



The Joseph Chronicles

ALL KIDS

What Kids Do

Kids use simple props to act out the story of Joseph.

Get Ready

Stuff several pillowcases with crumpled newspaper to make grain sacks. Place all of the props where kids can easily access them.

Supplies

- Fabric pieces, various colors and textures
- Shirt, multi-colored
- Play money
- Crown
- Necklace
- Ring
- Pillowcases, several
- Newspaper
- Cup, silver

Baobab Trivia

Colobus monkeys learn about culture, relationships, and social structure by playing in play groups or with older monkeys.

Helpful Hint

If there are more kids than roles, pause during the story for intermission and have kids change places. Kids might also play the roles of sheep, donkeys, and extended family members.

Community Help

Invite volunteers with a talent for sewing to sew lengths of scrap fabric into simple tunics for costumes. Be sure the tunics are generously sized so all children can wear them.

Let's Do It!

Joseph had many exciting adventures in his life! Even though Joseph's brothers meant to hurt him, God loved Joseph and took care of him. Later, when Joseph's brothers needed help, Joseph forgave them and treated them with love instead of anger.

Let's use these props to help us act out the story.

1. Invite kids to play the parts of Jacob, Joseph, 10 brothers, Benjamin, Merchants, King, and Servants.
2. Help kids chose props they might use during the story.
3. Find a place for everyone to stand.
4. Re-tell the story of Joseph and his brothers.
 - a. Joseph wears his new coat and talks about dreams.
 - b. Joseph's brothers throw him in the well and then sell him to merchants.
 - c. Joseph interprets the king's dreams.
 - d. The king puts Joseph in charge.
 - e. Joseph's brothers come to buy food.
 - f. The brothers return home.
 - g. The brothers come to buy more food.
 - h. The silver cup is found in Benjamin's sack.
 - i. Joseph tells his brothers who he is.
 - j. The whole family is reunited.

Joseph's family was reunited because Joseph showed love to his brothers. We can treat the people in our family with love and forgiveness just like Joseph!

Faith in Action

In families, there is often a sense of score-keeping, especially among siblings. The story of Joseph demonstrates the positive effect forgiveness and love had on the brothers' relationship!