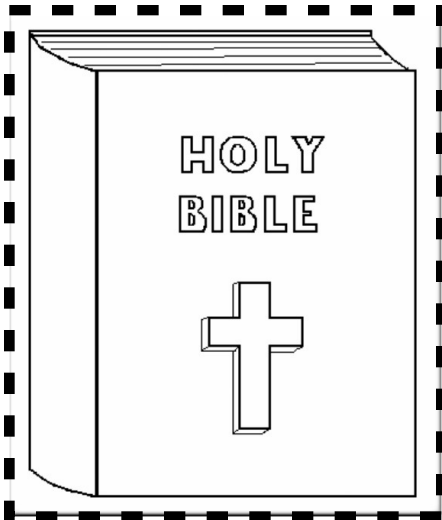
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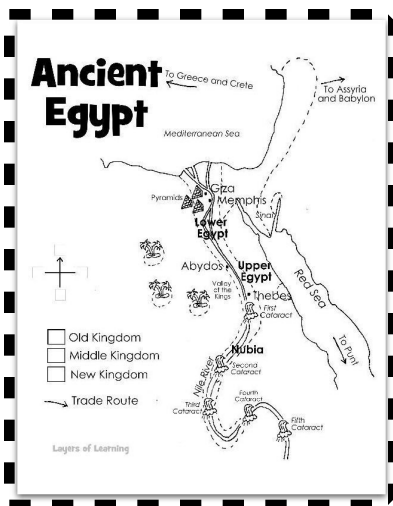
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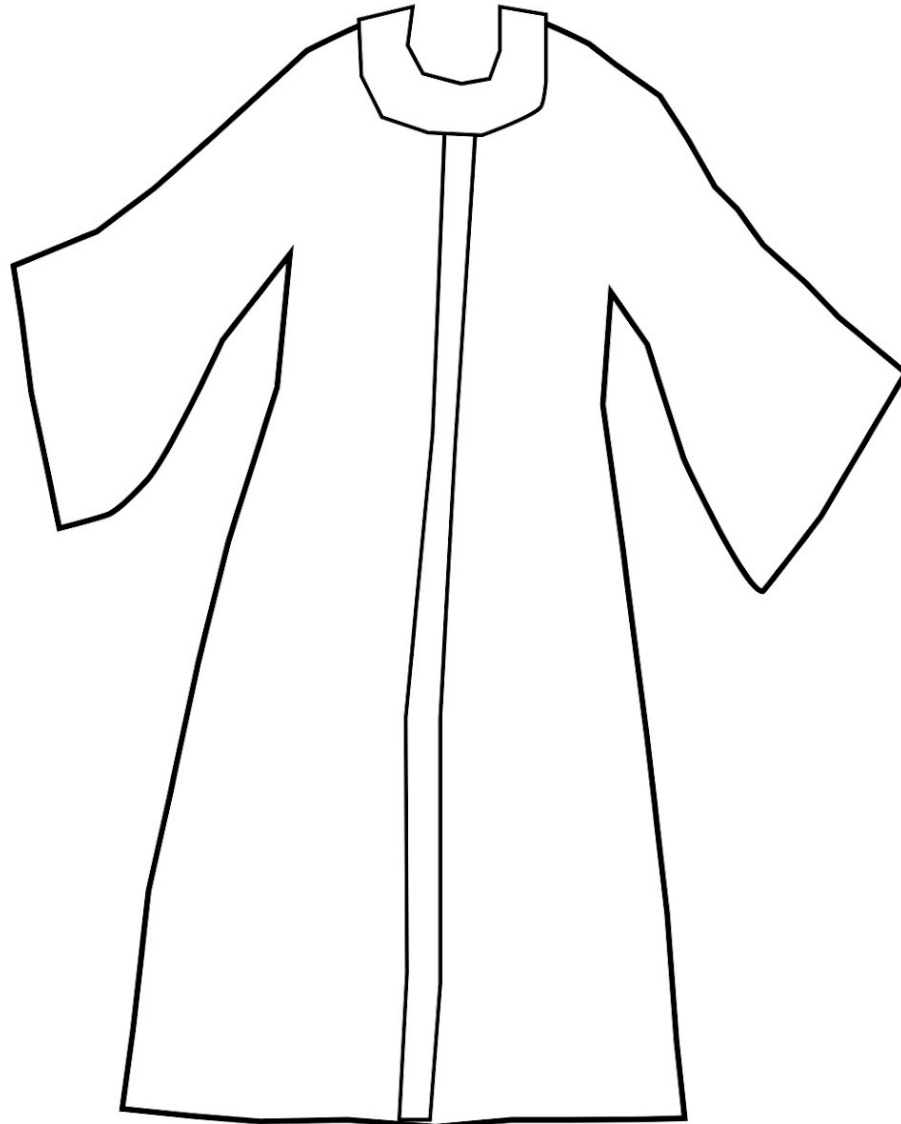
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BROTHERS



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