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Babies-Toddlers Lesson

JOSEPH

Bible Words: “God is with you wherever you go.” *Joshua 1:9, NLT*

Bottom Line: God is always with me.

Basic Truth: I am loved by God no matter what so I can trust God to guide me.

Monthly Bible Story: Joseph • *Genesis 37, 39-47*

BIBLE STORY FOR NURSERY

(“Story Images” Activity Pages, Beginner’s Bible)

LEADER: “Hello, friends! I’m so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today’s true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) begins with a young man named Joseph. (*Hold up the picture of Joseph.*) God was always with Joseph.

“One day, Joseph’s dad gave him a special coat. (*Hold up the picture of Joseph and his dad with the colorful coat.*) This made some of Joseph’s brothers mad, and they sent him far away to work in a place called Egypt. (*Hold up the picture of Joseph and his angry brothers.*) While he was in Egypt working, he was sent to jail for something he didn’t do! (*Hold up the picture of Joseph in jail.*) Oh no! But God was with Joseph! Then Pharaoh, the King of Egypt, needed help understanding a dream he had, so Joseph helped him. Pharaoh was so happy that Joseph helped him understand his dream, he put Joseph in charge of all of Egypt! Wow! (*Hold up the picture of Joseph talking with Pharaoh.*) Because of Pharaoh’s dream, Joseph saved up food for seven years. (*Hold up the picture of Joseph with all the grain.*) And when the food stopped growing, Joseph had enough food to share with everyone—even his brothers! God was always with Joseph. God is always with you too. [*Bottom Line*] God is always with you.”

HOW TO USE THE ACTIVITIES

As a nursery volunteer, your primary focus is on keeping babies-toddlers safe and happy. We understand that your classroom is busy, and your hands are literally full. However, we know that your influence on these children is more than childcare. The activities included in this lesson are suggestions of how to be more intentional in pointing little ones to Jesus. The theme will remain the same all month long. Choose one activity per week to focus on and don’t worry if you run out of time.

CONNECT WITH PARENTS/INFLUENCERS

(Monthly Parent Cue - 1 per family first weekend of the month)

Hand parents/influencers the Parent Cue handout (age specific for Babies vs Toddlers) and encourage them to review the activities with their child this week.

BIBLE STORY SONG

What You Do:

Sing the song as you rock or change the baby.

What You Say:

Sing the following song to the tune of "If You're Happy and You Know It" as you rock or change the baby.

"God is always with you. Yes, He is! (*Clap, clap.*)
God is always with you. Yes, He is! (*Clap, clap.*)
In the morning, in the night,
You are always in His sight.
God is always with you. Yes, He is!" (*Clap, clap.*)

Words For Baby:

"Baby, I'm so glad that God is always with you! God is with you in the morning and at night. God is always with you!"

RIBBON DANCER

(Ribbon/Streamers Cut Into 16" Lengths - one to two per child or Worship Scarves - one per child)

What You Do:

- Cut ribbon/streamers in 16-inch lengths, one to two per child or Gather Worship Scarves, one per child.
- Encourage children to wave their "ribbon dancers" with you.

What You Say:

"Look at these pretty ribbons! Wave your ribbon up high. Wave your ribbon down low. God is always with you wherever you go! Wave it over here. Wave it over there. God is always with you!"

WHEREVER YOU GO

(Laundry Basket and Plush Friend)

What You Do:

- Place one child in the laundry basket along with a plush friend.
- Push the child gently around the room. Continue with each child.

What You Say:

“Let’s go on a little ride all around the room because wherever you go, God is with you. God is with you over here. *(Push to another spot in the room.)* God is with you over here. *(Push to another spot in the room.)* God is with you wherever you go!”

TODDLER ACTIVITIES

CRAFT TIME

(“Me in the Mirror” Activity Page on Cardstock, Stamps and/or Stickers)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy “Me in the Mirror” on cardstock and cut, one per child. The interior of each frame contains a take-home note, so be sure to keep that and send home with each child’s frame. Write each child’s name on their paper.

During the Activity: Encourage children to decorate their frame. Clean hands as needed.

What You Say:

During the Activity: “[Child’s name], I have a special frame for you to decorate today. This is a mirror frame; you can put it on a mirror so when you look in the frame you will see your face and remember that God loves you and God is always with you! Use the markers and stamps to make your frame amazing! *(Pause.)* God is with you at home, at church, in the car. Everywhere you go, God is with you! *[Bottom Line]* God is always with you.”