

GOOD NEWS CLUB AGENDA

JOSEPH #1 – “Joseph, the Beloved Son”

WEEK OF:

MAIN TRUTH: GOD WANTS YOU TO BE CONTENT

TO DO AS THE CHILDREN ARRIVE:

1. Introduce yourself and make the children feel welcome.
2. Give out name tags for the children.
3. Take attendance. Be sure to fill in each area of the attendance record.

PRE- SESSION ACTIVITY

WELCOME AND OPENING EXPLANATIONS: (6 minutes)

1. Welcome the children.
2. Show and explain Attendance Certificate and Memory Verse Chart.
3. Explain other general information regarding club.

RULES CHART: (6 minutes)

SONG: (2 minutes) _____

PRAYER: (3 minutes)

1. Prayer song: _____
2. You pray, thanking God for His Son Jesus, for the Bible, and for Good News Club, etc.

MEMORY VERSE: (9 minutes)

I Peter 3:18 – “For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the Just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God.”

(The underlined portion of the verse indicates what the younger children should memorize. See ***Involvement Helps for Younger Children*** for helps in teaching the verse to the younger children.)

“What Is Missing?” – After reading the verse from your Bible, explaining what it means, and repeating it at least two times, you may begin this drill. Pick a child to remove a flocked section/place a post-it note on the MV poster while another child stands facing away from the group. All the other children repeat the verse leaving out the missing/covered section. The child facing away tries to remember what the missing/covered section is. He then chooses another child to guess next. Repeat several times until all or most get a turn to play. (*This game can also be played with a dry erase board and marker.*)

HYMN FOR LIFE OF JOSEPH: (2 minutes) _____

BIBLE LESSON: (20 minutes)

JOSEPH #1 – “Joseph, the Beloved Son”

(See ***Involvement Helps for Younger Children*** for ways to involve the children in the Bible Lesson.)

COUNSEL TIME:

(If you have a helper, hostess, or Teacher Junior Grade, let them do the review time while you counsel those who responded to the invitation. Otherwise, at the end of club, be sure to remind the children who responded to the invitation to stay after club for a few minutes.)

SONG: (2 minutes) _____

REVIEW TIME: (8 minutes)

Use the activity below or the Bible Learning Game from the ***“Involvement Helps for Younger Children.”***

“Colorful Leaves” – Print two sheets of leaves with the numbers on the back. Cut out each leaf circle, laminate, and back for the flannelboard (if you do not use a flannelboard, consider putting them in a paper bag or fanning them out in your hand like playing cards). Divide your class into two teams and place the leaves on the board/in the bag. Explain to the class that they may choose any leaf on the board when they correctly answer a review question, but they will not know how many points they have earned until the game is over. At the end of the game, the points are tallied according to the number on the back of each leaf. Each team member will count the number of points on their leaves and total the points. The team with the most points wins the game.

– Ralph Bechtel, CEF of Lebanon County, PA (Modified in 2022 by Miriam Higley)

Review questions for JOSEPH #1:

1. **Give the names of Jacob's two wives.** (Leah and Rachel.)
2. **Why was Leah jealous of Rachel?** (Because Jacob loved Rachel more.)
3. **Why was Rachel jealous of Leah?** (Because Leah had children, and she had none.)
4. **What happened to bring much happiness to Rachel?** (She had a baby boy.)
5. **How did Jacob feel about Joseph?** (He was a special, or favorite son.)
6. **What did Jacob name Rachel's second son?** (Benjamin.)
7. **What did Jacob do for Joseph that showed he loved Joseph best?** (He gave him a special coat.)
8. **How did Jacob's ten older sons feel toward Joseph?** (They were jealous of him, hated, and despised him.)
9. **What did Joseph tell his brothers that made them very angry?** (He told them of a dream in which his bundle of wheat stood up and their bundles bowed to his.)
10. **If Jesus is your Saviour, what did we learn we should be even though others are jealous?** (Remember that God made you special and He loves you. Thank God that you can choose to be thankful.)

*COUNSEL TIME: (*Only if you did not counsel with the children earlier.)

SEND HOME WITH THE CHILD:

1. Pre-session papers for older and younger children
2. Memory verse token (Token holder is choosing to use them)



GOD WANTS YOU TO BE CONTENT



Think of a time when you were **jealous** of someone. Maybe your friend got a new toy or video game, or your sibling got to do something special without you. **Write about or draw a picture of it here:**

Circle some things that you are **thankful** for:



Draw or write your own:

Ask one friend or Good News Club teacher what they are **thankful** for. Write it here:

Person's name: _____

What they are **thankful** for: _____



GOD WANTS YOU TO BE CONTENT



Color the picture of the little girl or boy being **thankful** to God. Make it look like you!



Circle some things that you are **thankful** for:





GOD WANTS YOU TO BE CONTENT



Think of a time when you were **jealous** of someone. Maybe your friend got a new toy or video game, or your sibling got to do something special without you. **Write about or draw a picture of it here:**

Circle some things that you are **thankful** for:

Draw or write your own:



Ask one friend or Good News Club teacher what they are **thankful** for. Write it here:

Person's name: _____

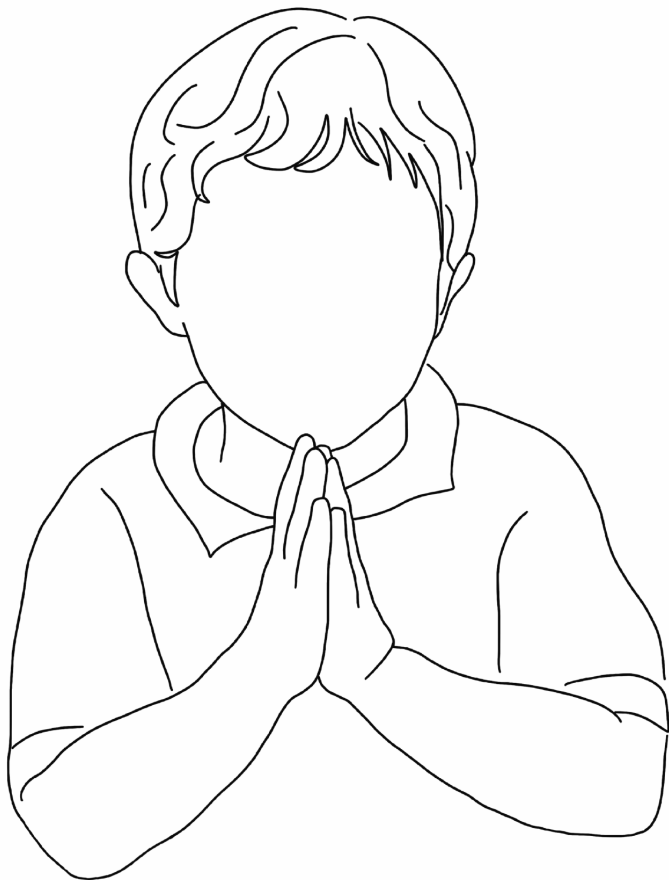
What they are **thankful** for: _____



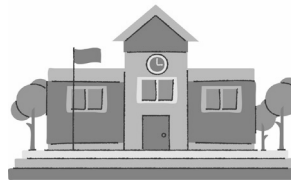
GOD WANTS YOU TO BE CONTENT



Color the picture of the little girl or boy being thankful to God. Make it look like you!



Circle some things that you are thankful for:



Joseph #1

JOSEPH, THE BELOVED SON

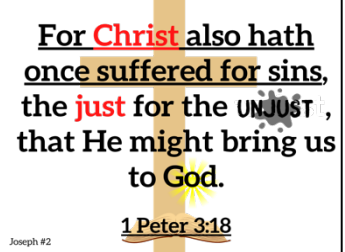
1 Peter 3:18 - "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God."

(The underlined portion of the verse indicates what the younger children should memorize.)

INTRODUCE THE VERSE:

Have you ever been in trouble for something you didn't do? *(Allow response.)*

Jared was upset after school one day because he'd been punished for something Joey had done. His friend Joey blew a whistle in class when the teacher was writing on the chalkboard. Joey quickly put the whistle away and wouldn't tell the teacher he'd done it, so the whole class got punished with extra homework.



"It isn't fair," Jared said. "I didn't do it and yet I'm being punished." Jared's mom reached for her Bible. "I wonder if Jesus felt that way when He was punished for something we did?" Listen to this verse.

READ THE VERSE:

Read the verse together from the visualized verse. Then read the verse directly from the Bible.

EXPLAIN THE VERSE:

1 Peter 3:18

This is where the verse is found in the Bible. We call it the address or reference. It is found in the book of 1 Peter, chapter 3, verse 18.

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins"

Jesus was hated by many people who mocked Him and tried to hurt Him. He suffered a lot, but nothing compared to His death on the cross for the sins of the whole world. His death was a one-time payment for all sin forever.

"the just for the unjust"

The "just" is Jesus—the perfect Son of God. He never sinned, and He never will. The "unjust" refers to us as sinners. Even though Jesus was completely innocent, He took all the punishment that you and I deserve when He died on the cross.

"that he might bring us to God"

The reason Jesus died was to provide us the way to God. Sin separates man from God. Jesus took the punishment for sin. Only His blood can cleanse us from our sin when we trust Him to forgive us. He is the only way to God.

(Saved) Jesus suffered so much for you because He loves you. He provided the way for you to be with God. If you've already trusted Him as your Savior, can you think of someone else who needs to know what the Lord Jesus did for them?

(Unsaved) If you don't know Jesus as your Savior, you are still in your sin. Remember, He already took your punishment, and He will forgive you today if you'll trust Him.

REPEAT THE VERSE:

"What Is Missing?" – After reading the verse from your Bible, explaining what it means, and repeating it at least two times, you may begin this drill. Pick a child to remove a flocked section/place a post-it note on the MV poster while another child stands facing away from the group. All the other children repeat the verse leaving out the missing/covered section. The child facing away tries to remember what the missing/covered section is. He then chooses another child to guess next. Repeat several times until all or most get a turn to play. (This game can also be played with a dry erase board and marker).

INVOLVEMENT HELPS FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

by Linda D. Ruth and Ralph Bechtel

JOSEPH #1 – “Joseph, the Beloved Son”

MEMORY VERSE: Shortened verse

1 Peter 3:18 – *“For Christ also hath once suffered for sins”*

1 Peter 3:18	– Hands as an open Bible.
<i>“For Christ”</i>	– Point to Heaven.
<i>“also hath once”</i>	– Put up one finger in front of you.
<i>“suffered for sins”</i>	– Make cross with arms.
1 Peter 3:18	– Hands as an open Bible.

BIBLE LESSON HELPS:

- Scene 1 – Each time the name of one of Leah’s sons is mentioned, children rock the baby in their arms and put a smile on their face. Have children repeat name after you.
- Scene 2 – Count to 11 and rock baby as you think of how many children (10 sons and 1 daughter) Jacob had. In counting and rocking for the number of those that were Rachel’s, put arms down and look very sad.
– Putting hands together as open Bible, everyone says Matthew 3:17 together.
- Scene 3 – Repeat Joseph’s words, “Father, my brothers didn’t do the things they should have today.”
- Scene 4 – Put on the coat and act like it makes you feel important.
– Joseph’s dream: stand up straight for Joseph’s bundle, and bend over for his brother’s bundles.

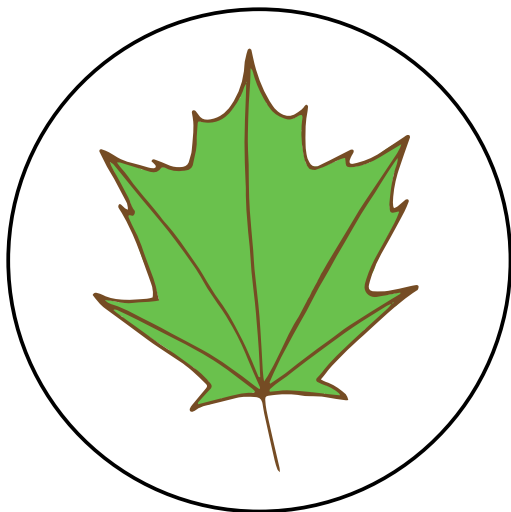
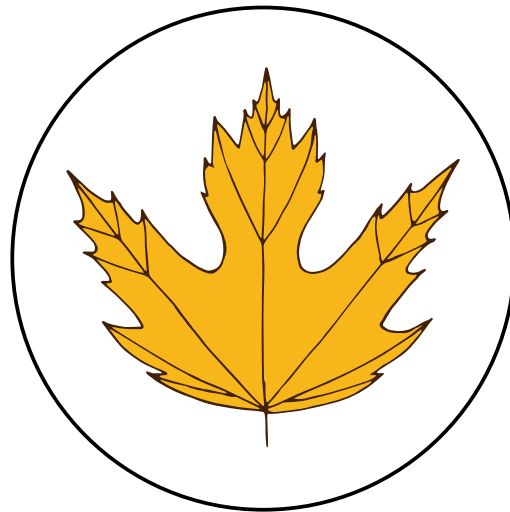
BIBLE LEARNING GAME: “Special Son”

Have children form a circle. Choose one child to be “Joseph” and stand in the center. You may place a colorful shirt around “Joseph” as the robe. Others walk around circle, singing or saying the memory verse together. At end of verse, say, “Joseph was Jacob’s special son. Jesus is God’s special, perfect Son, who came to die for us. You, too, are special to God.” “Joseph” then closes his eyes and points to another child, who becomes the next “Joseph.” Repeat as time allows.

Joseph #1
"Colorful Leaves" Review Game
Page 1



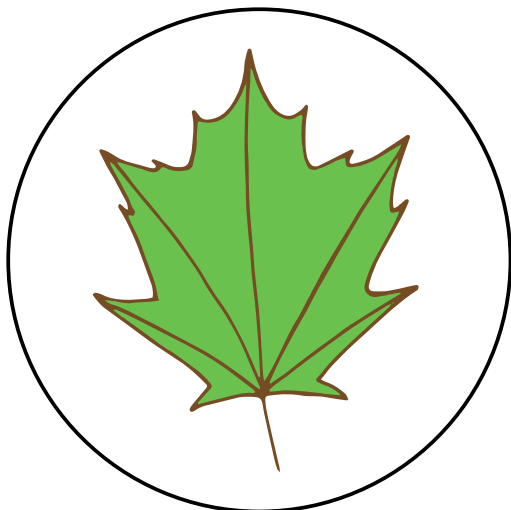
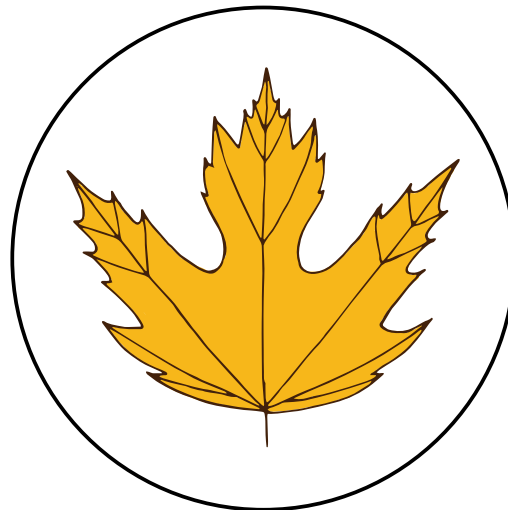
**CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP OF
EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, INC.**
PO BOX 4375, HARRISBURG, PA 17111-0375



Joseph #1
"Colorful Leaves" Review Game
Page 1



**CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP OF
EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, INC.**
PO BOX 4375, HARRISBURG, PA 17111-0375



Joseph #1
"Colorful Leaves" Review Game
Page 2



**CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP OF
EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, INC.**
PO BOX 4375, HARRISBURG, PA 17111-0375

20

15

5

5

20

10

25

5

10

Joseph #1
"Colorful Leaves" Review Game
Page 2



**CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP OF
EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, INC.**
PO BOX 4375, HARRISBURG, PA 17111-0375

20

15

5

5

20

10

25

5

10

**Good
wants
you
to be
content**



MT, PAS – GOD WANTS YOU TO BE CONTENT

Phil. 4:11 – *I have learned, in whatsoever state I am...to be content...."*

- 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
- Instead of being content, Joseph's brothers chose to be angry & hated Joseph in their hearts

FLASHCARD 1-6

- Sin was bringing so much sadness to this family
- They should have been content; Should have trusted God that He was in control & that He knew what was best
- This was all part of God's plan to save sinners like you & me...to send the Savior He had promised
- They didn't know it then, but we know today that the Savior God promised to send through Abraham's family was Jesus
- Have you believed on Jesus as the Only One who can save you from your sin?

INVITATION

John 1:12 – *"But as many as received Him to them gave He power to become the sons of God...."*

S
P, E
L

BOW HEADS RESPONSE

CHALLENGE

G – Go over MT

MT, PAS – GOD WANTS YOU TO BE CONTENT

R – Review PAS verse
Phil. 4:11 – *I have learned, in whatsoever state I am...to be content...."*

O – Overview PAS examples

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

W – Will you do it?

Joseph #1

Flashcard – (©2015)
Genesis 37:1-8

- Have you ever wondered where you came from or why you are here?

- To answer that question, we have to go back to the very beginning

- Bible says, "In the beginning God created the Heavens & the earth"

- He made everything just by speaking; He even made you

- He created you so you could know Him & have a wonderful relationship with Him

- The very first man God created was named...Adam; And the first woman was named...Eve

- They had a wonderful relationship with God; Nothing was between them (Baby oil & Karo syrup/ Blue food coloring)

- But a time came when something did come between them...sin

- Adam & Eve chose to disobey God...They ate the fruit God told them not to eat (Water/Red food coloring)

- Sin separated them from God

- And sin separates us from God as well

- But God was going to make one way so we don't have to be separated from Him...

- He promised to send Someone who could save us

- This Savior would be born into a special family that God would choose...

- The family of Abraham

FLASHCARD 1-1

- God said that through Abraham's family (many years later) people from all over the world would be blessed! How amazing!

- So God gave Abraham a son...Isaac; Isaac had a son...Jacob

FLASHCARD 1-5

- And Jacob made some bad choices

- His first bad choice was that he had two wives

- His second bad choice was that he had a favorite son & everyone knew it; This son's name was Joseph

- Jacob made choices that did not please God
- The same is true about you & me too

S, PAU

Romans 3:23 – “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”

- 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
- Was wrong for Jacob to have a favorite son

FLASHCARD 1-6

- It was hard for Joseph’s brothers knowing Joseph was the favorite...
- But instead of trusting God, they got angry
- They wanted to be the favorite instead; They were not content
- But if you know Jesus as your Savior...

MT – GOD WANTS YOU TO BE CONTENT

- Content means choosing to be happy with what God has given you
- It’s not always easy, but even in hard situations you can choose to be content

- It was hard for Joseph’s brother’s; It wasn’t easy...

FLASHCARD 2-1

- And one day, Jacob did something that made everything even worse...
- He gave Joseph a beautiful coat of many colors
- How do you think that made the other brothers feel?
- Jacob made a lot of choices that were not loving toward his family & that were not pleasing to God
- Maybe there has been a time when someone who was supposed to love & take care of you did something like that

- But do you know God is very different?

- He is a Perfect Father for all who have trusted in Jesus as their Savior from sin
- And He made one way so you can have this wonderful relationship with Him

- That’s why Jesus (who is God the Son) left Heaven & came to earth...

O

- Jesus lived a perfect life that you & I could never live
- Then He let men who hated Him nail Him to a cross

P, E (Bleach)

1 Peter 3:18 – “For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the Just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God....”

- He could have stopped those men from doing that to Him...

- But He stayed there because of the amazing love He has for sinners like you & me

G

- He did all this so we could be forgiven of our sin & have this wonderful relationship with Him

- Once we are forgiven, nothing can ever separate us from God...

- God is a Perfect Father!

- But Jacob wasn’t

- Jacob made many choices that were not loving toward his family

- Joseph’s brothers were angry because of this & hated Joseph in their hearts
- One day, Joseph told his brothers about a dream he had...

FLASHCARD 2-2

- “We were all working, tying up bundles of wheat...
- ... My bundle stood straight up & your bundles all bowed down to mine”
- Do you think Joseph’s brothers liked hearing that?
- NO! They got even angrier.
- The brothers answered, “Will WE bow down to YOU?”
- But this was all a part of God’s plan...
- God had chosen Joseph to be their leader, but they were not happy with that
- They wanted to be the leader instead
- They were not content