

# Joseph and Pharaoh's Dream: Lesson 2

**SuperTruth:** God's plans for me are good.

**SuperVerse:** "For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)

**Bible Story:** Genesis 37,39–45

## LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

### Game Materials Needed:

- Joseph's Brothers Pattern
- Scissors
- Cardstock or paper
- Optional: children's scissors
- Optional: the downloadable song, "The Sons of Jacob"

It is exciting to know that God has wonderful plans and a great purpose for our lives—just like with Joseph. Things may not always go as we anticipated, but God has a bright future and a hope for us!

- 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.
- Watch the Bible Background video to learn more about the world during Joseph's time.

## SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

**Game:** A Family Reunion (15 minutes)

**Objective:** Play a game about Joseph's brothers.

- God worked everything together for good—for Joseph, for his family, and for the nation of Egypt. And eventually, God brought Joseph and his brothers back together again. Our game today is all about Jacob's twelve sons.

**Game Instructions:**

- Players will take turns to select cards to bring back to their team. Each team works together to put the cards in order, from 1 to 12, as quickly as possible while they are being collected. The first team to assemble all 12 cards wins. Continue playing until all teams have collected all 12 cards.

**Teaching:** Sounds Like a Good Plan to Me! (15 minutes)

**Objective:** Discuss God's good plan for us.

- Use a rope to represent the events in Joseph's life. God had a good plan for Joseph even though Joseph may not have thought it seemed like a very good plan at the time! He must have wondered if his dreams would ever come to pass
- God's plans for us are good, yet we must choose to follow them patiently and with a desire to please Him, even when we are uncomfortable or in a hard place.

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

- Continue with our challenge, looking for opportunities to trust God and respond in ways that would be pleasing to Him.

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

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

- When we stay on the right path, even in difficult times when we don't understand what is happening, we will discover that God is working out a good plan and we are part of it!
- To learn the SuperVerse from Jeremiah 29:11, have the girls say the first sentence, and then the boys say the second sentence. Then repeat, except shout the words this time.

**Prayer:** Trusting Prayers (5 minutes)

**Objective:** Communicate with God.

- It is not always easy to trust God when things seem to go wrong. That is why we need to take time every day to be alone with God and ask Him to give us the power of His Holy Spirit. He will give us His strength, patience and courage to follow His path and complete His plan.
- Let's take a few minutes now to pray with God, alone. Are there some things you don't understand in your life? Do you need some direction and wisdom? Or, if things are going well, you can simply thank God. Take time right now to close your eyes and bow your head before God. Allow time for the children to pray, then close in group prayer.

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

**Coin Game:** Race to find the hidden coins. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

**Object Lesson:** Demonstrate how to complete God's plan. | **Grades 1–6** | 10 min

**Musical Activity:** Sing a song about Joseph and his brothers. | **Grades 1–3** | 5 min

### Teaching Materials Needed:

- About 6 feet of rope or string—used in Lesson 1
- Trust Necklace Pattern, for children who missed Lesson 1
- Gold ribbon—approximately 15 inches per child, for children not present for Lesson 1
- Scissors for children
- Pencils
- Two volunteer readers in Grades 5 or 6, if possible
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

### SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

### Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App