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Large Group

August — Week 5

# Large Group Leader Guide

## Today's Suggested Schedule

### Prelude: Setting the tone for the experience

See the Getting Ready pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today. In the Prelude folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

### Small Group (10 minutes)

#### Social: Providing time for fun interaction

1. Opening Activity

### Large Group (30 minutes)

Story: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

Worship: Inviting people to respond to God

### Small Group (20 minutes)

Groups: Creating a safe place to connect 1. Bible Story

### Home: Prompting action beyond the experience

- Parent Cue Card (Print or Email)
- Devotionals for Kids
- Parent Cue App and ParentCue.org

THIS MONTH



### Today's Bible Story

## Joseph Genesis 37, 39-45

### Bottom Line

**You can trust that God is with you.**

### Memory Verse

**Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1 (NIRV)**



### Inclusive Pro Tips

Loud sounds, bright lights, and large groups can be overwhelming or overstimulating for some children. To create a more inclusive large group experience, consider offering adaptive tools like noise-canceling headphones, sunglasses, sensory-friendly items, or access to modified spaces

10 Minutes

# Opener

15 MINUTES

# Story

10 MINUTES

# Worship

## ① Opener

AUDIO -> Play high-energy music as kids enter.  
 SLIDE -> Theme  
 OPTIONAL VIDEO -> Theme Loop

→ *Host enters.*

OPTIONAL VIDEO -> Countdown  
 OPTIONAL VIDEO -> Theme Intro  
 OPTIONAL VIDEO -> Theme Loop

HOST: “Hi, everyone! Welcome to [Your Environment’s Name]! My name is [Host Name] and I’m so glad you’re here with us today! If you’re pumped to be here, give me a thumbs-up like this (DEMONSTRATE). This month we’re talking about faith. Who can tell me what faith is? (PAUSE FOR RESPONSES.) That’s right! Faith is trusting in what you can’t see because of what you can see.

“Let’s all say our Memory Verse together one last time.

SLIDE -> Memory Verse

→ *Open the Bible to Hebrews 11:1 (NirV) and read.*

Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see.

“Great job, friends! When we have faith in God, we can trust Him even if we can’t see Him. Well, as you may remember if you’ve been here this month, we’re training to be superheroes all month long! And today we’re going to test our ability to freeze like Mr. Freeze!

“We’re going to play some fun music and we’ll all dance and move around the room. Then, when the music stops, I’ll call out a cool Mr. Freeze catchphrase and you all will freeze! Don’t move, okay? Then when the music starts again, you can move around and dance again! Alright, let’s get moving in 3 . . . 2 . . . 1 . . . GO!”

SFX -> Play fun, upbeat music

**10 Minutes**

# Opener

**15 MINUTES**

# Story

**10 MINUTES**

# Worship

Every time the music stops, shout out a funny Mr. Freeze catchphrase. Then wait a few seconds and start the music again. This isn't about finding a winner as much as it's about everyone having fun!

- Mr. Freeze Catchphrases:  
*Ice to see you!*  
*Allow me to break the ice . . .*  
*Cool party!*  
*Tonight's forecast: a freeze is coming!*  
*Stay cool!*  
*Alright, everyone. Chill!*  
*Chilled to perfection*

"That was amazing, and I think you've all mastered the freeze. In fact, I think you've all passed your superhero training! So, let's celebrate by praising God with the voices He gave us!"

10 MINUTES

# Worship

## ② Worship

→ *Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.*

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hello everyone! I'm so excited to worship with you! Worship is giving praise and honor to God by singing and dancing. God is amazing, and we know we can trust Him with everything that we do. Let's worship together!"

VIDEO: "CAN'T STOP SINGING" LIVE LYRICS

"Great job! God is always with us, no matter how alone we can feel. Let's sing this song as a reminder that God is always with us."

VIDEO: "ASK, SEEK, KNOCK" LIVE LYRICS

"Great job everyone! Let's go ahead and sit down and hear our Bible Story today."

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# Story

## ③ Bible Story

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→ *Storyteller enters as Worship Leaders exit.*

### SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “Hi, everybody! I want to tell you about something SUPER-incredible we’re going to do for the next year! (Do you see what I did there? Super? Superheroes! Hee hee!) For the rest of this school year, we’re going to be going through the story of the Bible together. (GESTURE TO TIMELINE.) Each week, we’ll go through another story from the Bible, and we’ll add a picture that represents that story to this timeline. We’re going to go through God’s Big Story!

SLIDE -> God’s Big Story

“This week, we’ll be looking at one last story that’s found in the book of Genesis—that’s the very first book of the Bible. It tells all about the beginnings!

“To review what we’ve talked about so far, in the beginning, God created the heavens, the Earth, and everything in it—including people! Of all the creatures God created, He made people special. We’re all made in His image, which means we were created to show each other what God is like. We can be loving, fair, and kind—just like God is!

“But rather than listening to their friend God and obeying Him, Adam and Eve, the first people, chose to do something different. They sinned. Sin is anything that goes against who God is and what God says. Sin is awful.

“When Adam and Eve sinned, they ushered in a curse that infected their hearts and the hearts of everyone who would live after them. This curse of sin pulled them away from God. And it would pull everyone else away from God too. Everyone’s relationship with God was broken.

“It also did something else awful. It brought sickness, pain, suffering, and death into the world. We all know what it feels like to live in a world that’s broken. It hurts so much.

“But God didn’t want to leave things that way! He loves us! From the beginning, God had a plan to rescue us and bring us back into relationship with Him!

“God’s rescue plan was unique. He was going to rescue the world through a family! So, sometime after Adam and Eve, God spoke to a man who’d eventually be named Abraham. Abraham didn’t have any children, but God was going to change that. He promised that He would bless the whole world through Abraham’s family. To start that promise, God gave

15 MINUTES

# Story

Abraham and his wife Sarah, a child, Isaac.

Then Isaac had a son named Jacob. And Jacob had 12 sons and one daughter. Abraham's family was growing—just like God had promised it would.

"And that's how God's Big Story started!

"Now to help tell our story today, we're going to pretend a little.

"Everybody, welcome our very special guest . . . Joseph! (APPLAUSE)

→ *Male leader enters, dressed as Joseph.*

(TO AUDIENCE) "Now, obviously you and I know that this isn't actually the real Joseph from our story today, but let's just play along, okay? (PAUSE FOR RESPONSES.) Great! Let's keep going.

"Joseph, I hear that you've brought some photos to share. Would you mind putting those up on the screen for us?"

JOSEPH: "Sure thing!"

SLIDE -> Story Image 1

## JOSEPH'S TROUBLE STARTS

STORYTELLER: "Parents aren't supposed to have a favorite kid, but Jacob did. Jacob's favorite kid was second-youngest son, Joseph. Jacob showed that Joseph was the favorite by giving him a fancy, colorful robe. Joseph, is that true?"

JOSEPH: "Yes."

STORYTELLER: "Okay, yes, we can see that in your photo! So, then is it true that you told your brothers about two dreams God gave you? And were these really dreams showing that one day your whole family would bow before you? I mean, that seems like maybe something you shouldn't have shared. Is that what happened?"

SLIDE -> Story Image 2

JOSEPH: "Yes."

STORYTELLER: "Okay, so Joseph, is it true that your brothers decided they'd had enough and threw you into an empty well before selling you to traders who took you to Egypt to be a slave? Is that really true?"

SLIDE -> Story Image 3

15 MINUTES

# Story

JOSEPH: "Yes."

STORYTELLER: "Wow. And yet you still trusted God?"

JOSEPH: "Yes."

## IT GETS BETTER, AND THEN WORSE

STORYTELLER: "That's amazing. Okay, so once you made it to Egypt, is it true that you were put to work in the house of Potiphar, who was captain of the guard for Pharaoh, the king?"

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JOSEPH: "Yes."

STORYTELLER: "Okay so we've heard that you trusted God and worked hard. And that you quickly earned Potiphar's trust. Is that true?"

JOSEPH: "Yes."

STORYTELLER: "But wait. Did Potiphar's wife tell a lie about you and get you thrown into jail?"

SLIDE -> Story Image 5

JOSEPH: "Yes."

STORYTELLER: "And you still trusted God?"

JOSEPH: "Yes."

STORYTELLER: "So, even in prison, you trusted that God was still with you. So you kept working hard? Is it true that you were put in charge of the other prisoners?"

JOSEPH: "Yes."

STORYTELLER: "So, did you then start helping people, with God's help, to understand their dreams?"

SLIDE -> Story Image 6

JOSEPH: "Yes."

STORYTELLER: "So I've been told that you were able to help Pharaoh's

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# Story

drink taster and baker understand the dreams that they had. And the drink taster was supposed to remember you and help you get out of jail when he got out of jail, but he forgot. Is that true?"

SLIDE -> Story Image 5

JOSEPH: "Yes."

STORYTELLER: "Wow. The hits just kept on coming! And you still trusted God?"

JOSEPH: "Yes."

## GOD'S PLAN IS REVEALED!

STORYTELLER: "Okay, so then is it true that two whole years later, Pharaoh himself had some strange dreams and the drink taster finally remembered you? And did you get a chance to help Pharaoh understand his dreams?"

SLIDE -> Story Image 7

JOSEPH: "Yes."

STORYTELLER: "So then you told Pharaoh that God had shown him what will happen. Seven years with plenty of food were coming. But after that, seven years without much food were coming. So the Pharaoh needed to find someone wise to store up food in the good years. Is that what you told him?"

JOSEPH: "Yes."

STORYTELLER: "Wow! And then did he make you his second-in-command over all of Egypt?"

SLIDE -> Story Image 8

JOSEPH: "Yes."

STORYTELLER: "So then, for seven years of good harvests, is it true that you instructed the people to store up food and then, just as God had said, a time came when the crops failed? And did everyone come to you for food, even your brothers?"

SLIDE -> Story Image 2

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# Story

JOSEPH: "Yes."

STORYTELLER: "That must have been so crazy."

JOSEPH: "Yes."

STORYTELLER: "So your dad sent your brothers to Egypt to get something to eat but they didn't recognize you. But you recognized them?"

JOSEPH: "Yes."

STORYTELLER: "So you didn't reveal yourself to them right away but finally told them who you were?"

JOSEPH: "Yes."

STORYTELLER: "Okay, so I want to read to you from the Bible what you said to your brothers.

→ *Open to Genesis 45:4-5 (NirV) and read.*

Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." So they did. Then he said, "I am your brother Joseph. I'm the one you sold into Egypt. But don't be upset. And don't be angry with yourselves because you sold me here. God sent me ahead of you to save many lives."

STORYTELLER: "So at this point, you invited your brothers to bring Jacob and all their families to Egypt, where they would have enough to eat for the remaining years of the famine. Is that true?"

SLIDE -> Story Image 9

JOSEPH: "Yes."

STORYTELLER: "It's so amazing to hear about your faith and trust in God, even through some really terrible experiences."

"Let's all give Joseph a round of applause for being with us today."

→ *Joseph leaves the stage.*

15 MINUTES

# Story

## ④ Bottom Line

### WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “As Joseph told his brothers: ‘You planned to harm me. But God planned it for good.’ Because Joseph continued to trust God when things got tough, God used Joseph to save his entire family. And more than a thousand years later, Jesus, God’s Son, would be born into this same family! God worked through Joseph’s life to bring about rescue for us all!”

SLIDE -> Bottom Line

[**BOTTOM LINE**] “You can trust God when things get tough. Say that with me.”

STORYTELLER and KIDS: [**BOTTOM LINE**] “You can trust God when things get tough.”

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## ⑤ What's Our Part in The Story?

HOST: “Joseph’s story just kept getting worse and worse. But then God took him from the prison straight to the palace. God can bring good from even the most difficult stories.

“Instead of giving up, Joseph trusted that God was still at work in his life. His faith helped him keep going, even when things got tough. Faith is trusting in what you can’t see because of what you can see.”

“When we look at Joseph’s story and the ways that God has worked throughout history, we see how God can bring good out of hard things. So, when something difficult or unfair happens, you can trust that God is still with you.

“This is even something Jesus faced. The night before He was about to be put on the cross, Jesus was really overwhelmed about what was coming. But He knew God had a plan. So, because of what Jesus did, He paid for sin and broke the curse. We can all now have a relationship with God again! Jesus loved us so much that He went through something awful and scary, and He trusted that His Father would help Him through the hard. Let’s look at our timeline.”

15 MINUTES

# Story

SLIDE -> God's Big Story  
SLIDE -> Week 5 Timeline Image

→ *If you're making a timeline of printed images on your wall, take this moment to place today's timeline image on the clothesline.*

"This week we saw how Joseph trusted God when things got tough. Over and over in Joseph's story, the Bible says: 'And God was with him.' The same is true for you. When you follow Jesus, God's very Spirit lives in you—God is not just with you, but He's in you! God is with you when things are tough, and you can trust Him.

"All throughout this timeline, even though we just started, we can see a lot of stories of tough things happening. But in every situation, God was faithful, and the people in the stories could trust God would do what He said He would do. When you are in a hard situation too, and you don't know what to do, the best place to start is by talking to God in prayer and asking Him to help you remember that He is with you. Let's go ahead and pray together.

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## ⑥ Prayer

HOST: "Dear God, thank You so much for the reminder today that we can trust You when things get tough. Help us, Holy Spirit, when we feel stressed or don't know what to do, to turn to You. Help us remember to trust and believe that God loves us and wants to help us. Thank You that You love us so much. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

→ *Dismiss kids to their small groups.*

AUDIO -> Play high-energy music as the kids exit.  
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