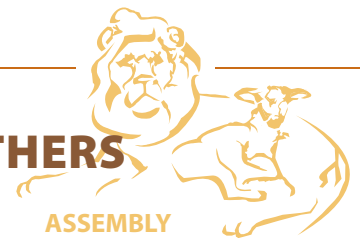


JOSEPH REVEALED HIMSELF TO HIS BROTHERS

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: GENESIS 44-45



Paraphrase the story retelling it to the children. Stop to ask them questions about what happened like, "What was hidden in the sack of grain?"

The following are some ideas for creative ways that you can present this material.

LESSON IDEAS

THE HIDDEN CUP IN THE SACK OF GRAIN

Supplies:

- 11 sacks as props
- one small silver cup

The sacks can be brown paper lunch bags and the silver cup can be a foil covered Dixie cup. You can fill Benjamin's sack with oatmeal if you want to simulate grain. Also bring a costume for Joseph such as an old towel for a headdress.

Choose one student to be Joseph and 11 others to be his brothers. Give the sack with the cup to Benjamin. Read through the Bible account and come up with a few lines for Joseph and his brothers.

Encourage the children to act out their roles. For instance, when the cup is found in Benjamin's sack the brothers should act afraid. End the skit by having Joseph take off his headdress and tell his brothers who he is.

JOSEPH'S BROTHERS MEMORY GAME

Supplies:

write the name of Joseph and his brothers on 12 index cards

The list can be found in Genesis 35:23-26

Review the names with the class several times. Play the boys against the girls. Have the girls try to remember one of the names. If they guess one give them the card to hold. Then give the boys a try. Continue until they can't remember any more names. You can give them clues. Play several times to help them remember the names.

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Where is Jesus?

Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.

Joseph was betrayed by his brothers, thrown into a pit, sold into slavery, and left for dead by his brothers who then lied to their father about his demise. In the end, when Joseph revealed his identity, he forgave his brothers. What a picture of Jesus who was betrayed by his friend, deserted by his disciples and crucified by his own people. He, too, extends forgiveness to the very ones who hurt Him. The grace on Joseph's life to forgive is a quick glance forward to Jesus.

