

# Joseph and Pharaoh's Dream: Lesson 3

**SuperTruth:** God's plan for Jesus brought salvation to all.

**SuperVerse:** "You tried to harm me, but God made it turn out for the best, so that He could save all these people, as He is now doing." Genesis 50:20 (CEV)

**Bible Story:** Genesis 37:39–45

## LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

This is the last lesson of our Superbook adventure, "Joseph and Pharaoh's Dream." God not only had a good plan to bless Joseph and his family, but also to save many other people. God has a good plan for everyone's life—and that includes saving us from our sins.

- Superbook takes Chris, Joy and Gizmo to meet Joseph, who is sold into slavery by his brothers, then rises from prisoner to governor of Egypt. The children learn to trust God's plans instead of their own.
- In the Signposts video we will see how God's plan for Joseph pointed to God's plan for Jesus—to bring salvation to all.

### Game Materials

#### Needed:

- Forty paper plates or sheets of paper
- Marker

### Teaching Materials

#### Needed:

- Five coins or round tokens that look like coins
- Trust Necklace Pattern, for children who missed the previous lessons
- Model of the finished Trust Necklace craft to show children
- Scissors
- Medium sized bag or sack
- Optional: marker
- Finely shredded paper
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

### SuperVerse Materials

#### Needed:

- Whiteboard, chalkboard, or poster board
- Marker or chalk, eraser
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

### Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

## SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

**Game:** Salvation Brought to Us (15 minutes)

**Objective:** Play a game about God's plan.

- Joseph gave a feast for his brothers. And, that is why in this game we are using plates. Some of the plates are blank and some have letters that will form a word that children must figure out!

**Game Instructions:**

- The first player from each team walks quickly to the team's set of plates and turns over one plate. If the plate contains a letter, the player brings the plate back and places it on the floor beside the team. If the plate is blank, they must show it to their team, then place it back in the same spot on the floor, face-down, then return to their team without a plate. Continue until one team finds all nine letters and correctly orders the plates to form the hidden word—SALVATION.

**Teaching:** Joseph's Journey Points to Jesus (15 minutes)

**Objective:** Discuss how the events in Joseph's life point to Jesus and the cross.

- The plan for Joseph was revealed in two dreams. God used him to save many lives. God had a plan for Jesus—to save the people of the world from their sins by dying on the cross.
- Children will participate by drawing coins out of a sack which have the signposts written on them.

**Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)**

- Continue to ask God to show us how to please Him in difficult situations—like Joseph did.

**SuperVerse:** Superbook Correction (5 minutes)

**Objective:** Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.

- The brothers were afraid that Joseph would punish them for all they had done. Joseph assured his brothers that he held no grudge against them. He explained that God took what they had done out of anger and jealousy and turned it around for good to save people's lives in the famine.
- As children cover their eyes, use the list to change one word of the SuperVerse on the board to alter the meaning of the verse, then have the children look at the board and raise their hands to tell you what word should be fixed. Write in the correct word, then repeat the process.

**Prayer:** God's Plan Prayers (5 minutes)

**Objective:** Communicate with God.

- Jesus rose from the dead and defeated sin and death, opening the way for all people to be saved! Salvation is for all people, but not everyone has heard about Jesus!
- Today, ask God to show us people who need to know about Him. They may be people at school, in your neighborhood, or in your family. Quietly pray for those people to come to know Jesus.

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

**Object Lesson:** Present a visual about the scope of God's plan of salvation. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

**Activity:** Play a game to reinforce the SuperVerse. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min

**Crossword Puzzle:** Complete a crossword puzzle about the life of Joseph. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

**Bible Study:** Dig deeper into how we are called to treat others. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min