



Under Construction: God at Work

“Brothers, continue to think about the things that are good and worthy of praise. Think about the things that are true and honorable and right and pure and beautiful and respected.” Philippians 4:8 (ICB)

LESSON - JOSEPH CHOOSES WHAT IS RIGHT!

Welcome back to Under Construction: God at Work! Last week, we learned that Joseph went through hard times, but God was still with him and helping him grow. God was building Joseph's character. Character is who we are on the inside and how we choose to live each day. This week, we'll learn that Joseph made good choices and honored God, even when it wasn't easy. As Joseph obeyed God, God continued building strong character in his heart. And just like Joseph, God helps us build strong character every time we choose to do what is right.

SAY IT: I can choose what is right!

DO IT: Give two thumbs up.

After Joseph was taken to Egypt, he became a servant in the home of a man named Potiphar. Even though Joseph was far away from his family, he worked hard, obeyed God, and could be trusted. The Bible tells us that God was with Joseph. Joseph worked hard every day and always chose to honor God. Because he could be trusted, Potiphar put Joseph in charge of everything in his house. But one day, Joseph faced a very big choice.

SAY IT: Joseph faced a big choice!

DO IT: Place your hands on your cheeks and open your mouth wide like you are surprised.

One day, Potiphar's wife wanted Joseph to do something that was wrong. But Joseph loved God and wanted to honor Him. He said, “No!” and quickly ran away from the bad choice.

SAY IT: Say no to wrong choices!

DO IT: Shake your finger and say, “No!”

Potiphar's wife became angry because Joseph would not do what she wanted. She told a lie about Joseph, and Potiphar believed her. Even though Joseph had done the right thing, he was put into prison. That wasn't fair, was it? (Pause.) But God had not forgotten Joseph. The Bible tells us that God was still with Joseph, even in prison. God loved Joseph, cared for him, and continued building his character.

SAY IT: God is always with me!

DO IT: Give yourself a hug

Sometimes doing the right thing isn't easy. We may be tempted to make a bad choice, but God will help us choose what is right, just like He helped Joseph. No matter where we are or what happens, God is always with us.

SAY IT: God is always with me!

DO IT: Give yourself a hug.

PRAYER: Dear Jesus, thank You for helping us make good choices. Help us tell the truth, obey You, and do what is right. Thank You for always being with us wherever we go. We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

LESSON QUESTIONS - 10 MINS

2 & 3YR OLDS

1. Did Joseph work hard? **(Yes)**
2. Did Joseph make good choices? **(Yes)**
3. Did Joseph choose to do what was wrong? **(No)**
4. Was God still with Joseph? **(Yes)**

4YRS - 1ST GRADE

1. Where was Joseph taken? **Egypt**
2. Who did Joseph work for? **Potiphar**
3. Was God still with Joseph? **Yes**
4. What should we do when someone wants us to make the wrong choice? **Say no and walk away**



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ACTIVITY 1: GOOD CHOICE/BAD CHOICE

Items Needed: Choices- Sharing a toy; Hitting a friend; Telling the truth; Cleaning up toys; Sharing your crayons with a friend; Taking a toy away from someone; Helping pick up blocks; Saying “please” and “thank you”; Waiting your turn in line

Connection: Joseph chose what was right.

Step 1: Have children stand up

Step 2: For every good choice we will give a thumbs up. For every bad choice we will shake our heads NO!

Step 3: Read the choice and have the children respond

ACTIVITY 2: JOSEPH'S PATH!

Items Needed: Painters Tape, and a cutout of Joseph. Add a Joseph figure (toy or printed picture) at the end of the taped path.

Connection: Joseph takes the right path by making good choices

Explain to the kids:

- “We are helping Joseph choose what is right!”
- “Every time we walk away from a bad choice, we are helping Joseph follow God’s way.”

Step 1: Set up a short path. Use painter’s tape to create a simple walking path on the floor. Place a printed picture or small toy of Joseph at the end.

Step 2: Explain the Game Tell kids: “We are helping Joseph choose what is right by walking the right path!”

Step 3: Walk & Respond Kids take turns walking toward Joseph. The leader says:

- “Good Choice!” → keep walking forward
- “Bad Choice!” → turn around and walk back

Step 4: After each turn, everyone says: “I can choose what is right!”

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 Jail Craft

Items Needed: Joseph in Jail Craft kit, glue/glue dots

Connection: Joseph was put in jail even though he did the right thing, but God was still with him.

Step 1: Distribute Joseph in jail craft

Step 2: Help the children put the craft together, using glue if needed.

Step 3: Help the children put their names on the back of the craft.

Craft 2: JOSEPH CHOOSES WHAT IS RIGHT COLORING SHEET

Items Needed: Coloring sheet and crayons.

Connection: Good choices honor God

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

JOSEPH CHOOSES WHAT IS RIGHT!



God was with Joseph everywhere he went!



Joseph worked hard and
did what was right.
Potiphar trusted him.



Joseph chose what was right
because he wanted to honor God.



**I CAN CHOOSE
WHAT IS RIGHT!**

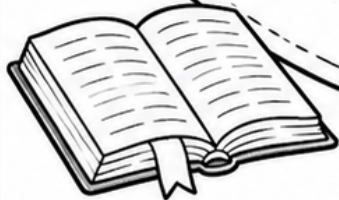
Someone tried to get Joseph to
make a wrong choice, but he said
“NO!” and walked away.



Even in prison, God was with Joseph
and showed him kindness.



I will make
good choices
every day!



I CAN TRUST GOD!

The Lord was with Joseph and showed him kindness.

Genesis 39:21