



MONTHLY BIBLE STORY

Joseph

GENESIS 37, 39-47

BIBLE WORDS

"God is with you
wherever you go."

JOSHUA 1:9, NLT

BOTTOM LINE

God is always with you.

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

STORY TIME

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

WHAT YOU NEED: Preschool 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. God was always with Joseph.

"One day, Joseph's dad gave him a special coat. This made some of Joseph's brothers mad, and they sent him far away to work in a place called Egypt. While he was in Egypt working, he was sent to jail for something he didn't do! 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 that he put Joseph in charge of all of Egypt! Wow! Because of Pharaoh's dream, Joseph saved up food for seven years. 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. **God is always with you.**"



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CRAFT TIME

Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time. Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That's okay. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.

WHAT YOU NEED: "Fingerprint Grain" Activity Page, cardstock, yellow washable ink pads, baby wipes, and permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Fingerprint Grain" on cardstock, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Help children press their fingertip on the ink pad and fill the empty bag with fingerprints for the grain. Clean hands as needed.

WHAT YOU SAY:

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "In our story, we learned that after Joseph helped Pharaoh understand his dream, Joseph was put in charge of Egypt. He saved food in Egypt for seven years. Let's use your fingerprints to make the grain and fill the bag. *(Help children press their finger on the ink pad and then on their paper. Once the bag is full of fingerprint "grain," clean hands.)* Joseph made sure everyone had food to eat—even his brothers. God had plans for Joseph and God was always with him. God is always with you too. **God is always with you."**