



GETTING READY

1. Opener/Closer

What You Need:

- Host
- Camping/hiking gear for the Host
- Three Small Group Leaders
- Nine kids (three from each of the Leader volunteers' small groups)
- Nine cans of silly string
- Large plastic tarp (or drop cloth)
- Three sets of protective equipment for the Leaders to wear such as ponchos, painter's jumpsuits, goggles, and/or shower caps
- Wet wipes
- Bible

Music and Sound Effects (SFX):

- **Upbeat music to use as kids enter and exit the room**
- **Bluegrass music (instrumental)**

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Slide
- Trust Slide
- Blank Bottom Line Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- Blank Memory Verse Slide
- Memory Verse Slide

2. Bible Story

What You Need:

- Storyteller
- Bible
- Volunteers: one Leader and seven kids
- Colored coat
- Three poster board signs to identify the three scenes in the room:
 - “Jacob’s house”
 - “Dothan”
 - “a well”
- Table with two chairs
- Craft paper mural of the countryside with a large tree (representing Dothan)
- Empty inflatable kiddie pool
- Pizza box (or other food item / product packaging)
- Wagon

Large Group Visuals:

- One Big Story Intro (Video)
- Blank Bottom Line Slide
- Bottom Line Slide

What You Do:

- Download the slides and have them ready to use. If you do not have CG capabilities, you have Orange’s permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- The One Big Story Intro Video is available with the monthly download. You can find it in the “Prelude” folder under “Monthly Planning.”
- Set up the three scenes in the room (table with two chairs; Dothan mural on the wall; kiddie pool). Put the poster board signs next to each one.

3. Worship

What You Need:

- Every Beat
- Through It All

Bad Day

Bible Story: Bad Day (Joseph Sold by His Brothers) • Genesis 37, 39:1-2

Bottom Line: When you think you're alone, you can trust God is with you.

Memory Verse: *Trust in the LORD with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding.* Proverbs 3:5 (NIRV)

Life App: Trust—Putting your confidence in someone you can depend on

Basic Truth: I can trust God no matter what.

Story: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways (Large Group, 35 minutes)

Engage kids' hearts through a dynamic and interactive Bible story, worship, and prayer experience in a Large Group setting.

SFX: Play high-energy music as kids enter.

CG: Theme Slide

Optional Video (Media Package): Theme Loop

Host enters, wearing camping/hiking gear.

Opener

HOST: "What's up, everybody? It's so great to see your smiling faces here at [your environment's name]. My name is [your name], and I love that I get to be here with you today!"

"This month we're talking about taking a trek. That's like a long journey, or a hike. Our trek this month is an adventure in trust.

CG: Trust Slide

Optional Video (Media Package): Theme Transition to Life App

"Trust is putting your confidence in someone you can depend on.

CG: Theme Slide

Optional Video (Media Package): Life App Transition to Theme

"When I go hiking on a trail, there are lots of things I take with me. I have to trust all those gadgets to do their job. Can you guess what any of those things are? You can shout them out! (Pause for responses.)"

"Those are all great suggestions! One of the things I ALWAYS want to remember to bring with me on a trek is bug spray. I don't like getting bug bites—they're so itchy! Bug spray can keep the bugs away, right? Well, I think we should practice with a fun bug spray game here on stage.

“Let me get three Small Group Leaders and three kids from each of their groups to join me up front.

Choose three Leaders and nine kids (three from each Leader’s group) to join you on the stage. Have the Leaders stand on the plastic tarp and give each of them a poncho or painter’s jumpsuit to wear over their clothes. You could make it funnier by giving them goggles and shower caps to wear, too.

“These Leaders are going on a trek through the woods. But we don’t want them to be bothered by bugs!

Hand a can of silly string to each of the nine kids on stage.

(To the kids on stage) **“Kids, when I say, ‘Go,’ each of you will spray your (air quotes) ‘bug spray’ and cover your Leader with it. The first group to empty out all three cans of bug spray wins! Before we start, I need to tell you something very important. (Lean into the crowd like you’re telling them a secret.) It’s not really bug spray!**

“All right—(to contestants) are you all ready? On your marks . . . bug spray ready . . . and GO!

SFX: Bluegrass music (instrumental)

“That was awesome! Looks like you’re all set for the deep woods. (To audience) Let’s give them all a hand.

Dismiss the contestants to their seats. Give them wet wipes to clean up if needed.

“Now it’s time to jump up to your feet, because we get to sing to our God who’s always there for us. [Basic Truth] We can trust Him no matter what!”

Announcements

Use this as an example of what to say. Make it your own and help the kids feel welcomed. Then take a moment to share any/all announcements.

HOST: “I’m so excited to be here with all of you today and get a little crazy! If it’s your first time here, I want to welcome you and I would love to have a chance to meet you and get a high-five! Your group leaders are here almost every week... they’re pretty amazing. Here at Mission, we believe that this is a place for you and you belong here no matter who you are or what you believe. At the core of who we are as a church, we believe that JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING FOR EVERYONE!

“I have just a few announcements for you all today...

Share any/all announcements.

“One of the things we do each week to help us focus on God is to sing... some of you will know the words to the songs, so we want you to shout and sing them out really loud. If you don’t know the words... they’ll be on the screen for you. Feel free to clap, jump, sing and shout along with us! The best part about this is the message of the song and how good God is! Let’s all stand up and sing together!”

Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.

Worship

WORSHIP LEADER: “Yes, indeed! *[Basic Truth]* We can trust God no matter what. Come on, everybody—let’s get on our feet and get ready to sing”

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “Hi, everyone! Last week we talked about a man named Jacob. *(Hold up Bible.)* God had made a big promise to Jacob’s grandfather Abraham. God had said that He would grow Abraham’s family into a great nation. This big promise from God was passed down to Abraham’s son Isaac and then later to HIS son, Jacob. Isaac and Jacob made many mistakes, but God was still faithful and gave them lots of children. In fact, Jacob had 12 sons.

“Our story today is about one of Jacob’s sons named Joseph. Let me get a Small Group Leader to play Jacob . . .

Choose a Leader to play Jacob.

(To “Jacob”) “. . . and someone from your group to play Joseph.

Choose a kid from Jacob’s group to play Joseph. Make sure the kid is “opting in” by raising his hand.

“Great! *(To audience)* Our first scene is here at Jacob’s house. Let’s see what happens.”

Have Jacob and Joseph sit at the table.

JOSEPH’S DREAMS

STORYTELLER: “Out of all of Jacob’s sons, Joseph was definitely his favorite. Joseph told his father the truth when his brothers weren’t being completely honest. Jacob loved Joseph so much that he gave him a beautiful coat woven with rich colors.

Give Jacob a colored coat to give to Joseph. Direct Joseph to put it on.

“How do you think Joseph’s brothers felt about that? *(Pause for responses.)* Right. They were jealous. It even says in the Bible *(hold up Bible)* that they HATED Joseph. That’s not very nice!

“Well, Joseph had two very interesting dreams. He told his brothers about them. Here’s the first one.

Open the Bible to Genesis 37:7 (NirV) and read.

“We were tying up bundles of grain out in the field. Suddenly my bundle stood up straight. Your bundles gathered around my bundle and bowed down to it.

“Hmmm . . . VERY interesting. How about the second dream?”

Open the Bible to Genesis 37:9 (NirV) and read.

“This time the sun and moon and 11 stars were bowing down to me.

“Wow. That’s a lot of bowing. Joseph told his dad about the second dream, too.

“Now let me ask you a question, and I want you to be honest. If your little brother kept telling you about dreams he was having where you kept bowing down to him, how would you feel? *(Pause for responses.)* Right. Pretty annoyed. Pretty frustrated. Well, Joseph’s brothers were definitely annoyed with Joseph and his dreams.”

MEAN BROTHERS

STORYTELLER: “Jacob gave Joseph the job to go and check on his brothers, who were taking care of their flocks of animals near a place called Shechem.

Have Joseph stand up, and lead him a few steps toward the Dothan mural on the wall.

“Joseph was supposed to see how everything was going. He arrived at Shechem, but his brothers weren’t there. A man said they had moved on to a different place called Dothan, so Joseph went there instead.

Lead Joseph all the way over to the Dothan mural on the wall.

“All right—I need four more volunteers to play some of Joseph’s brothers.

Choose four kids to be the brothers. Bring them over to the Dothan mural on the wall.

“The brothers saw Joseph coming, a long way off. Before he reached them, they made plans to kill him. Yikes! *(To the “brothers”)* I know all four of you are really nice and would never actually say this, but let me see you shake your fists and say: ‘Let’s get him!’”

BROTHERS: *(Shaking their fists)* “Let’s get him!”

STORYTELLER: *(To the brothers)* “Good job. *(To audience)* The brothers planned to throw Joseph into an empty well. That’s like a big hole in the ground that people dig so they can get water. Well, the brothers planned to throw Joseph into a well and then tell their dad, Jacob, that a wild animal had eaten him.

(Hold up one kid’s hand) “But Reuben, the oldest brother, heard them talking and tried to save Joseph’s life. He was hoping he could take Joseph back to his father. He suggested that they should just throw him into the well without hurting him. So that’s what the brothers did. They took Joseph’s coat and threw him into the well.”

Take Joseph over to the “well” (kiddie pool) and put him in it.

BROTHER FOR SALE!

STORYTELLER: “The brothers sat down to eat.

Give the pizza box (or other food item) to the brothers.

“They saw some traders coming from Gilead. Let’s see . . . where can I find two traders?”

Choose two kids to be the traders. Bring out the wagon and have them hold the handle.

“These traders were taking spices to Egypt. Believe it or not, the brothers decided to SELL Joseph to the traders. That way they could get rid of him and make some money. They pulled Joseph from the well and sold him to the traders for some silver coins.

Get Joseph from the “well” and have him sit in the wagon.

“The traders took Joseph away to Egypt. *(To Joseph)* Bye, Joseph! I’m really sorry this is happening to you!

Have the traders pull Joseph a short distance in the wagon.

“Remember Reuben—the brother who wanted to save Joseph’s life?”

Hold up Reuben’s hand again. Bring him over to the kiddie pool.

“Reuben returned and checked the well, because he was planning to sneak Joseph out. But it was empty, because Joseph was already on the way to Egypt.

“The brothers took Joseph’s coat and dipped it in the blood of a goat. They told their father that a wild animal had killed him. None of the brothers spoke up with the truth that Joseph was still alive.

“That’s pretty wild, isn’t it? But that’s what happened. And our actors did such a great job acting it out. (To the actors) Thanks for your help, actors! You can have a seat.”

Dismiss the actors to their seats. Move over to the wagon.

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: (*Holding the handle of the wagon.*) “The traders took Joseph all the way to Egypt. They sold him to a man named Potiphar, who was the captain of Pharaoh’s palace guard. Now poor Joseph was stuck as a servant living in a faraway land.

Move to the stage.

“Joseph must have felt so alone after all his brothers had done to him. But here’s the amazing part. God was with him! God was ALWAYS with Joseph—in the good times and the bad times. And actually, Joseph’s story was just getting started. Be sure to come back next week to hear what happened next!

“Did you know that God is with YOU, just like He was with Joseph? It’s true! You’re never really alone, because You can trust God and believe that He’s in control.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[*Bottom Line*] “When you think you’re alone, you can trust God is with you.

“Let’s pray and thank God for being with us.”

CG: Blank Bottom Line Slide

Pray

STORYTELLER: “Dear God, thank You for being with Joseph, even when he probably felt like he was all alone. We know that You’re always with US when WE feel alone. You’re there when things are going great, and You’re also there when we feel scared or confused. Help us to remember that You are with us, and help us to trust You through anything we might face in life. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

Closer

CG: Today’s Story Image

Optional: Place Today’s Story Image on your timeline.

HOST: “What a story! Joseph was betrayed by his brothers, thrown into a dark well, and then sold to those traders. He ended up in a faraway place as a servant. He must have felt all alone!

“But still, in the book of Genesis, we read this.

Open the Bible to Genesis 39:2 (NirV) and read.

“The Lord was with Joseph.

“God was with him! God had never left him. God was with Joseph at home. He was with Joseph in the well. And He was also with Joseph in Egypt.

“God was ALWAYS with Joseph. God is always with you, too. Even in those times when you feel scared, when you feel like no one else understands, or when you’re not sure what’s going to happen next, God is with you.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

“Remember: *[Bottom Line]* when you think you’re alone, you can trust God is with you.

“Sometimes you might have to remind yourself that God is with you. You can do that by praying. Praying can help you not feel so alone.

CG: Timeline

“Many times when Jesus was alone, He prayed. When He was sad, exhausted, or if He just wanted to spend time with God, Jesus prayed. That’s exactly what we can do when WE feel afraid!

CG: Blank Memory Verse Slide

“We’re learning a really great verse together this month that helps us remember to trust God. It’s Proverbs 3:5. Let’s say it together.

CG: Memory Verse Slide

KIDS and HOST: “*Trust in the LORD with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding*” (Proverbs 3:5 NirV).

HOST: “Great job! Even when life doesn’t seem to make sense, we can always trust God and remember that He’s got it under control.

“You’ll get to talk some more about that back in Small Group. Have fun!”

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

SFX: Play high-energy music as the kids exit.

CG: Theme Slide

Optional Video (Media Package): Them