

Bible Story 33A
Jacob Moves to Egypt
Genesis 45:17-47:12

OPENING ACTIVITIES

- Domino train
 - Make a path of dominoes standing up and then knock the first one over to start the train
 - Consider what it must have looked like as Jacob and all of his family were traveling in a caravan over the many miles to Egypt

WORSHIP

PRAYER

STORY

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- Act
 - Have the children pretend to be the people in the passage as you describe what is happening
 - If you have access to a large multi-purpose room or a safe area outside, you could bring wagons and wheelbarrows to function as the carts

MEMORY VERSE

Romans 8:28

“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.”

- Discuss God’s sovereign plan in Joseph’s life and in our lives
- Practice the verse by “traveling to Egypt”
 - Make a path of masking tape squares on the floor
 - Have each child stand in one box
 - March, jump, hop, or walk in a line from box to box as you all say the verse

ACTIVITIES

- Color
 - Color the picture with the memory verse on it
- Application
 - Read Luke 12:22-32
 - Jacob's family was struggling to survive because of the famine. Joseph was struggling with life's circumstances for several years. Yet, in both situations, God had a plan to provide above and beyond anything they could ask or imagine. Jacob's family is now living in the most fruitful portion of Egypt and has their needs supplied through the grain stored by Joseph. Joseph is now living as the second in command of Egypt and his father and his brothers are all living in Egypt with him
 - Sometimes the circumstances of life seem impossible, but God is in control, God desires to bring good things to you, and God is working everything out for your good
 - Have the children share prayer requests for needs in their lives, in their families, or in the families of people they know
- Object Lesson
 - Read Luke 6:38 & Ephesians 3:20
 - Give a child one small candy and ask him to share it with someone else
 - After he gives the candy away, set a small cup in front of him and pour candy into the cup until it begins to overflow
 - Encourage the children never to fear giving to God; He will always give back more than we could imagine, even if some of the reward may be in heaven
 - As you pass out candy to all the children, share times in your life when God has blessed you with rewards after you made a sacrifice, either by choice or just because of the circumstances of life; encourage the children to share times when God has blessed them abundantly
 - Joseph and Jacob suffered for many years, but God was faithful to work it to good and to supply more than they could ask or imagine

MATERIALS

- Coloring paper with memory verse on it (Print the coloring page from <http://www.calvaryknoxville.org/OTTableOfContents.pdf> and cut and paste the memory verse onto the bottom)
- Dominoes
- Costumes and props for acting out the story
- Crayons
- Masking tape
- Candy
- Small paper cups