

TOPHER'S WEEKLY LESSON

In the Bible, in the Book of Genesis, there was a boy named Joseph who had 11 brothers. Joseph's dad loved Joseph more than he loved any of his 11 brothers.

Joseph's dad gave him a very special present. It was a coat with many colors on it. When Joseph's brothers saw the special coat, they knew their dad loved Joseph more than he loved them and it made the brothers so angry that they wanted to hurt Joseph.

One day, Joseph's brothers were out in the field taking care of sheep. When they saw Joseph coming, they came up with a terrible plan. They tore Joseph's special coat off of him and they threw him into a big hole. Then they sold him to traders who took Joseph to Egypt and made him into a slave.

Being a slave was very hard, but God was with Joseph. He helped Joseph become a powerful leader in Egypt. Joseph was in charge of giving food to the people. One day, many years later, Joseph's brothers came to Egypt looking for food. When the brothers saw Joseph, they didn't recognize him, but Joseph recognized them.

At first, Joseph pretended like he didn't know his brothers and he spoke harshly to them, but then he couldn't take it anymore. Joseph broke down crying and said, "It's me, Joseph, your brother who you sold into slavery! Don't be upset with yourselves for selling me to this place. This was all a part of God's great plan." Then Joseph hugged and kissed each of his brothers. Even though Joseph's brothers had been mean to him, Joseph forgave them and was happy to see them.

ACTIVITY: AUGUST 30, 2020

I FORGIVE YOU(Response to God Activity)

Supplies: GO! Home Guide (printed on back of coloring sheet, 1 per child), crayons

Question: If you were Joseph, would you have forgiven your brothers? Why or why not?

Directions: Give each child a GO! Home Guide and some crayons or markers. The sheet will have a space for children to draw. Tell the children to draw and decorate a picture of a heart. While the children are drawing, ask them if there's someone they need to forgive.

Say: God forgives us when we do bad things and He wants us to forgive others too. Let's say a prayer to God and tell Him about the people we want to forgive.

Prayer: Begin by asking if any of the children would like to pray. Allow any children who want to pray the opportunity to do so. When they're finished, close the prayer by thanking God for forgiving us and ask Him to help us forgive other people.

**WHAT'S THE
BIG IDEA?**



THE BIG IDEA: GOD WANTS ME TO FORGIVE MY FAMILY.
BIBLE BASIS: GENESIS 37