



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 - GOD BUILDS A FORGIVING HEART!

Welcome back to Under Construction: God at Work! All month long, we've been learning about Joseph and how God was building his character. Character is who we are on the inside. It is how we make good choices, trust God, and show His love. Today, we'll look back at Joseph's story and remember how God built his character every step of the way. And just like Joseph, God is building our character too!

SAY IT: God is building my character!

DO IT: Pretend to hammer with a tool.

When Joseph was young, God gave him special dreams. Joseph did not understand everything God was doing, but God had a plan for his life. Even when Joseph had to wait, God was working.

SAY IT: God had a plan!

DO IT: Point up to the sky.

Then Joseph went through some hard times. His brothers were jealous and put him into a pit. Later, he was taken far away from home. Those were sad and difficult days, but God never left Joseph. God was helping Joseph grow stronger on the inside.

SAY IT: God was with Joseph!

DO IT: Point to your head and say, “God has a plan!”

Joseph worked in the home of a man named Potiphar. He worked hard, made good choices, and honored God every day. One day, Joseph said “no” to a wrong choice. Even though Joseph had done the right thing, he was put into prison. That wasn't fair, but God was still with Joseph and never left him.

SAY IT: Choose what's right!

DO IT: Give a thumbs up.

After a while, Pharaoh made Joseph a leader in Egypt because God gave Joseph wisdom to help the people. When there wasn't enough food, Joseph's brothers came to Egypt looking for help. Joseph had a choice to make. He could stay angry, or he could forgive. Joseph chose forgiveness.

SAY IT: I can forgive!

DO IT: Open your arms wide.

Because Joseph forgave, his family came back together. God had been building something special in Joseph's heart all along. God helped Joseph become kind, loving, and forgiving.

SAY IT: God builds loving hearts!

DO IT: Make a heart with your hands.

Joseph's story teaches us that God is always working in our lives. He helps us grow, make good choices, trust Him, and love others. And just like Joseph, God is building us every day!

SAY IT: God is building me!

PRAYER: Dear Jesus, thank You for helping us grow. Thank You for loving us and being with us every day. Help us trust You, make good choices, and show kindness and forgiveness to others. Keep building our hearts to become more like You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

LESSON QUESTIONS - 10 MINS

2 & 3YR OLDS

1. Did God have a plan for Joseph? **(Yes)**
2. Was God with Joseph? **(Yes)**
3. Did Joseph make good choices? **(Yes)**
4. Did Joseph stay angry forever? **(No)**

4YRS - 1ST GRADE

1. Who did we learn about this month? **Joseph**
2. Did God have a special plan for Joseph? **Yes**
3. What did Joseph choose instead of staying angry? **Forgiveness**
4. What is God building in us? **Character/hearts that love and obey Him**



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)

ACTIVITY 1: CONSTRUCTION SITE CLEANUP RELAY

Items Needed: foam blocks or Legos

Connection: Builders work together

Step 1: Scatter blocks around the room

Step 2: Divide children into teams

Step 3: Have the children race to collect blocks and bring them back to the construction site

Step 4: Build a tower together

Step 5: Say together, “God is building my character!”

ACTIVITY 2: UNDER CONSTRUCTION PARADE

Items Needed: Hard hats and instruments or tools

Connection: Throughout Joseph’s life, God was building his character. God is building our character, too!

Step 1: Give each child a hard hat, instruments or tools

Step 2: Explain that builders use tools to build strong buildings, and God is building something special inside of us: our character.

Step 3: Have children line up to form a construction parade.

Step 4: Lead the children around the room while marching together.

Step 5: As you march, chant together:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| • Leader: “Who is building us?” | Kids: “God is building us!” |
| • Leader: “What is God building?” | Kids: “My character!” |
| • Everyone: “God is building me!” | Everyone: “God is building my character!” |

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 STORYBOARD COAT CRAFT

Items Needed: Pre-cut Joseph coat storyboard craft, crayons/markers

Connection: God was building Joseph’s character

Step 1: Distribute the pre-cut Joseph’s coat storyboard.

Step 2: Allow kids to color.

Step 3: Help the children fold the storyboard coat together and glue the coat on each end.

CRAFT 2: JOSEPH COLORING SHEET

Items Needed: Coloring sheet and crayons.

Connection: God was with Joseph everywhere he went.

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

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

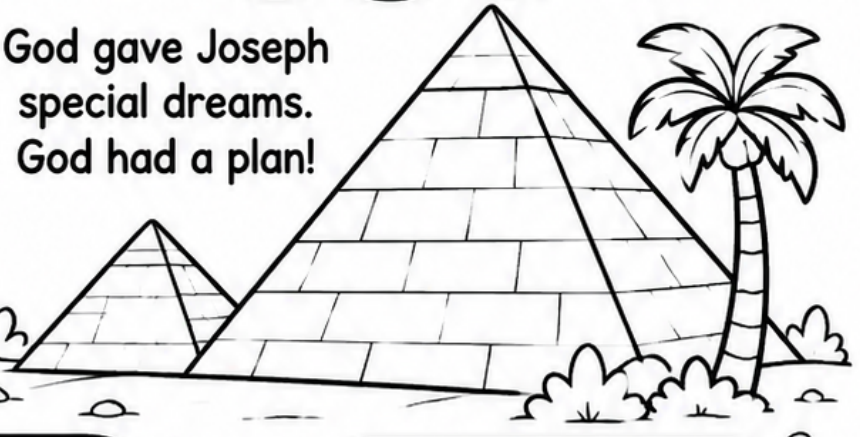
GOD AT WORK



GOD HAD
A PLAN!

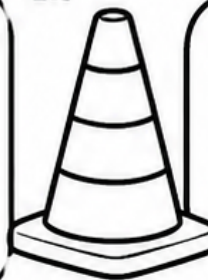


God gave Joseph
special dreams.
God had a plan!



God builds our character!

God is always working in
our lives. He has a plan
and helps us grow to be
more like Jesus!



SAY IT!

**God is building me!
God is building
my character!**

Name: _____