

Joseph

Introduction

Welcome

♪ Hot Cross Buns

Time for class, time for class
Bells are ringing, children singing
Time for class

♪ Found a Peanut

There are seven days, there are seven days
There are seven days a week
Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday Friday, Saturday
Every Sunday is the Lord's Day We will praise and honor him (2x)
Every Wednesday we will study We will come to Bible class (2x)

♪ _____ Away

Bells Away, bells Away
We put the bells away today
Bells Away, bells Away
We put the bells away today

(Sing this song each time
you put something away.)

(Spoken) How did you get to the church building?
Did you come in a plane? No! That's silly.

♪ Did you come to worship in a _____?

Did you come to worship in a train? Oh no! (2x)
Did you come to worship in a plane? Oh no! (2x)
Did you come to worship in a boat? Oh no! (2x)
Did you come to worship in a car? Oh, Yes!

♪ The Farmer in the Dale

_____ came to class
_____ came to class
With all the other boys and girls
_____ came to class

Blow
bubbles to
distract

Bells

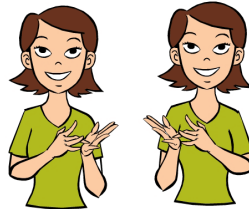
Cars

Mirror

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♪ The Farmer in the Dell

_____ obeys the Lord
_____ obeys the Lord
_____ will follow God
_____ obeys the Lord



Jesus

♪ Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me, This I know
For the Bible tells me so
Little Ones to Him belong
They are weak but He is strong
Yes, Jesus loves me (3x)
The Bible tells me so



Loves

Praise

♪ My God is So Big

My God is so big
So strong and so mighty
There's nothing my God cannot do

My God is so big
So strong and so mighty
There's nothing my God cannot do
The mountains are His
The valleys are His
The stars are His handywork too

My God is so big
So strong and so mighty
There's nothing my God cannot do FOR YOU!

♪ Three Blind Mice

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Joyfully, Joyfully
Give thanks to God for the food we eat
Our homes and our church family
Praise God for giving us all that we need
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord

Stars

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Prayer

Do you know how we can talk to God?
Do we call him on the phone? No, that is silly.
Do we write him a letter? No, that is silly.
To talk to God we PRAY!



Pray

♪ Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star.

We can talk to God each day
When we fold our hands to pray
Close our eyes and bow our heads
At the table or in bed
We can talk to God each day
When we fold our hands to pray



God

♪ Down in the Valley

Pray in the morning. Pray at noon
Pray in the evening. Pray at night
When you are sad or filled with delight
Pray to God and you'll be alright

♪ Love Lifted me (Chorus)

God talks to us, God talks to us
When we read His holy book
God talks to us
We talk to God, We talk to God
When we bow our heads and pray
We talk to God

♪ Mary Had a Little Lamb.

Thank you, God, for giving us (point to self)
Giving us, giving us
Thank you, God, for giving us
Everything we need.

♪ The Mulberry Bush

Give thanks to God for everything
For everything, for everything
Give thanks to God for everything
For everything He gives us.



Thank-You

♪ The Mulberry Bush

This is the way we fold our hands,
Fold our hands, fold our hands
This is the way we fold our hands,
When we pray to God.

praying
hands

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This is the way we bow our heads...
This is the way we close our eyes...
This is the way we zip our lips...

(Help them be still and fold hands.)

Dear God, You are great!
Thank-you for having a plan in the life of Joseph in the Bible and thank
you for having a plan for _____ (name students)
Help us to follow your plan.
We love you so much!
In Jesus's name we pray, AMEN! (Encourage them to say Amen.)

We talk to God by praying, but how does God talk to us?
Does he call us on the phone? No! That is silly.

He talks to us through the words in the BIBLE!

Bible

♪ This Old Man

Bible words, Bible words
Thank-you, God for Bible words
They teach us how to live and pray
Thank-you, God, for Bible words

♪ This is the Way

This is the way we pat the Bible, pat the Bible, pat the Bible
This is the way we pat the Bible with our baby hand

♪ Put Your Little Foot

Pat the Bible book, pat the Bible book
Pat it with your little hand
Pat the Bible book, pat the Bible book
Pat it with your little hand

♪ Did you Ever See a Lassie

Oh, I like to pat the Bible, the Bible, the Bible
Oh, I like to pat the Bible with hands God gave me
I'll pat-pat and pat-pat. I'll pat-pat and pat-pat
Oh, I like to pat the Bible with hands God gave me

praying
hands

Bibles

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Oh, I love to read the Bible, the Bible, the Bible
Oh, I love to read the Bible with eyes God gave me
I'll read and I'll read. I'll read and I'll read
Oh, I love to read the Bible with eyes God gave me

Oh, I love to hear the Bible, the Bible, the Bible
Oh, I love to hear the Bible with ears God gave me
I'll listen and listen. I'll listen and listen
Oh, I love to hear the Bible with ears God gave me

The more we read the Bible, the Bible, the Bible
The more we read the Bible, the happier we'll be
We'll learn about Jesus and how we can trust Him
The more we read the Bible, the happier we'll be

♪ **The B-I-B-L-E**

Oh, the B-I-B-L-E, yes that's the book for me
I stand alone on the Word of God, the B-I-B-L-E
Oh, the B-I-B-L-E, yes that's the book for me
I love to hear the stories from the B-I-B-L-E
Oh, the B-I-B-L-E yes that's the book for me
I love the Bible the book of God, the B-I-B-L-E
BIBLE!

♪ **My Bible and Me**

I have a wonderful treasure, a gift from God without measure
And so we travel together, my Bible and me.

Did you know the Bible is a whole library? That's right! There are 66 books!

♪ **Sixty-six Books in the Bible**

Sixty-six, Sixty-six Books in the Bible! (Roll hands over each other)
Sixty-six, Sixty-six Books in the Bible! (Faster)
Sixty-six, Sixty-six Books in the Bible! (Super Fast)

The Bible has 2 parts.

The Old Testament (Lean praying hands and head to one side)
And the New Testament (To the other Side)

♪ **Thirty-nine and Twenty Seven**

39 books in the Old Testament
27 books in the New
Put them together and what do you get?
The Bible for me and for you!

Books of the
Bible Chart

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♪ Old Testament Songs

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers,
Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth,
First and Second Samuel, First and Second Kings,
First and Second Chronicles,
Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther,
Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes,
Song of Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations,
Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel,
Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah,
Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai,
Zechariah, Malachi

♪ The Wheels on the Bus

The first book of the Bible is Genesis, Genesis, Genesis.
The first book of the Bible is Genesis. (shout) GEN-E-SIS!

♪ The Farmer in the Dell

The Bibles go in the box
The Bibles go in the box
God's words we'll learn today
The Bibles go in the box

(Point to the
books as
you sing)

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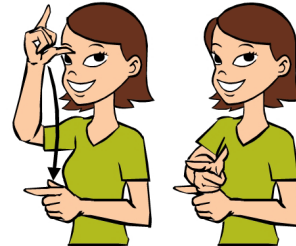
Lesson

Today's story comes from Genesis chapters 37-50 in our Bible.

This is Joseph.

BROTHER

Joseph had a lot of brothers! If you have a brother or a sister you know it is a lot of fun, but it isn't always easy. Can you imagine having 12? That's a lot of sharing!



Brother

♪ Reuben Reuben I've been Thinking

Reu-ben, Simeon, Levi, Judah (point to brothers as you sing)
Dan, Naptali, Gad, and Asher
Issachar, Zebulen, Joseph, and Benjamin
These are the 12 sons of Jacob.



Coat

Joseph's daddy, Jacob, gave him a really pretty coat to Joseph, but not to his other brothers. This was a big no-no. Joseph's brothers were jealous and mad at Joseph. They wanted a pretty coat too.

♪ A tisket, A tasket

Look Joseph, Look Joseph
A pretty coat for Joseph
Red, orange, yellow, green and blue
Your brothers want a coat too.

To make things worse, Joseph had dreams. "I dreamed I was the greatest!" Joseph told his brothers. "And you all bowed down to me."

♪ I'm a Little Teapot

I'm a little sheaf of wheat oh so tall
Please bow down to me, You're very small

I'm a little star shining high in the sky
Sun, moon, and brother stars, will bow to mine

My name is Joseph and I've had these two dreams
God will use me, He has a plan for me!

Joseph
Flip Chart/or
Story book
to illustrate

Joseph dolls

Picture of
12 brothers
(make extra
copies so
they can
take them
home)

Have
students put
felt coat on
felt doll

Stars and
Wheat

Joseph

♪ Reuben Reuben

Joseph, Joseph won't you tell us
Why your brothers were so mean
They were jealous of my coat
And my very special dreams

Joseph's Pit

Joseph's brothers didn't like his special dreams at all. They wanted to make him and his dreams go bye-bye. So that's what they did. They took off his beautiful coat and pushed him down a hole in the ground.

Coins

Then they sold him to some Midianites for 20 pieces of Silver.

♪ Five Little ducks

Poor little Joseph was obeying dad
Checking on his brothers and that made them mad
They wanted to wring his little neck
But Reuben knew that dad would not like that!

So they threw brother Joseph down a hole in the ground
He jumped and he jumped, but his brothers kept him down
So when the brothers saw some Midianites he could join
They traded their poor brother for some silver coins

The brothers went home and lied to their father saying that Joseph was dead. That made God and daddy Jacob sad. God likes it when we tell the truth.



The brothers thought they got rid of Joseph, but God had a magnificent dream for Joseph's life and even when it looked like everything had

Blow
bubbles
(for dream)

Let each
child throw
Joseph
down in the
pit.

Let students
touch/see
coins.

Joseph

gone wrong, God would use it all to help make Joseph's dreams come true. God helped Joseph and God will help you.

♪ **Mary Had a Little Lamb**

God has a plan for you
Plan for you
Plan for you
God has a plan for you
He just needs a willing heart from you

Meanwhile the traders took Joseph to Egypt where they made him a slave. He was far from home and from his dad. Then he got blamed for something he didn't do. This made Joseph sad. What do we do when someone is sad? We hold them, pat them, love them and say, "It will be OK, God is with you."

Jail

Even though he had done nothing wrong, he was punished and thrown in jail. But God was with Joseph.

♪ **Mary Had a Little Lamb**

Sometimes life is just not fair
Just not fair, Just not fair
Sometimes life is just not fair
With God continue on, don't despair

When Joseph was in jail, he made some friends. One was a bread maker and the other helped the King of Egypt, called Pharaoh. They each had a dream. The bread maker dreamed about birds coming and eating bread out of three baskets. This was bad news for the baker.

His other friend served Pharaoh his drinks. He had a dream about three branches of grapes. He squeezed the grapes into juice and gave it to Pharaoh to drink. This was good news for the Cupbearer. He got to go back to work for the Pharaoh. "Please remember me," Joseph told his friend, but his friend forgot.

One night Pharaoh, had a dream about skinny cows eating great big cows. What did that mean? Pharaoh didn't know. The cupbearer finally remembered Joseph and told Pharaoh he knew someone that could help him. Joseph got to come out of jail and go help Pharaoh.

Joseph

Let babies
put Joseph
in Jail.

Birds

Cups
Grapes

Pharaoh
doll from
resource
room

Joseph

♪ Reuben Reuben

Joseph, Joseph won't you tell us
How'd you foretell Pharaoh's dream?
God provided all I needed
He told me the meaning of the dream

Cows

♪ Did You Ever See a Lassie

Did you ever see a skinny cow
A skinny cow, a skinny cow
Did you ever see a skinny cow
Eat up a big fat one?

Oh, Pharaoh saw a skinny cow
A skinny cow, a skinny cow
Oh, Pharaoh saw a skinny cow
One night in a dream

He dreamed that the skinny cow
Ate up a big fat one
He didn't know what his dream meant
But God told Joseph

Did you ever see a little head of grain
Little head of grain, little head of grain
Did you ever see a little head of grain
Swallow up a big fat one?

Oh, Pharaoh saw a little head of grain
Little head of grain, little head of grain
Oh, Pharaoh saw a little head of grain
One night in a dream

But what did the dreams mean?
The dreams mean? The dreams mean?
But what did the dreams mean?
Oh, Pharaoh didn't know.

So, let's ask brother Joseph.
His God can tell us.
Oh, what do the dreams mean?
Joseph's God can tell us.

Bubbles

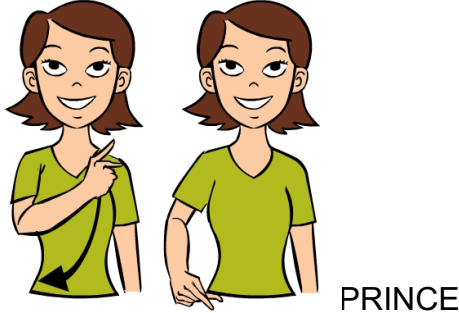
Fat and
skinny cows

Corn

Joseph

They'll be seven years of plenty
Of plenty, of plenty
They'll be seven years of plenty
That are followed by draught

"It means a famine is coming," Joseph explained. "There won't be enough food."
Pharaoh was so pleased by Joseph that he took him out of jail and made him a prince.



Let the kids
take Joseph
out of Jail

Joseph out of Jail

♪ Humble Yourself in the Sight of the Lord
Humble Yourself in the Sight of the Lord
Humble Yourself in the Sight of the Lord
And He, will lift, you up
And He will lift you up

God and Joseph worked together to have a plan that would save everyone from being hungry. Just as Joseph said there were seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine.

♪ Johnny Came to Class
God had a plan
God had a plan
He sav-ed Joseph
God had a plan

God has a plan
God has a plan
He sav-ed His people
God has a plan

Jesus is His plan
Jesus is His plan
Jesus died so I can live
Jesus is His plan

Joseph

Back home Joseph's brothers had run out of food and everyone was very hungry. God's special family was in danger. So Joseph's brothers traveled to Egypt to buy food.

♪ **There's a Hole in the Bucket**

There's no food in the house
Dear family, dear family
There's no food in the house
Dear family, no food

Well, then go to the market
The market, the market
Well, then go to the market
The market, Please go!

There's no food at the market
The market, the market
There's no food at the market
The market, no food

Then go down to Egypt
To Egypt, to Egypt
Then go down to Egypt
To Egypt, Please go!

They have food in Egypt
In Egypt, In Egypt
They have food in Egypt
In Egypt, We'll go!

♪ **Reuben Reuben I've been Thinking**

Joseph's brothers came to Egypt
They came down from Canaan Land
In their land they had no rain
They came down to buy some grain

Joseph's brothers came to Egypt
They came down to buy some food
They bowed before the governor
Put their faces on the floor

Joseph knew they were his kin but
They did not recognize him
Joseph thought up a plan

Plate

Plastic Food

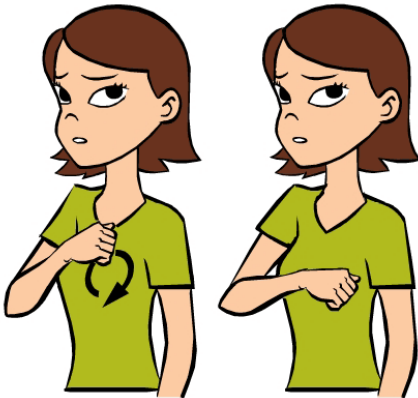
Joseph

Move my family from Canaan land.

Bring them to live near him
Cause he had forgiven them
Joseph's dreams all came to pass,
'Cause his family was united at last

God was the one with a great plan
God was in control of all
When it seems that things aren't right
I can count on the Lord day or night

The brothers came and knelt before the new prince, Joseph. Joseph's dream, the one about his brothers bowing down to him, was coming true. After a lot of traveling back and forth and sneaky plans, Joseph finally told his brothers who he was.



Sorry

"It's me!" Joseph cried. When they saw it was Joseph, his brothers were afraid. They were very mean to Joseph and had never said they were sorry. They thought Joseph would punish them.

But Joseph's eyes filled with tears. Even though his brothers had hurt him, he couldn't stop loving them. Joseph's heart, which they had broken, filled up with love, and Joseph forgave them.

♪ This Old Man

We're sorry, We're sorry
We hurt you and are sorry
Please will you forgive us?
From now on it's God we'll trust

I love you, I love you
You hurt me, but I love you
I forgive you for when you hurt me

Joseph

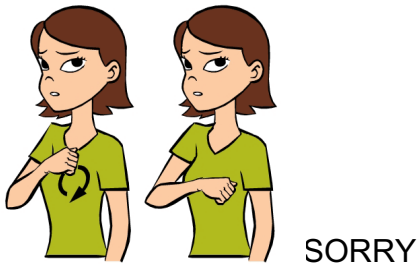
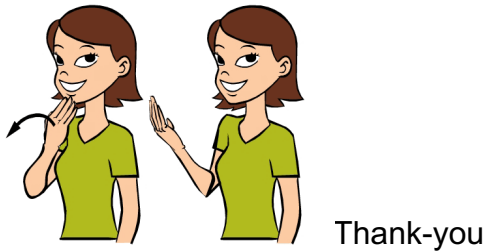
God's forgiveness is the key

♪ I've got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy

I've got the joy, joy, joy joy
Down in my heart. Where?
Down in my heart. Where?
Down in my heart.
I've got the joy joy joy joy
Down in my heart. Where?
Down in my heart to stay.

I've got the love of Jesus....
I've got the peace that passes understanding...

And I'm so happy, so very happy
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart
And I'm so happy, so very happy
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart



Joseph

♪ If You're Happy and You Know It

God likes it when we say, "I love you!"
God likes it when we say, "I love you!"
God's love is for everyone, That's why he sent Jesus his son
That is how God said, "I love you!"

God likes it when we say, "I'm sorry!"
God likes it when we say, "I'm sorry!"
When we accidentally hurt someone
A sorry makes them able to have fun
God likes it when we say, "I'm sorry!"

God likes it when we say, "Please and thank-you!"
God likes it when we say, "Please and thank-you!"
We should use our words to be kind
Our moms and dads we need to mind
So, God likes it when we say, "Please and thank-you!"

Joseph threw his arms around them. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Behind what you were doing, God was doing something good. God was making everything right again. God had a plan to help our whole family. Joseph brought God's special family to live safely with him in Egypt.

♪ Fear not, For I am with you

Fear not, for I am with you
Fear not, for I am with you
Fear not, for I am with you
Isaiah 43:5

One day God would send another Prince, a young Prince whose heart would break. Like Joseph, he would leave his home and his Father. His brothers would hate him and want him dead. He would be sold for pieces of silver. He would be punished even though he had done nothing wrong. His name would be Jesus.

♪ Wheels on the Bus

The Old Testament is a shadow of what is to come
What is to come, what is to come
The Old Testament is a shadow of what is to come
In the New Testament

Joseph was a prince of Egypt land
Egypt land, Egypt land
Jesus is the prince in the heavenly lands
In the New Testament

Joseph

Joseph was far away from his dad
Away from his dad, away from his dad
Jesus was far away from his Father
In the New Testament

Joseph's brothers didn't like him
Didn't like him, didn't like him
Jesus brothers didn't like him
In the New Testament

Joseph was traded for silver coins
Silver coins, silver coins
Jesus was traded for silver coins
In the New Testament

Joseph was punished 'though he did no wrong
Did no wrong, did no wrong
Jesus was punished 'though he did no wrong
In the New Testament

It wasn't easy but Joseph loved
Joseph loved, Joseph loved
It wasn't easy but Jesus loved
In the New Testament

But God would use everything that happened to this young prince,
Jesus--even the bad things--to do something good: to forgive the sins of
the whole world.

Review Songs:

♪ **It's Raining, It's Pouring**

Look Joseph, Look Joseph
A Pretty Coat for Joseph
With lots of colors and trimmings too
Your brothers would like a coat too

♪ **London Bridge**

Joseph's father had twelve sons,
Had twelve sons, had twelve sons.
Joseph's father had twelve sons,
Oh, what a family.

Joseph's father loved him best,
Loved him best, loved him best.

Pull out
whatever
toys they
want to play
with as you
sing review
songs.

You can use
a different
book to turn
pages to
while you
sing.

Joseph

Joseph's father loved him best,
Oh, what a family.

A coat of many colors was his pride,
Was his pride, was his pride.
A coat of many colors was his pride,
Oh, what a family.

All his brothers were so jealous,
Were so jealous, were so jealous.
All his brothers were so jealous,
Oh, what a family.

His brothers threw him in a pit,
In a pit, in a pit.
His brothers threw him in a pit,
Oh, what a family.

Midianites bought him as a slave,
As a slave, as a slave.
Midianites bought him as a slave,
Oh, what a family.

God was with him while he served
While he served, while he served
God was with him while he served
Oh, what a family.

He got in trouble, but it wasn't his fault
Wasn't his fault, wasn't his fault
He got in trouble, but it wasn't his fault
Oh, what a family.

Joseph was thro-own into jail,
Into jail, Into jail
Joseph was thro-own into jail
Oh, what a family.

God let Joseph understand dreams
Understand dreams, Understand dreams
God let Joseph understand dreams
Oh, what a family.

Pharaoh asked Joseph to help him out
Help him out, Help him out
Pharaoh asked Joseph to help him out

Joseph

Oh, what a family.

God caused a famine in the land,
In the land, in the land.

God caused a famine in the land,
Oh, what a family.

By_ then Joseph was a mighty man,
Mighty man, mighty man.

By_ then Joseph was a might man,
Oh, what a family.

His brothers came to him for food,
Him for food, him for food.

His brothers came to him for food,
Oh, what a family.

Joseph forgave and fed them all,
Fed them all, fed them all.

Joseph forgave and fed them all,
Oh, what a family.

♪ **Jesus Loves Me**

Jesus loves me, this I know
For the sunshine tells me so
Tells me as it shines so bright
Giving all the world its light

Jesus loves me, this I know
For the birdies tell me so
Tells me by their merry song
Singing now the whole day long

Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me this I know
For the raindrops tell me so
Tells me as they gently fall
On the trees, the flowers, and all

Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me

Joseph

The Bible tells me so.

♪ **Farmer in the Dale**

Thanks for coming to class

Thanks for coming to class

Be good boys and girls

Thanks for coming to class