

**Lesson #1-3****Joseph's Hope**

Genesis 39:1-23

Key Verse:

But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love.
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The Point:

God's presence and goodness bring hope and new possibilities.

Unit Theme (September 9 - October 7):

God's Promises Bring Hope

God Was with Me

Praise God for being with us in difficult times.

You will need:

- † Paper
- † Crayons or pencils

Instructions:

1. We have heard stories about Noah, Abram, and Joseph. Briefly review each story.
2. We learned from the story today that God is always with us, even when things get scary. Joseph went through some very scary and hard times. But God was with him the whole time!
3. Sometimes it can be hard to remember that God is with us when we are afraid. But Noah, Abram, and Joseph never lost their faith in God, even when times were difficult. We know that because their stories are written in the Bible for us to read and hear over and over.
4. What if someone wrote your story in the Bible? When in your life has God helped you through a hard time? On your paper, write or draw a picture of a hard time when God was with you. Give time to write or draw.
5. It is easy to remember to praise and worship God when things are going well, but it can be more difficult to remember to worship God when we are going through hard or scary times. To help us remember, we are going to use your drawings to tell our own faith stories.
6. We will go around and you will show your drawing and read or tell your story about a time when God was with you. When you are done, we will all respond by saying, "Thank you, God, for always being with us."
7. Give everyone a chance to speak, being sensitive to those who do not want to share.