Joseph Forgives Genesis 37-47

Bible Point: God helps us to forgive others.

#### Memory Verse:

Younger Children "Forgive one another just as God forgave you" Ephesians 4:32

#### **Older Children:**

"Be kind and tender to one another. Forgive one another, just as God forgave you because of what Christ has done." Ephesians 4:32

## **Family Together Time**

#### Read Picture bible Pages 92-122, The Jesus Storybook Bible Pages 76-82

Activity: Have laminated heart, washable markers, bowls of soapy water, and towels. Draw all over the heart with the washable marker. We all do bad things; sometimes we aren't kind to our parents, sometimes we take cookies without asking, and sometimes we don't play nicely with others. When we do something wrong it is called sin and when we sin, we need to ask Jesus to forgive us. When we ask Jesus to forgive us, He ALWAYS washes away our sin and makes our hearts clean. Stick the laminated heart in the water. Through Jesus our hearts can be healed and made clean again. It allows us to feel peace. Our hearts are clean and we can feel love and joy again.

**Think about:** Now practice what you have learned. Take a few minutes to write something that is bothering you. This can be something you have done that you are not happy about or someone else has done to you. Write what you are going to do to forgive. we keep forgiving people even when they keep hurting our feelings. Forgiveness helps us to be happy, it allows us to have something called peace. Do you know what peace means? (give them time to answer). Peace means that we are free from anger. Jesus can help us to forgive others, when you are frustrated you can pray that Jesus can help you in the situation.

**Song** <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LO-2fm7IKcU</u> "You Forgive me"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WJgIPk\_NkZY "Never Let Go of Me"

# Moses Trusted God Exodus 3, 7-14

Bible Point: God can use anyone he chooses

## Memory Verse:

Younger Children: God says," I have the plans for you." Jeremiah 29:11

<u>Older Children:</u> I know the plans I have for you," announces the LORD. "I want you to enjoy success. I do not plan to harm you. I will give you hope for the years to come." Jeremiah 29:11

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HLWGnkCOP38

## . Family Together Time

Read \*The Jesus Storybook Bible, pgs. 84-99 or The Picture Bible, pgs. 125-148

Activity: Play a game where doing things simultaneously gets harder and harder. Pat your head. Now pat your head and, rub your stomach and stick your tongue in and out. Now, pat your head, rub your stomach, stick your tongue in and out, bounce on one leg. Now pat your head, rub your stomach, stick your stomach, bounce on one leg and keep turning to face a different wall.

Think about: There are some things we feel very comfortable doing because we can do them well, like just patting our head. There are some things that are harder to do, like that last combination maneuver! What are some subjects at school you find more difficult than others? What are some sports or other activities you have to work hard at? Some things God might ask us to do things we are uncomfortable doing or that don't come easily. Remember how he asked Moses to be a leader? God knew that Moses was the right person to do the job. Remember what he told Moses? "I will be with you." That made all the difference! God has chosen each and every one of us for certain things and he promises to be with us too.

Prayer: Holy Spirit, please be with us so we can do the things you have chosen us to do. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Song

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WJgIPk\_NkZY\_ "Never Let Go of Me"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KSURGdQediE "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

## God's People Go from Grumbling to Grateful

Exodus 15-17

Bible Point: God wants us to depend on Him everyday.

#### Memory Verse:

Younger Children: "Trust the Lord with all your heart." Proverbs 3:5-6

<u>Older Children:</u> "Trust in the LORD with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding. In all your ways obey him. Then he will make your paths smooth and straight." Proverbs 3:5-6https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CMEUbCx\_Bgo

### Family Together Time

**Read** The Storybook Bible, pages 100-102 or The Picture Bible, pages 148-152

**Activity:** Draw a "My Food Comes From" chart. At the bottom of a page, have everyone draw a picture of an apple. Next, draw an arrow pointing upward and draw a picture of the grocery store. Another arrow then a picture of a tree. Another arrow and finally a picture that symbolizes God- perhaps a cloud, a smiling sun and the word "God".

**Think about:** Just as God made sure the people of Israel had meat and bread to eat, he also provides us with all the things we need to live everyday. What are some other things besides food that God gives our family? Did you notice how the people in the story complained a lot and worried about things? How do you think that made God feel that they didn't trust him or appreciate all he had done?

**Close in Prayer:** Father, Thank you for the food we eat and for the other things you give us every day. In Jesus name, Amen

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