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**MISSIONMEMPHIS**

REACHING THE SOULS OF THE CITY

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# WHAT TO BRING



- Sleeping bag/sheets & blanket & pillow(s); (a bunk and mattress will be provided)
- Towels
- Bible & Devotional material
- Work clothes (clothes that you don't mind getting soiled or ruined)
- T-Shirts (no tank tops)
- Shorts (modest length)
- Closed-toe shoes (tennis shoes or sneakers) [sandals, if desired but only to wear away from mission sites as open toes footwear is not permitted on club site]
- Appropriate sleeping attire (you will be required to be fully dressed when out of your bunk rooms and in hallways)
- Toiletries & sunscreen
- Prescribed medications if any
- Money for Street Reach retail gear
- Hoody or jacket
- Work gloves
- Personal water bottles (SR has water bottles available for purchase)
- First aid kit
- Extra spending money (\$30-50 max)

# SCHEDULE

## SUNDAY

4:00pm- Arrival & Check-In  
5:30pm- Dinner  
6:15pm- Club Orientation  
7:00pm- Free time, Showers open, Group Devotional  
10:30pm- Lights Out

## DAILY SCHEDULE - MONDAY - THURSDAY

7:00am- Wake up, Showers open  
8:00am- Quiet time  
8:15am- Breakfast  
8:45am- Morning site meeting  
9:00am- Brinkley History with Pastor Tim  
9:45am- Prayer and send off  
10:00am- Leave for club site and set up  
10:15am- Bible Club  
12:30pm- Lunch  
1:45pm- Ministry project orientation  
2:00pm- Ministry Project  
4:00pm- Return to Brinkley Heights  
4:15pm- Shower/Free time  
5:00pm- Dinner  
7:00pm- Worship  
8:00pm- Free time, Showers open, Group Devotional  
10:30pm- Lights out

## TUESDAY

Same as Monday schedule

## WEDNESDAY

No ministry projects after lunch- Free night for our team

Please note: the Shower schedule & the Gym schedule will change and begin at 2:00 PM on Wednesday. We ask that you are out of the housing facility by 5:30 pm.

## THURSDAY

Same as Monday schedule

## FRIDAY

Morning schedule still the same. We will leave after lunch.



# STREET REACH PROVIDES

**Housing** for your team:

**Teams** will have dorm style facilities; bunks with mattresses (need to bring pillow, linens and towels). Our housing facility has restrooms with showers, a gymnasium, meeting rooms but does not have kitchen facilities!

**Food** for your team (includes arrival pizza dinner on Sunday evening, light breakfast foods each morning (i.e.: cereal, toast, pastries, milk, oj, coffee, etc.), light lunches (i.e.: sandwiches, chips, snacks, drinks, desserts), and catered evening dinners (i.e.: hot, full-course meals on three weekday nights). The only meal off campus will be on Wednesday night, which is our free night to do something fun and eat somewhere with our group in Memphis.

**Supplies** for all community service projects your team may be assigned to accomplish.

**Curriculum** for the site bible clubs, complete with curriculum and craft ideas.

**Street Reach staff site missionaries** (student summer missionaries) will coordinate each mission site (i.e., Bible clubs, sports camps, light construction projects, community service projects).

**Sunday night orientation** to be led by staff director to acquaint your team members with rules and regulations, area customs and taboos, curriculum, music, and daily itineraries.



# STREET REACH PROVIDES

**Evening worship, praise & share times\*** led by the staff missionaries.

**Wednesday night no scheduled activities** to allow teams to plan their own activities.

## **What will we be doing?**

This trip will be focused on reaching the community of North Memphis through backyard Bible clubs and different service projects. Each morning our group will go out and provide a "VBS" type of experience for children in the community we are serving.

After lunch we will be doing different service projects to help be the hands and feet of Jesus in that community. Service projects may include: yard work, Brinkley clean up, Brinkley gym community center sports ministry, laundromat ministry, nursing home visitation, or activity clubs. The purpose of all of this work is so that we might open a door to have gospel conversations and/or plant seeds for Street Reach to make further connections for ministry opportunities.

1. Bible Story
2. Crafts
3. Games
4. Songs

## **Gospel Training**

Roman Road (Memorize these verses)

- Romans 3:23 "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."
- Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."
- Romans 5:8 "but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."
- John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."
- Romans 10:9 "because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

# DAY 1



## **Joseph and the Coat of Many Colors**

**Passage:** Genesis 37

**Main Point:** God used Joseph's suffering for good.

**Christ Connection:** *God used Joseph's suffering for the good of others. Jesus used his suffering for the good of others by saving people through his death and resurrection.*

### **Leader Devotion**

Jacob grew up in strife with his twin brother, Esau. He deceived his father, Isaac, to steal Esau's blessing. Then he spent many years away from his family to avoid Esau's anger. God spoke to Jacob in a dream and reaffirmed to Jacob the promise He gave to Abraham and Isaac. Finally, God called Jacob home to the land of Canaan. God blessed Jacob and changed his name to Israel.

Jacob had 12 sons. They would become the leaders of the tribes of Israel. But Jacob's favorite son was Joseph. Joseph was the son of Rachel, Jacob's favorite wife, and Jacob didn't hide his favoritism. He gave Joseph a gift that his other sons did not get: a beautiful coat of many colors. Of course, this did not endear Joseph to his siblings. Neither did Joseph's announcement that God had spoken to him in dreams—dreams that revealed that one day everyone in Joseph's family would bow down to him. Joseph's brothers planned evil against him, and Joseph ended up in a hole in the ground. Then he was sent to Egypt and was accused of a crime he did not commit.

Maybe Joseph felt alone in the pit and in prison. Did God forget Joseph? No. God was with Joseph, and He had a wonderful plan. God raised Joseph up into a position of power in Egypt. God used Joseph to establish a remnant—a small, surviving group of His people. Centuries later, God sent His son, Jesus, into the world as part of that family.

Jesus experienced true loneliness and ultimate suffering as He died on the cross for our sins. God raised Jesus from the dead. When we trust in Him, God forgives our sin. We won't experience true loneliness because Jesus promised to always be with us. And compared to the weight of glory awaiting believers, our suffering on earth is momentary light affliction.

God is in control of our lives, and He uses suffering and injustice to accomplish His plans in and through us. We can trust God's faithfulness. Through all circumstances, God's will prevails—all for His glory and our good.

### **Start It**

Welcome to VBS this year! We are so glad you have joined us this year! We are so excited to be Undefeated this week. We will learn that God's plan always wins and will defeat evil! We get to be a part of God's plan and we know we will always win~

We're going to talk about this more this week but let's take a minute to make sure everyone knows each other since we will be together a lot this week.

## **Get to know you Games**

### **Follow the Beat Name Game**

Have all the players stand in a circle. Teach the group a certain beat. (Example: Slap thighs twice, stomp feet twice, clap hands twice.)

Repeat this beat throughout the entire game. Have your group practice the beat. Once they seem to have it down, you can start the game. Have the group start the beat and the first player says their name at the start of the beat. Then the second player goes when the beat starts again. Go around the circle until everyone has a turn. When you get back to the first player, do the beat faster. Go all the way around again and go even faster the third time. See if the kids can go around without messing up.

### **Line Up Game**

Separate everyone into 2 or 3 teams.

The teacher will ask all the kids to line up according to a characteristic about them. All the players race to find the right order and shout when they are finished.

Ideas:

- Everyone please now line up in order of age, oldest at the front, youngest at the back
- Everyone please now line up in first name alphabet order
- Everyone please now line up by height, shortest first
- Everyone please now line up according to your birthdays - first in the year goes first

### **Tell It**

Jacob had 12 sons, but his favorite son was Joseph. Because Jacob loved Joseph the most, he gave Joseph a special gift that none of his other brothers received. Jacob gave Joseph a colorful robe. This robe was special and showed how much Jacob loved Joseph. If your parents gave your brother or sister special presents and never gave you anything, how would you feel? The other brothers hated Joseph. *(Read Genesis 37:3-4 - 3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him. 4 When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.)*

One day, Joseph shared with his brothers a dream he had. He dreamed that he and his brothers were putting together bundles of grain. Suddenly Joseph's grain stood up and the others bowed down to him. When he told his family this dream, they were not happy with what he was telling them. So they grew to dislike him even more. Then Joseph had another dream. In this dream, Joseph saw the sun, the moon, and 11 stars bowing down to him. This dream meant all of Joseph's family would one day bow down to Joseph. His brothers didn't want to hear what Joseph had to say and disliked being around him!

Some time later, Jacob had the 10 brothers working out in the field. Joseph was able to stay home because his dad didn't want him to have to work. Jacob wanted to see how the work was coming along so he sent Joseph to check on his brothers, who were tending to the sheep. When the brothers saw Joseph coming, they decided to kill him. Reuben, Joseph's oldest brother, convinced the others to throw him into a pit instead. *(Read Genesis 37:19-20, 22 - 19 "Here comes that dreamer!" they said to each other. 20 "Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams." 22 "Don't shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern here in the wilderness, but don't lay a hand on him." Reuben said this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father.)*

The brothers decided to follow Reuben's advice and threw him into the pit. Then they saw a caravan of people heading to Egypt. The brothers sold Joseph to them as a servant. The brothers dipped Joseph's coat in goat's blood and showed it to Jacob. They tricked Jacob into thinking Joseph had been killed by animals. Jacob was very sad when he was shown this.

Today's story is strange. Why would Joseph's brothers treat him like this? Even though they didn't always get along with Joseph, it was very mean to throw him in a pit and send him away! Unfortunately, we live in a world where everything doesn't work exactly like we think it should. That is because of sin in the world! We are going to give everyone a black bead to use for their gospel bracelet. We will be learning about different colors each day!

Christ Connection: God had a plan for Joseph's life. He allowed Joseph to suffer in order to rescue a whole nation. God planned for Jesus to suffer so that many people—from all nations—would be saved.

### **Children's Review Questions**

1. Jacob's favorite son was Benjamin. (false, it was Joseph, Gen. 37:3)
2. Joseph's brothers loved Joseph. (false, they hated him, Gen. 37:4)
3. Joseph had a dream about grain bowing down. (true, Gen. 37:6-7)
4. Joseph's dreams meant Joseph would rule over his family. (true, Gen. 37:8-9)
5. Joseph's brothers threw him into a deep pond (false, an empty pit, Gen. 37:23-24)
6. Joseph was sold to people traveling to Bethlehem. (false, Egypt)

### **Live It**

In today's story, we learned about Joseph and his brothers being unkind to him. We are going to be using a gospel bracelet all week long to learn about what Jesus has done for us. We'll add a color or two each day. Today, we are adding the black bead to show that there is sin in the world and things don't always work like we think they should.

### **Finish It**

As you travel around to different locations, pretend that you are leaving your home and heading on a trip to a foreign country!

### **Activity 1: Memory Verse Activity**

Write out John 16:33 on the whiteboard. Erase one important word at a time while repeating the verse each time. Continue until all the words are erased and the kids know the verse.

### **Activity 2: Toss the Brothers**

Each class will be given balls of paper wrapped in tape with the names of the brothers on them. Split the class up into two groups on opposite sides of the room and place a piece of tape in the middle of the room in order to split up the teams. The goal is to have the least balls of paper on your team's side. To toss a piece of paper to the other side, the kids must read the name on the ball before tossing it across. They must read the name to toss it. After some time, call the game over and count up the amounts on each side. Repeat as time allows.



### **Activity 3: Brothers Echo Game**

Invite a volunteer to read the names of Jacob's 12 sons from Genesis 35: 23-26. Be prepared to assist with pronunciation:

- Reuben (RHOO ben)
- Simon (SIGH muhn)
- Levi (LEE vigh)
- Judah (JOO duh)
- Issachar (ISS uh KAHR)
- Zebulun (ZEB yoo luhn)
- Joseph (JOH zif)
- Benjamin (BEN juh min)
- Dan (DAN)
- Naphtali (NAF tuh ligh)
- Gad (GAD)
- Asher (ASH uhr)

Read the names again slowly. Encourage kids to pay close attention to the names of Joseph's brothers. Then call out a name. Instruct the kids to echo by repeating the name; boys repeat the name first, then girls repeat it quietly.

Randomly call out names like "Noah, David, or Paul". Any kids who echo a name that does not belong to Joseph or his brothers must sit down. Play until one or two kids remain.

### **Activity 4: Dream Sequence**

Post the 4 pictures in different corners of the room. Demonstrate motions for each object.

- Wheat - Wave your arms overhead.
- Stars - Do Jumping jacks
- Moon - Hold your arms in a circle overhead.
- Sun - Spin around one time.

Invite the kids to choose corners to stand in. Call out one of the objects. Kids in that corner must perform the motion. The last player to do so is out. Between rounds, kids may move between corners.

# DAY 2



## Joseph Interprets Pharaoh's Dream

**Passage:** Genesis 41

**Main Point:** God accomplishes his will even when it seems impossible!

**Christ Connection:** *Jesus came into the world to save others. He didn't come to be served, but to serve others. He saved us through his sacrifice on the cross.*

### Leader Devotion

In Genesis 41, we find Joseph standing before Pharaoh, tasked with unraveling the dream that haunted the ruler's sleep. Imagine the weight of that moment—confronting the most powerful man in the land, offering clarity where there was confusion, and hope where there was despair. Yet, Joseph didn't rely on his own wisdom or intellect; he leaned on God's guidance, recognizing that true insight comes not from mortal minds but from the Divine.

As leaders, we often face our own versions of Pharaoh's dreams—challenges that seem insurmountable, questions without answers, crises that threaten to engulf us. In those moments, we can draw inspiration from Joseph's example. He didn't shrink in the face of adversity; instead, he embraced it as an opportunity to demonstrate faith and leadership. He knew that God's will was going to prevail. In that moment, he had all the power in the world, but he instead points to God and how great he is. He is unselfish!

### Start it

To kick things off, ask the kids if they have ever taken a trip or traveled to a far off place? Ask the kids who has traveled the farthest. How did they get to these different places? Ask them how they were able to get to the church today. Have them think about what it would look like if they had to walk or ride an animal everywhere they went. What would be the longest they would be willing to travel if they had to do these things? Yesterday, we learned about Joseph and him having to travel a long way from his home. Today, we are going to look at what he did while he was in Egypt!



## **Tell It**

Meanwhile, the travelers sold Joseph to an Egyptian named Potiphar. The Lord blessed Joseph and made him successful at everything he did. When Potiphar saw this, he put him in charge of his whole house. (Genesis 39:2-4 - The Lord was with Joseph so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. 3 When his master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord gave him success in everything he did, 4 Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned.) Not long after Potiphar put him in charge, Potiphar's wife tried to get Joseph to sin against God, but Joseph refused. This made her very angry and she accused Joseph of something he did not do. He was thrown in jail because of this.

God was with Joseph and blessed him. The jail warden put Joseph in charge of the other prisoners, and God made Joseph successful. (Genesis 39:21-23 - 21 the Lord was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. 22 So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there. 23 The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care, because the Lord was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.) Two of the prisoners Joseph cared for were Pharaoh's baker and cupbearer. They each had a dream and asked Joseph what they meant. Joseph was able to interpret the dreams thanks to God and told them each what would happen. One day, the cupbearer would serve again, but the baker would not. Joseph asked the cupbearer to remember him and that he didn't deserve to be in jail.

The cupbearer did serve Pharaoh again, but he never told Pharaoh about Joseph. One day Pharaoh had two dreams. Pharaoh saw seven fat cows eaten by seven skinny cows, and seven fat heads of grain eaten by seven thin heads. No one knew what these dreams meant! That's when the cupbearer remembered Joseph.

Joseph was taken out of prison and stood before Pharaoh. He told Pharaoh that God was the one able to interpret the dreams. (Read Genesis 40:8 - 8 "We both had dreams," they answered, "but there is no one to interpret them.") He told Pharaoh that the dreams meant there would be 7 years of good harvest followed by 7 years of famine. He told Pharaoh to save some of the food for the difficult years. Joseph was put in charge of the project and he became a very important person.

Today we are going to look at the red bead. The red bead represents Christ's blood. Jesus did something that was very difficult and lonely at times. Even though he didn't deserve what happened to him, he followed God's plan in order to save people!

Christ Connection: Many people believed the Messiah would be a conquering king, coming to claim what was his. Instead, Jesus humbled himself, made himself nothing, and poured himself out for our sake. Jesus wants us to follow his example; to feed the hungry, care for the sick, and love the least of these.

## **Review It**

You could divide the group into two teams and play trashketball. You ask a team a question and if they answer correctly, they get to shoot a basket. (This can be played with a small lightweight ball or even a paper wad and a literal trash can or a tall bucket or basket.) When you have asked all the questions, keep track of both teams scores and the highest one wins!

## Review Questions

1. Who was the main character in Genesis 41?
2. What was Joseph's job in Egypt?
3. What did Pharaoh dream about?
4. How many dreams did Pharaoh have in Genesis 41?
5. Why were Pharaoh's advisors unable to interpret his dreams?
6. Who remembered Joseph and his ability to interpret dreams?
7. What did Joseph tell Pharaoh his dreams meant?
8. What did Pharaoh do for Joseph after he interpreted the dreams?
9. What position did Pharaoh give to Joseph?
10. How did Joseph help Egypt prepare for the famine?

## Live It

In today's story, we learned about Joseph interpreting Pharaoh's dream. We are adding the red bead to our gospel bracelet. The red bead represents Jesus' blood that he shed for us on the cross. Joseph continued to trust God's plan when things were difficult. Jesus followed God's plan

## Finish It

As you travel to different locations today, have the kids go up to others and ask how they can serve them!

## Activity 1: John 16:33

Write each word of John 16:33 on a notecard and place in a ziploc bag or envelope. Divide into teams and give each team a set. The first team to arrange the verse in the proper order wins.

## Activity 2: Serving Relay

Divide players into teams. Teams line up at the start line. At the go, first player on each team races with their tray to the opposite end of the field, fills a cup with water, places it on their tray, and races back to their team line to serve the cup of water to the teammate who is waiting for his or her turn. The waiting player must drink the cup of water, set the cup aside, and race with the tray to the opposite end of the field to pour another cup of water, and then race back to serve the next player in line. Play continues like this until all the players have had a turn running AND drinking a cup of water. During play, players must not hold the cup. If a cup spills the player must return to the team's pitcher of water to refill it before returning to their team line to serve it up.



### **Activity 3: Bible Role Play**

Allow the kids to dress up and act out today's story! You can bring different clothes to let the kids wear to help get into character. This would be a fun way to act out the story.

### **Activity 4: Dream Concentration**

Use the provided pictures to play a game of concentration/memory. Kids will take turns turning over 2 pictures and try to match them. If they match, the player gets to keep them. If they don't match, turn them back over and the next player attempts to match 2. Round ends when all the pictures have been gathered!

# DAY 3



## Joseph's Dreams Came True

**Passage:** Genesis 42-50

**Main Point:** What can stop God's plan? Nothing can stop God's perfect plan.

**Christ Connection:** *God's perfect plan was accomplished through Joseph and his story. God saved many people through Joseph's life. Jesus saves us from our sin by accomplishing God's perfect plan.*

## Leader Devotion

Jacob and his family lived in Canaan, but someone was missing. Jacob's favorite son, Joseph, was in Egypt.

Unbeknownst to Jacob, Joseph had been elevated to a position of power. So when a famine came to Canaan and Jacob sent his sons to Egypt for grain, he had no idea that the journey would lead to a family reunion.

Ten of Jacob's sons went to Egypt to buy grain. They went to Joseph, who was in charge of distributing the food.

Joseph recognized his brothers immediately, but they did not recognize him. Joseph put his brothers through a series of tests. He accused them of being spies and required them to return with their youngest brother, Benjamin.

Jacob was hesitant to let his sons return to Egypt for more grain, especially with Benjamin in tow. He reluctantly let Benjamin go with Judah's promise of protection for him.

After the heartbreak of losing his favorite son, Jacob could not stand the thought of losing his youngest.

Finally, Joseph revealed his identity to his brothers. They must have been in awe that the brother they assumed was dead was in fact alive! And a powerful leader in Egypt!

Would Joseph use his power to rescue his family from the famine? Or would he avenge his brothers' evil against him?

Joseph explained why God allowed him to be taken to Egypt. Even though his brothers intended harm, God intended his good. Joseph told his family to come to Egypt where they could thrive. Little did Joseph know, his brothers and their families would be enslaved in Egypt for the next 400 years.

Before he died, Joseph reminded his brothers of God's promise to their family. "God will certainly come to your aid and bring you up from this land to the land He promised Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob" (Gen. 50:24). Despite Egyptian oppression, Jacob's descendants multiplied. God kept His promise, and through the nation of Israel, He worked out His plan of redemption through His Son, Jesus Christ.



### **Start It**

We're so glad that you are back with us today for day 3 of VBS! Today, we have talked about why we have VBS and the importance of Jesus being our Savior. Joseph forgave his brothers of what they had done against him. Jesus forgives us of what we've done against God! We also want you to have a chance to make a decision today too and talk about what it means to follow Jesus.

### **Tell It**

Jacob and his family were in trouble. They did not have enough food to eat. No one in the land of Canaan had enough food to eat. But Jacob learned that there was food in Egypt. So Jacob sent 10 of his sons to buy some grain. His son Benjamin stayed home.

Joseph had a powerful job in Egypt. He was in charge of who got food, so the brothers came to him and bowed down. Joseph knew who these men were, but they did not recognize him as their brother whom they sold into slavery years before. Joseph remembered his dreams of his brothers bowing down to him. Joseph's dreams were coming true.

Joseph said, "I think you are spies. You are here to spy on the land."

But the brothers said, "No! We are not spies. We are brothers. There were 12 of us, but your youngest brother is at home with our father and another brother is dead."

Joseph put his brothers in prison for three days. Then he said, "Go home and bring your youngest brother back to me to prove that you are not spies. But one of you must stay here."

The brothers went home with food for their families, and one of them stayed in Egypt. They told their father everything that had happened, and their father was very upset. "Do not take my youngest son with you," he said. Joseph is dead, and I cannot lose another son."

When all the food was gone, Jacob asked his sons to go back to Egypt.

"We can only go back if we take Benjamin with us," Judah said. "I promise to bring him home."

So the brothers returned to Egypt. They took money to pay for their food, and they took a special gift for Joseph.

Joseph invited all of the brothers to his home for a meal. After the meal, Joseph sent away all of his attendants. He cried in front of his brothers. "I am Joseph!" he told them. "I am your brother! You sold me into Egypt, but do not be afraid. God sent me here so I could save your people, a remnant, from the famine."

Joseph told his brothers to go home and gather all their family and belongings and come back to Egypt, where they would have enough food to eat.

On the way to Egypt, God spoke to Jacob in a vision. A vision is like a dream, but Jacob was awake. God said, "I am God, the God of your father. Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for I will make you into a great nation there. I will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also bring you back." All of Jacob's family, from sons to great-grandsons, went to Egypt. Jacob hugged his son Joseph and they cried.

Jacob's family was blessed in Egypt, but Jacob got older and died. Now Joseph's brothers were afraid Joseph would punish them for what they did to him. Joseph said, "You planned evil against me; God planned it for good to bring about the present result: the survival of many people." Then Joseph comforted his brothers and spoke kindly to them.

### **Christ Connection**

God had a plan for Joseph's life. He allowed Joseph to suffer in order to rescue a whole nation. God planned for Jesus to suffer so that many people—from all nations—would be saved.

### **Review Questions**

1. Which of Jacob's sons did not go to Egypt to find food? (Benjamin)
2. What did Joseph accuse his brothers of being? (Spies)
3. Why did Jacob decide to send his sons back to Egypt? (They ran out of food)
4. Did Joseph cry softly or loudly in front of his brothers? (Loudly)
5. How did God speak to Jacob? (In a vision)
6. What did God tell Jacob He would do? (Make him into a great nation)
7. What were Joseph's brothers afraid Joseph would do? (seek revenge)
8. What did Joseph say God planned for the evil acts of Joseph's brothers? (God used it for saving of many people)

### **Review It**

Beforehand, create cards that have different point values assigned to them. Divide the class into 2 teams. Before asking the question, let the team draw a card to see how much the question will be worth. If a team gets it wrong, the opposing team can answer the question for half the points.

### **Live It**

Today, we are going to add two beads to our Gospel bracelet. We are going to add the white bead and the blue bead. The white bead represents that we are made clean when Jesus forgives us of our sin. God looks at our life as if we were perfect! The blue bead represents baptism. Christians get baptized after they have made a decision to follow Jesus because we want to show others what Jesus has done in our hearts!

### **Finish It**

Go through the God's Plan for Me page of this book or present the Gospel in the way that you most feel comfortable. Ask the kids to fill out their decision cards in the room.

### **Activity 1: Hunt and Gather**

Place a large bowl of M&Ms on a table at the front of the room. Position two (or as many as you have teams) plastic spoons next to the bowl. Form two or more teams. Make sure there are fewer than 7 or so per team.

Guide the teams to stand single file in their teams. Give each player a small cup.

- You will call out a number and a color. (For example, "Two red" and/or "Four Yellow")
- The first player on each team will run to the bowl, scoop the assigned number and color of candies into his cup and return to their team.
- The first player to return with the correct number and color of candies earns a point for their team.
- Play seven rounds to signify the seven years of plenty.



### **Activity 2: Elimination Game**

Give each kid a sticky note and something to write with. Instruct kids to write their names on the sticky notes. Arrange chairs in a circle, back to back. Put one sticky note on each chair.

Tell the kids to begin walking around the circle of chairs. When you call stop, each kid should find the chair labeled with his name. The last player to do so is out. Remove the person's chair and start another round. Play until you have a few kids left. You can talk about how there was a remnant left. God used a remnant to establish his Kingdom forever!

### **Activity 3: Bible Verse Game**

Divide up the boys and the girls and see which team has more people that can say John 16:33.

### **Activity 4: Blanket Name Game**

Form two teams. Select two kids or two adult helpers to hold up a blanket between the teams so kids cannot see their opponents.

To play, one member of each team will stand close to the blanket facing the opposing team. On the count of three, the two helpers will drop the blanket. The first player to call out of the name of the other player standing on the other side of the blanket is the winner. -The brothers in today's story didn't recognize Joseph!

# DAY 4



## **Heroes of the Faith**

**Passage:** Hebrews 11

**Main Point: We can trust in Jesus!**

**Christ Connection: *When we trust in Jesus, the Holy Spirit changes us and makes us look different from the world.***

## **Leader Devotion**

It is common to think of faith as something that is just within us—trust and confidence in God. While that is surely part of it, faith doesn't stop there. Faith starts inside of us and always leads to action.

The writer of the Book of Hebrews wanted to explain the fullness of faith to the early Jewish Christians. One of the best ways he could do this was to walk through examples of how men and women in the Old Testament had proven to be faithful. The result is Hebrews 11, often known as the Hall of Faith.

Abel had faith when he gave an offering to God, and God accepted his offering. Noah had faith. He believed God when God told him to build an ark to rescue his family.

Abraham had faith when God called him to leave his home.

Abraham's wife Sarah had faith when she trusted God to give her a family even though she was too old to have children. Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, and Moses had faith too.

Rahab had faith when she hid the Israelite spies in Jericho.

All of these people trusted God, and so did many others.

Having faith was not easy. Many suffered, and they died before God's greatest promise—the arrival of Jesus—came true, but they believed that God had a wonderful plan. God was pleased with them because they trusted Him.

You can share the examples of these heroes of faith to help your kids understand faith in action. We can and should learn from these examples; that is why God gave them to us in Hebrews 11. However, emphasize that every person in this list was a sinner in need of salvation. Each of these heroes needed a greater hero. Point your kids to the perfect hero who rescues us from sin: Jesus.

## **Start It**

Tell the kids that you are excited for the last day of VBS! It's been a great week and we're going to talk today about the "Hall of Fame" of people from the Bible. These are people who trusted in God's plan no matter what they faced.

## **Tell It**

In the Book of Hebrews, we find a list of people who lived by faith. What is faith? Faith is being sure that what we hope for will actually happen. Faith is obeying God because we trust Him. By faith, we believe that God created everything from nothing, just by speaking!

Many people in the Bible had faith, and this pleased God. Abel had faith when he gave an offering to God, and God accepted his offering. We must have faith in order to please God because by faith we believe that He exists and that He rewards those who trust in Him.

Noah had faith too. He obeyed God by building an ark to rescue his family. Noah warned other people too because he trusted that God was telling the truth when He said a flood was coming. God was pleased with Noah.

Abraham had faith when God called him to leave his home. Abraham did not know where he was going, but he obeyed God. God made promises to Abraham, and Abraham believed that God was going to keep His promises.

Abraham's wife Sarah had faith. She trusted God to give her a family even though she was too old to have children. Sarah was 90 and Abraham was 100 when they had their son Isaac. Abraham and Sarah went on to have many descendants. God gave them a family as numerous as the stars in the sky.

Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, and Moses had faith. Rahab had faith when she hid the Israelite spies in Jericho. King David had faith too. All of these people trusted God, and so did many others. Having faith was not easy. Many of these faithful people suffered, and they all died before God's greatest promise, the arrival of Jesus— came true, but they believed that God had a wonderful plan. God was pleased with them because they trusted Him.

We know today that God has a great plan. He kept His promise to send the Messiah—His own Son, Jesus— to rescue people from sin. Jesus gives us faith. We can look to Him because in Him, all of God's promises will come true.

### **Christ Connection**

The Bible gives examples of people who had faith, but the true hero of the Bible is Jesus. Jesus looked forward to the joy that would come because of the cross. Because of Jesus, the things the faithful people in the Bible looked forward to will come true. We know that Jesus will come back one day because God always keeps His promises.

### **Review Activity**

Give each kid a small red card and a small green card. Tell the kids to hold up the red card each time you read a statement that is false. Kids will hold up a green card if the statement is true. After each false statement, choose a kid to explain what was wrong with the statement.

### **Review Questions**

1. Faith is hoping for something you know can never happen. (False, it is being certain of something you hope will happen; Heb. 11:1)
2. God is pleased when people live by faith. (true, Heb. 11:2)
3. Noah built the ark because of his faith in God. (true, Heb. 11:7)
4. Sarah had a son because she had faith in God. (true, Heb. 11:11)
5. Rahab welcomed the spies into Jericho even though she had no faith. (False, she had faith; Heb 11:31)
6. Faith always made life easier for people. (False, many people suffered for their faith; Heb. 11:36-37)
7. Jesus is the source of our faith, and our faith is made perfect in Him (true, Heb. 12:2)

### **Live It**

Today, we are going to add our last two beads to our Gospel bracelet. We are going to add the yellow bead and the green bead. The yellow bead represents Heaven. ONce we trust Christ as our Savior and ask him for the forgiveness of sins, we know that we get to spend forever with him in Heaven just like these people in the Hall of Fame and every other Christian. The green bead represents growth. Even after we trust Christ as our Savior, we still grow closer to him each and every day. Talk about some different ways you can grow in your relationship with Jesus!

### **Finish It**

Ask them what they have learned this week. What is it that sticks out the most? Then ask them if they have had fun and what their favorite part has been. Tell kids to remember that God's plan is undefeated and we can be a part of His great plan!

### **Activity 1: John 16:33**

Read John 16:33 to everyone. Tell the kids that you will read the verse again and they need to listen carefully. You can change a word in the verse and ask them if it is the same. Try and stump them! See how well they listen carefully to the verse.

### **Activity 2: Hero Brainstorm**

Help kids brainstorm ideas of traits and abilities that might mark a person as a hero or heroine. List the ideas that the kids come up with. After a few minutes, or when ideas start to run out, go through the list and circle ideas that are true of the heroes listed in Hebrews 11.

### **Activity 3: Hero lineup**

Write the names of various Bible people on separate index cards. For a large group, you may want to make multiple sets. Form groups of three or four kids and challenge them to put the names in order based on the chronology of when those people would have lived.

Suggested Bible people:

- Adam
- Eve
- Moses
- Deborah
- David
- Esther
- Zerubbabel
- Mary
- Jesus

### **Activity 4: Bible people guess who**

Write the names of various Bible people on separate index cards. Allow the kids to come, one at a time, to draw a card and act out the person they draw. If it gets too difficult, you can use the names from activity 3 to help with familiarity.

# DAY 5

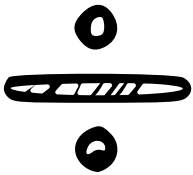


## **God made you. God loves you. God wants you.**



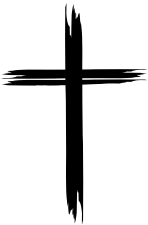
- 2 Peter 3:9 "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."

## **Sin infects you. Sin separates you. Sin kills you.**



- Romans 3:23 "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"
- Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

## **Jesus came to save. Jesus died to pay. Jesus rose to offer.**



- Romans 5:8 "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

## **Turn from sin. Turn from self. Trust in Jesus.**



- Romans 10:9-10 "If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved."
- Romans 10:13 "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."





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