



## Joseph Forgives His Brothers

**BIG IDEA:** God forgives me, so I can forgive others.

**BIBLE BASIS:** Genesis 37, 43–45

**KEY VERSE:** “Forgive one another, just as God forgave you because of what Christ has done.” Ephesians 4:32

### ★ CONNECT TIME

#### WELL JUMPERS

**Supplies:** Make an oval circle on the floor with masking tape with 2 sides about 2 feet apart/

**Directions:** Tell everyone that our story today is about a boy named Joseph who was thrown in a deep hole called a well. Let’s pretend this is a well (oval masking tape circle) and we are going to jump right over it. On the count of three, have everyone jump over the well.

Tell everyone that in our story today Joseph forgave his brothers for throwing him in the well. This time, let’s jump to the other side and say, “**I forgive you!**” Do it several times...and then remind them to jump over it every time they come close to it.

**Question:** How do you think Joseph felt when his brothers threw him in the well?

**Say:** Sometimes it can be really hard to forgive people who hurt us. Sometimes we feel angry or sad and we want to hurt them back, but God wants us to forgive other people. In our story we’ll find out how Joseph forgave his brothers.

### ★ SINGING & STORY TIME

Watch the video online. Sing and do actions with the worship songs, then enjoy the great Bible story from God’s Word.



## ★ APPLICATION TIME

### COAT OF MANY COLORS CRAFT

**Supplies:** “Coat of Many Colors” activity sheet (attachment online), tissue paper squares (multiple colors), glue stick, markers or crayons

**Directions:** Print a “Coat of Many Colors” activity sheet for everyone. Glue the colored tissue paper squares to Joseph’s coat using lots of different colors. When finished gluing, color the remainder of the picture. As you work at your picture, talk about the story and ask the following question.

**Question:** When someone does something mean to you, is it hard for you to say, “I forgive you”?

### COAT OF MANY STREAMERS

**Supplies:** 4 rolls of different colored streamers, tape, trash bag

**Directions:** Choose someone to be Joseph. Create a coat of many colors for Joseph by wrapping him with streamers. Use the tape to secure the streamers. When finished, ask the following question:

**Question:** How do you think Joseph felt when his dad gave him the coat with many colors?

**Say:** In our story for today, Joseph’s dad gave him a special coat of many colors. It was kind of like the coat we created. But his brothers were jealous, so they tore his coat off and threw him in a well. Joseph’s brothers were so mean to him, but Joseph still forgave them. That’s because Joseph knew that God forgave him, so he was able to forgive others.

**Question:** Have you ever needed forgiveness? What did you need forgiveness for?

**Question:** When you think about all of the times that God forgives you, does that make it easier for you to forgive others? Why?

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