VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

THANKFUL

DAY 1

1. Introductions (5 – 10 Minutes, Start before Class begins)
2. Each Child to introduce themselves and tell what their favorite thing they have done this summer!
3. Prayer (5 Minutes)
4. Song- Get up and Dance (Follow the moves of the children) (5 minutes)
5. [(1) Good in Every Way | Roar VBS | Group Publishing - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=__tLcv3jjjA)
6. WORD OF THE WEEK- Thankful (2 minutes)
7. Throughout the week, we will be using the word Thankful… When you hear the phrase- “God does something, I am… you will finish the sentence with Thankful! Let’s try it with today’s phrase…. God is always with me, I am…. Kids say “Thankful” Louder- “God is always with me, I am… “ Kids say “Thankful”
8. When I say, “I am Thankful…” You tell me what God is doing for us this day… So you would say today “God is always with me!” Let’s practice: “I am Thankful…” Kids respond: “God is always with me.
9. Faith- Joseph and his Coat (15 minutes)
10. Have you ever felt like you were not treated fairly… like your brother got more cookies than you or you went to a birthday party and you felt like it was more fun than a party you had… This is called jealousy. Today, we are going to meet Joseph. Joseph had 11 brothers and their jealousy made them do bad things. Yet, He was knew that God was always with him- protecting him and caring for him! Let’s watch
11. Play video- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VnlqKPIZQzI>
12. Discussion:
13. Who was Joseph’s parents? (Israel and Rachel)

ii. What did Israel give to Joseph? (coat) Why did he give it to him? (loved him most)

iii. What did Joseph have that got the brothers mad? (dreams) What were his dreams about? (Grain, they bowed to his grain; 2nd- sun, moon, and 11 stars bowed down)

iv. What did the brothers plot to do to Joseph while working?

v. After they through him in the pit, what did they decide to do with Joseph?

vi. What did they tell their father had happened to Joseph?

vii. What do you think we should learn from Joseph’s experience with his brothers? Do you think that God was protecting Joseph?

1. Joseph did three things in this story- He remained faithful to God even though his brother’s plotted to kill him yet sold him instead where he was taken to a land far, far away. Joseph knew that God never left him during all the troubling times. Just like Joseph we know, “God is always with me, I am…. Thankful!”
2. Scavenger Hunt- Joseph’s Coat (7 minutes)
3. I think we need to be like Joseph and remember that God is always with me, I am…. and God protects us! So I have a quick scavenger Hunt… There was something that made Joseph stand out to his brothers, what was it- Yes, his Coat. When I say go, get a coat that says “God is always with me, I am…. Thankful!” This coat will remind us all during our time that even like Joseph “God is always with me, I am…. Thankful!”
4. READY, SET GO
5. Strike a pose for a pic…
6. Discuss- Why did you chose your coat?

So remember today- “God is always with me, I am….”

1. Guess Who? - Game (7 minutes)
2. In this game, I am going to describing the colors a particular person is wearing. Then you will try to guess who I am describing. The winner will describe the colors of the next person…Several clues may be needed. Continue the game until all the children have been described and guessed.
3. Remind children that in today’s Bible story, Jacob made his son Joseph a coat with many colors. The coat was very special to Joseph. Comment that even though Joseph had to live far away from his family, but God took care of him. “God is always with me, I am….”
4. Closing Song- dance and do moves of kids (5 minutes)
5. [(1) Thankful | Roar VBS | Group Publishing - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U_ewLEvA8_o&list=PL_k-IsPh7WyO1KIsToQZEtmfccqFPfAmG&index=2)
6. Closing Prayer- Day 1 (5 minutes) “God is always with me, I am….”

\*If extra time-Rock Paper Scissors- Everyone gives one of the signs: Rock, Paper, or Scissors then the leader gives one… those lose are out; final winner is the leader for next round.

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DAY 2

1. Introductions (5 – 10 Minutes, Start before Class begins)
2. Reminder of who Leaders are…
3. New Children
4. Prayer (5 Minutes)
5. Song- Get up and Dance (Follow the moves of the children) (5 minutes)
6. [(1) Good in Every Way | Roar VBS | Group Publishing - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=__tLcv3jjjA)
7. WORD OF THE WEEK- Thankful (2 minutes)
8. Throughout the week, we will be using the word Thankful… Yesterday, we were reminded: “God is always with me, I am…. Thankful.” Today, we will see the story of Joseph in difficult situations, it will remind us our phrase of the day- God cares for me, I am… and you will finish the sentence with Thankful! Let’s try it…. “God cares for me, I am…” Kids say “Thankful” Again Louder- “God cares for me, I am…” Kids say “Thankful”
9. When I say, “I am Thankful…” You tell me what God is doing for us this day… So you would say today “God cares for me!” Let’s practice: “I am Thankful…” Kids respond: “God cares for me!”
10. Faith- Joseph and Potipher’s Wife (15 minutes)
11. Yesterday, we saw how Joseph was given a coat of many colors and his brothers got jealous. They plotted to kill him, but instead sold him into salavery, but God was always with him. Today, we will see Joseph work for Potipher. He did a great job, but Potipher’s wife ended up sending him to jail… He still did well in jail, let’s see how he got out. Let’s watch…
12. Play video- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0SCAXrEmRRA>
13. Discussion:
14. Who bought Joseph to care for his home? (Potipher)

ii. Who plotted to get Joseph to do bad things? (Potipher’s wife)

iii. What did Potipher’s wife do when Joseph did not do the bad things? (Told Potipher a lie that Joseph did the bad thing) What did Potipher do when he heard this? (get mad)

iv. Where did Potipher send Joseph? (jail)

v. While Joseph was in prison, Joseph did well- how did he get out? (He told Pharaoh about his dreams)

vi. What did Pharaoh do for Joseph as a result of interrupting his dreams? (put him in charge of all of Egypt)

vii. What are some of the difficulties you go through in life?

viii. Joseph did two things in this story-

1. Joseph recognized that no matter how awful the situation was – like getting sold into slavery or being in prison. God cared for him, just like “God cares for me, I am… Thankful!”
2. Joseph never lost his faith in God and always made the best out of his situations- he did this by doing his jobs in his best ability and being a great prisoner. No matter where we are in life, God wants us to do our best!
3. Scavenger Hunt- Pillow of Dreams(7 minutes)
4. I think we need to be like Joseph and remember that “God cares for me, I am… Thankful!” So I have a quick scavenger Hunt… God helped Joseph get out of prison- how did he do that? (interrupting Pharaoh’s dreams)- To remind us today that “God cares for me, I am… Thankful!” When I tell you to GO, I want you to get a pillow you would sleep on. This pillow will remind us that no matter how difficult times can get, “God cares for me, I am… Thankful!”
5. READY, SET GO
6. Strike a pose for a pic…
7. Discuss- Do you say prayers in bed?

So remember today- “God cares for me, I am… Thankful!”

1. Running from Potipher’s wife - Game (7 minutes)
2. In this game, I am going be Potipher’s wife and you will be Joseph. As you know, she was trying to get Joseph to do bad things like kiss her and steal. So Joseph always ran away when Potipher’s wife would come around. In this game, when I say go… you have to hid within 3 seconds from the camera so I cannot see you. I will take a picture and those I cannot see are still in! Those I can still see are out!
3. Remind children will need to hide in a different spot when the game starts again. Let’s do a practice round….
4. Great game… Joseph did a great job at hiding from Potipher’s wife and so did you! “God cares for me, I am… Thankful!”
5. Closing Song- dance and do moves of kids (5 minutes)

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1. Closing Prayer- Day 2 (5 minutes) “God cares for me, I am… Thankful!”

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DAY 3

1. Introductions (5 – 10 Minutes, Start before Class begins)
2. Reminder of who Leaders are…
3. New Children
4. Prayer (5 Minutes)
5. Song- Get up and Dance (Follow the moves of the children) (5 minutes)
6. [(1) Good in Every Way | Roar VBS | Group Publishing - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=__tLcv3jjjA)
7. WORD OF THE WEEK- Thankful (2 minutes)
8. Throughout the week, we will be using the word Thankful… Monday we were reminded that “God is always with me, I am…” Yesterday, we were reminded: God cares for me, I am…Thankful.” Today, we will see the story of Joseph ruling in Egypt, it will remind us our Words of the week- “God forgives me, I am… and you will finish the sentence with Thankful! Let’s try it…. “God forgives me, I am…” Kids say “Thankful” Again Louder- “God forgives me, I am…” Kids say “Thankful”
9. When I say, “I am Thankful…” You tell me what God is doing for us this day… So you would say today “God forgives me!” Let’s practice: “I am Thankful…” Kids respond: “God forgives me!”
10. Faith- Joseph and his Coat (15 minutes)
11. Yesterday, we saw how Joseph work for Potipher. He did a great job, but Potipher’s wife ended up sending him to jail… There he still succeed and ended up working for the Pharoah. Today, we see that Joseph rules during the famine and his brothers comes to Egypt in search of food… Do you think Joseph is nice to his brothers who sold him into slavery? Let’s see…
12. Play video- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ndETu4bzwAY>
13. Discussion:
14. What happened while Joseph was a leader after the 7 years of abundance?( famine)

ii. Famine was everywhere, who came to buy food from Joseph? (Joseph’s brothers)

iii. Did Joseph recognize his brothers? (yes) What did he do to his brothers? (test them- told them to send for Benjiman who had stayed home and threw them in jail)

iv. How many days were Joseph’s brothers in jail? (3)

v. Where all the brothers released from jail? (No one was left in jail)

vi. What were his instructions to his brothers? (bring their brother Benjiman back)

vii. What was the trick that Joseph played on his brothers? (Put cup in bag of grains and made them return to Egypt)

viii. When they returned to Egypt, what did Joseph do? (He revealed himself to his brothers) How did the Joseph react to the brothers? (Forgives them)

ix. What do we do wrong that we need forgiveness from?

x. Joseph did one very important thing in this story-

1. Joseph confronted the brothers with their sin, wanting him dead but giving him up to slavery. In the end, Joseph forgave his brothers for what they did! Just like God forgives us when we do wrong. “God forgives me, I am… Thankful”
2. Scavenger Hunt- Pillow of Dreams(7 minutes)
3. I think we need to be like Joseph and remember that “God cares for me, I am… Thankful!” So I have a quick scavenger Hunt… God helped Joseph reunite with his brothers by sending them to him for grain. Joseph tricked his brothers by putting a cup in their bag so they had to return to ask for forgiveness. To remind us today that “God forgives me, I am… Thankful” When I tell you to GO, I want you to get a cup. This cup will remind us that no matter how much we mess up, we can always ask for forgiveness and say we are sorry. Remember - “God forgives me, I am… Thankful”
4. READY, SET GO
5. Strike a pose for a pic…
6. Discuss- Who have you had to ask forgiveness from and why?

So remember today- “God forgives me, I am… Thankful”

1. Love one Another, True or False- Game (7 minutes)
2. In this game, tell me if these statements are true or false on how we should forgive others.
3. God wants us to love only our friends and family. F
4. We are called to forgive when we are hurt. T
5. We are called to forgive all people. T
6. God wants us to know he does not forgive our sin. F
7. God looks to forgive us when we do wrong. T
8. God loves us more than we can imagine. T
9. God forgives when we ask for his forgiveness. T
10. We need other people to forgive us for God to forgive us. F
11. When we sin, God still loves us. T
12. When we fail to love God, God does not love us. F
13. Play Video- <https://www.stmatthewgr.com/week-11-genesis-42-45/>

Great job… Joseph is a great example of forgiveness and remind s us that “God forgives me, I am… Thankful”

1. Closing Song- dance and do moves of kids (5 minutes)
2. [(1) Thankful | Roar VBS | Group Publishing - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U_ewLEvA8_o&list=PL_k-IsPh7WyO1KIsToQZEtmfccqFPfAmG&index=2)
3. Closing Prayer- Day 2 (5 minutes) “God forgives me, I am… Thankful”

\*If extra time- Ask kids what the best part of their week has been and the worst part of their week has been…

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DAY 4

1. Introductions (5 – 10 Minutes, Start before Class begins)
2. Reminder of who Leaders are…
3. New Children
4. Prayer (5 Minutes)
5. Song- Get up and Dance (Follow the moves of the children) (5 minutes)
6. [(1) Good in Every Way | Roar VBS | Group Publishing - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=__tLcv3jjjA)
7. WORD OF THE WEEK- Thankful (2 minutes)
8. Review- Throughout the week, we will be using the word Thankful… Monday we were reminded that “God is always with me, I am…” Tuesday was “God cares for me, I am…Thankful.” Yesterday we were reminded that “God forgives me, I am…”
9. Today’s Phrase of the day is “God is good to me, I am…” and you will finish the sentence with Thankful! Let’s try it…. “God is good to me, I am…” Kids say “Thankful” Again Louder- “God is good to me, I am…” Kids say “Thankful”
10. When I say, “I am Thankful…” You tell me what God is doing for us this day… So you would say today “God is good to me!” Let’s practice: “I am Thankful…” Kids respond: “God is good to me!”
11. Faith- Joseph and his Coat (15 minutes)
12. Yesterday, we saw that Joseph rules during the famine and his brothers comes to Egypt in search of food and he threw them in jail. Let them free to return with their brother. Upon return Joseph revealed himself and forgave them. Today, we will see how Joseph is reunited with his father. Let’s see…
13. Play video- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j1-AVyvFa1A>
14. Discussion:
15. Joseph had not seen who in many years? (his father)

ii. Where did his father go to see Joseph? (back to Egypt)

iii. How many years did Joseph live? (110 years)

iv. What did Joseph foretell would happen in the future? (Everyone would participate in an exodus back to the promise land)

v. What did Joseph make his brothers promise? (When they left the land that they would bring his bones back with them and bury Joseph in the promise land)

vi. What were his instructions to his brothers? (bring their brother Benjamin back)

vii. We learn one very important lesson in this story-

1. Joseph had lots of hard times from his brothers so he says in Genesis 50:20 - “You planned to harm me. But God planned it for good. He planned to do what is now being done. He wanted to save many lives.” No matter what darkness or ruff times Joseph had, he knew that God meant it for Good. We learn that “God is good to me, I am…”
2. Scavenger Hunt- Pillow of Dreams(7 minutes)
3. Like Joseph, we need to remind ourselves that “God is good to me, I am… Thankful!” So I have a quick scavenger Hunt… God helped Joseph reunite by his whole family and allowed for them to live in Egypt. To remind us today that “God is good to me, I am… Thankful” When I tell you to GO, I want you to find a family picture. This picture will remind us that God is good and brought us to know his love through our families. Remember - “God is good to me, I am… Thankful”
4. READY, SET GO
5. Strike a pose for a pic…
6. Discuss- Who is in your family? What makes them special?

So remember today- “God is good to me, I am… Thankful”

1. Joseph Guessing Game (7 minutes)
2. In this game, a few of you will need markers and paper. I am going to have x number of people who will be our drawing people. The rest will guess. I will give them a word related to our story of Joseph all week. The people will have to draw the item or word while the paper is on their face (So they cannot see). The first one to guess correct will be the one to draw next.
3. God
4. Joseph
5. Egypt
6. Camel
7. Brother
8. Pharoah
9. Coat
10. Pit
11. Family
12. Dream
13. Cup
14. Land
15. Food
16. Love
17. Closing Song- dance and do moves of kids (5 minutes)
18. [(1) Thankful | Roar VBS | Group Publishing - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U_ewLEvA8_o&list=PL_k-IsPh7WyO1KIsToQZEtmfccqFPfAmG&index=2)
19. Closing Prayer- Day 2 (5 minutes) “God is good to me, I am… Thankful”

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