



Under Construction: God at Work

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LESSON - GOD IS WITH ME!

Welcome back to Under Construction: God at Work! Last week, we learned that God gave Joseph special dreams and had a good plan for his life. This week, Joseph's life became very hard. His brothers were jealous, and Joseph faced some hard and scary situations. But even when life felt unfair, God had not forgotten Joseph. God was still with him, helping him grow stronger on the inside. Today, we'll learn that God can help us grow too, even when hard things happen.

SAY IT: God is with me!

DO IT: Point to yourself and say, “Me!”

Joseph had 11 brothers. One day, Joseph's father asked him to go check on them while they were taking care of the sheep. Joseph obeyed his father and went to look for his brothers.

SAY IT: Joseph obeyed!

DO IT: Give a thumbs up.

When Joseph's brothers saw him coming, they were still upset because Joseph had shared the special dreams God gave him, and they were jealous of the beautiful colorful coat their father had given him. They grabbed Joseph, took away his colorful coat, and put him into a deep pit. That was a very sad day for Joseph. He may have felt scared and alone, but Joseph was never truly alone because God was with him.

SAY IT: God was with Joseph!

DO IT: Point up to the sky.

Later, Joseph's brothers took him out of the pit and sent him far away from home. Joseph did not know what would happen next. Everything in his life was changing. Have you ever had something change? Maybe you moved to a new classroom, had a new teacher, or missed a friend. Changes can feel hard sometimes. But God was still with Joseph, and God is with us too.

SAY IT: God is always with me!

DO IT: Give yourself a hug.

Even though Joseph was having a hard time, God never left him. God was building Joseph's character and getting him ready for His good plan.

SAY IT: God has a plan for Joseph and God has a plan for me!

Just like Joseph, we can trust God because He loves us and is always with us.

SAY IT: I can trust God!

DO IT: Place your hands over your heart.

Today, we learned that Joseph went through a hard time when his brothers put him in a pit. Even though Joseph was sad and scared, God was still with him. We learned that God never forgets us and is always with us no matter what!

SAY IT: God is with me!

PRAYER: Dear Jesus, thank You for always being with us. Thank You for loving us and helping us when life feels hard. Help us trust You like Joseph did. Remind us that You never leave us and that You are always working in our lives. In Jesus' name, Amen.

LESSON QUESTIONS - 10 MINS

2 & 3YR OLDS

1. Did Joseph have brothers? **(Yes)**
2. Did Joseph's brothers put him in a pit? **(Yes)**
3. Was Joseph all by himself without God? **(No)**
4. Is God with us? **(Yes)**

4YRS - 1ST GRADE

1. What did Joseph's father ask him to do? **Check on his brothers**
2. What did Joseph's brothers do to him? **They put him in a pit**
3. Was Joseph alone? **No, God was with him**
4. What can we remember when life feels hard? **God is with us**



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ACTIVITY 1: PIN THE BUCKET ON THE EXCAVATOR!

Items Needed: Pin the bucket on the excavator game

Connection: Construction workers use excavators to dig and build. God is building our character and helping us grow.

Step 1: Place the large excavator picture on the wall at preschool height.

Step 2: Give each child a paper bucket with tape on the back.

Step 3: With the kids' eyes covered, allow them to come up one at a time to try to place the bucket on the excavator.

Step 4: Continue until every child has a turn!

ACTIVITY 2: HAMMER TIME!

Items Needed: Music

Connection: Time to move our bodies! God has amazing plans for your life, and He wants you to follow His ways.

Step 1: Have everyone come to the front. Today we will practice following each other's dance moves! Yay!

Step 2: As the music plays, have everyone dance! Now that everyone is warmed up, pick one child and ask them to show us a super special dance move.

Step 3: Instruct everyone to copy the dance move! Look at that! We were able to follow and copy our friend's dance move!

Step 4: Continue asking children to show the class a fun dance move for everyone to copy.

ACTIVITY 3: BUBBLE PARTY OR STORY TIME

Items Needed: Bubbles and music OR book basket

We've got some extra time today, so let's spend it worshipping and dancing with bubbles or reading a book to the class (please show the pictures on each page).

CRAFT OR COLORING SHEET (USE 1 OR 2 OPTIONS DEPENDING ON CLASS AGE & TIME)

CRAFT 1: JOSEPH IN THE PIT CRAFT

Items Needed: Pre-cut Joseph in the pit template (2 parts), crayons/markers, glue/glue dots

Connection: While Joseph was in the pit God was still with him.

Step 1: Distribute Pre-cut Joseph in the pit template (2 parts)

Step 2: Allow kids to color templates

Step 3: Help the children glue the 2 part-pit together by gluing the grayed areas in a circle shape to form a pit.

CRAFT 2: GOD IS WITH JOSEPH COLORING SHEET

Items Needed: Coloring sheet and crayons.

Connection: Even when hard times come, God is always with me.

Step 1: Distribute the coloring sheets and allow time to color.

GOD IS WITH JOSEPH! ♥

Even when hard times come,
God is always with me!

Hard times
feel unfair...
but God is
always with
me!

God is
building me
even when
I can't see it.

Just like a
seed grows
under the
ground...

♥ I CAN TRUST GOD! ♥

Romans 8:28