



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Down in a Hole

Joseph Sold by Brothers
and Joseph in Jail
Genesis 37, 39–40

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Hold on because God is with you.

HOST SUPPLIES

- Small Group Leaders
(optional)
- Printed script
- Handheld microphone
(optional)
- "Week 1 Timeline Image"
printed on cardstock from
the LG Assets PDF
- Clothesline and clothespins
for the timeline in your
room

STORY SUPPLIES

- Host
- Colorful robe
- Clothes that are ripped
and dirty and crutches (to
represent Joseph beaten
and thrown in the well)
- Clean, simple, Egyptian-
looking robe (this could be
any Biblical-style robe)
- Clipboard with a piece of
paper on it
- Prisoner outfit (black and
white striped, not a modern
jumpsuit)

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today. In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

SMALL GROUP

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Early Arriver
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP

35
MIN

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

Welcome/Opener
Worship ("I Run to You" from *Make a Move* and "The Power" from *Everything to Me*)
Bible Story
Bottom Line
Prayer
Closer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Bible Story Review: Joseph's Story (*k-1st grade*), Just Keep Climbing (*2nd-3rd grade*)

Application Activity: Refuse to Give Up (*k-1st grade*), Hold on to Jesus (*2nd-3rd grade*)

Memory Verse Activity: Hold On (*k-1st grade*), Sleep Mask Chaos (*2nd-3rd grade*)

Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Parent Cue Card (print or email)
Devotionals for Kids
Parent Cue App



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MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

**"Let us not become tired of
doing good. At the right time
we will gather a crop if we
don't give up."**
Galatians 6:9, NIV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

**Grit—Refusing to give up
when life gets hard**

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

LARGE GROUP

ENGAGE KIDS' HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY, WORSHIP, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS KIDS ENTER.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

WORSHIP

Worship Team Enters

WORSHIP LEADER: (Welcome everyone)

AUDIO:

Host enters as worship team exits.

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN (30- OR 60-SECOND VERSION)

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME

OPENER

HOST: "Hi, everyone! My name is [your name], and I'm so excited to see you today at [your environment's name]. This month, we're talking about grit! Have you ever heard that word before—grit? Let's see what it means.

SLIDE: VIRTUE

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO VIRTUE

"Grit is refusing to give up when life gets hard.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): VIRTUE TRANSITION TO THEME

"That seems pretty important, right? I mean, all of us have to face tough things from time to time. But we don't have to face them alone. We know that God is with us and God can help us hold on when we face challenges in life.



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"One place where people definitely need some grit is when they're climbing a mountain. Think about it. Mountain climbers REALLY have to hold on, to the rocks and to their climbing ropes, and they have to keep moving upward if they want to reach the peak!

"I thought we'd have a little fun today and find out how much we know about climbing mountains . . . with a little game I call, 'Guess the Gear!'

"We'll put an image on the screen of some kind of gear you might use when you're mountain climbing, trekking, or camping outdoors. (*Hold up the printed script.*) I'll read you an answer of what the gear is called and what you use it for. If you think that EVERYTHING I tell you is true, you'll stand

up. If you think that ANY PART of what I tell you is false, you'll stay seated. Got it? (*Pause for response.*) Great! Let's get started with our first item and Guess the Gear!

"Here's item one.

SLIDE: GAME SLIDE #1A (S'MORES STICK)

(*reading from the printed script*)

"This is a s'mores stick. You put a marshmallow on it and roast the marshmallow over the fire. Then you put the marshmallow between two graham crackers and add ketchup.

Comment on the kids' reactions.

"That answer is . . . false!

SLIDE: GAME SLIDE #1B (FALSE)

"I mean, it was really CLOSE to being true. That IS a s'mores stick. But you don't put ketchup on s'mores. What do you use instead? (*Pause for response.*) Of course—chocolate!

"Good job, everyone! Let's move on to our next item.

Play the game the same way, going through each item and using the scripting below. Note: It could be fun to have different Small Group Leaders help you by reading the item descriptions from the printed script. (In that case, be sure to use a handheld microphone.)

As you play the game, if an answer is false, be sure to explain what the item really is (or what it's really used for).

There's no need for elimination for this game. Just have fun seeing who can answer each question correctly.

SLIDE: GAME SLIDE #2A (CARABINER)

"This is a carabiner. You use it to latch onto your climbing ropes.

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SLIDE: GAME SLIDE #2B (TRUE)

SLIDE: GAME SLIDE #3A (HIKING BOOTS)

"These are flip-flops. You use them to keep your feet protected when you're traveling over rough, rocky terrain."

SLIDE: GAME SLIDE #3B (FALSE)

SLIDE: GAME SLIDE #4A (WATER BOTTLE)

"This is a portable shower. After you've been on a long climb, you just dump this on your head and you're immediately clean!"

SLIDE: GAME SLIDE #4B (FALSE)

SLIDE: GAME SLIDE #5A (EMERGENCY SHELTER)

"This is an emergency shelter. You pop this up and climb inside if you need to stay warm and safe from bad weather."

SLIDE: GAME SLIDE #5B (TRUE)

SLIDE: GAME SLIDE #6A (TREKKING POLES)

"These are trekking poles. You use them to stay stable so you don't fall down when you're hiking—especially when you're going downhill."

SLIDE: GAME SLIDE #6B (TRUE)

SLIDE: GAME SLIDE #7A (HEADLAMP)

"This is a camping stove. You use it to cook stew by shining the light directly into your stew pot."

SLIDE: GAME SLIDE #7B (FALSE)

SLIDE: GAME SLIDE #8A (VOLLEYBALL NET)

"This is a flag. You put it on top of the peak when you've made it all the way to the summit."

SLIDE: GAME SLIDE #8B (FALSE)

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

"Thanks for playing along, everyone. You know a lot about mountain climbing gear! Of course, the one thing EVERY climber really needs is a whole lot of grit. We know that God can help us live with grit each day, so we can refuse to give up when life gets hard. Let's all stand up and get ready to sing and worship God together."



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PRELUDE **SOCIAL** **STORY** **WORSHIP** **GROUPS** **HOME**

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WORSHIP

Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.

WORSHIP LEADER:

AUDIO:



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BIBLE STORY

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

Storyteller enters as Worship Leaders exit.

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Hello, friends! It's great to be with you as we continue God's Big Story. (*Hold up Bible.*) Let's look back really quickly and see where we've been so far.

If you have a timeline of Bible story images on the wall, you can reference it here.

"In the beginning, God created the world—including the first people, Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve broke the rule God gave them and broke their relationship with God. Still, God had a good plan to make things right. God made a promise to a man named Abraham. God promised to bless the whole world through Abraham's family.

"Abraham and his wife Sarah had a son named Isaac. Isaac grew up and had a son named Esau and a son named Jacob. Then Jacob grew up and had TWELVE sons! That's a lot of boys—am I right? (*Pause*) Jacob's next-to-youngest son was named Joseph."

Host comes running in to interrupt.

HOST: "[Storyteller's name]—wait a minute! I have a brilliant idea!"

STORYTELLER: (*startled*) "Well, hello, [Host's name]. It's good to see you. (*Pause.*) You say you have an idea?"

HOST: "I do. (*Pause.*) Are you about to talk about Joseph?"

STORYTELLER: "Yes."

HOST: "I want to help!"

STORYTELLER: "You want to help?"

HOST: "Yes!"

STORYTELLER: "Okay, what's your idea?"

HOST: "You'll see."

Host runs backstage.

DAD'S FAVORITE

STORYTELLER: "Hmmm . . . This should be interesting. (*Pause then shrug.*) Well, let's get started. One thing you should know about Joseph is that he was his father's favorite son."

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AUDIO: UPBEAT TRADITIONAL ISRAELI MUSIC (SUGGESTION: "MIDDLE EASTERN – ISRAELI TRADITIONAL DANCE" BY AMAZING MUSIC)

Host enters, wearing the colorful robe.

HOST: "Hey, everyone! I'm Joseph. Check out this special robe my dad gave me. Isn't it amazing?"

Host claps along with the music and walks around the perimeter of the room, getting the audience to clap on the beat, then exits.

AUDIO: FADE OUT MUSIC

STORYTELLER: "Wow. Okay! Well, that was fun. And it's true—Jacob gave Joseph a beautiful, expensive robe to wear. As you might imagine, Joseph's brothers were not happy about this. They were really jealous of the way Jacob loved Joseph and gave him such a special gift.

"Quick—everyone show me your best jealous brother pose.

Cross your arms and scowl.

"Good job! You look SO jealous!

"Joseph also started having dreams, but these weren't just regular dreams. These were dreams where God was showing him things that would happen later. Joseph told his brothers about these dreams he was having. But here's the problem. In Joseph's dreams, his brothers and even his mom and dad were bowing down to him. It was like Joseph was saying, 'Hey, everyone! Someday you'll all bow down to me!' And Joseph's brothers didn't like that one bit. In fact, it just made them even more jealous of Joseph.

"Show me your jealous brother pose again, but this time, make your faces extra-grumpy."

Cross your arms and scowl.

JOSEPH SOLD

STORYTELLER: "Joseph's brothers were so jealous that they wanted to make Joseph pay. So when Jacob sent Joseph to check on his brothers out in the fields, they said, 'Here comes that dreamer!' (Genesis 37:19, NIV) They took his special robe and threw him in an empty well!"

AUDIO: UPBEAT TRADITIONAL ISRAELI MUSIC (SUGGESTION: "MIDDLE EASTERN – ISRAELI TRADITIONAL DANCE" BY AMAZING MUSIC)

Host enters, wearing clothes that are ripped and dirty, walking on crutches. (His rough, beaten-up look will be at odds with the upbeat music.)

HOST: "Hey, everyone. Bad news. My brothers took my amazing robe and threw me in a well."

Host takes a couple of awkward steps on the crutches, then exits.



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AUDIO: FADE OUT MUSIC

STORYTELLER: “Poor Joseph! Things really took a bad turn for him, didn’t they? Unfortunately, his challenges were just beginning.

“Joseph’s brothers were still deciding what to do with Joseph when they saw a group of traders heading for Egypt. Traders were people who bought and sold things. The brothers SOLD JOSEPH to these traders!

“The brothers knew that their dad would be asking about Joseph . . . so they put some animal blood on Joseph’s robe to make it look like Joseph had been attacked by a wild animal. When Jacob saw the robe, he thought that Joseph had died. Can you believe that? It’s terrible!

“Meanwhile, Joseph was taken by the traders to Egypt. He was sold to a man named Potiphar, who was the captain of the pharaoh’s guards. Joseph didn’t know anyone in Egypt, and he didn’t speak the same language everyone else spoke, so he couldn’t even talk to anyone. It was not a good situation at all. But even in those tough times, Joseph wasn’t alone. God was with him.

“In fact, Joseph worked so hard and did so well in Potiphar’s house that over several years, he earned Potiphar’s trust. Eventually, Potiphar put Joseph in charge of his entire household!”

AUDIO: UPBEAT TRADITIONAL ISRAELI MUSIC (SUGGESTION: “MIDDLE EASTERN – ISRAELI TRADITIONAL DANCE” BY AMAZING MUSIC)

Host enters, wearing a clean, simple, Egyptian-looking robe, carrying the clipboard.

HOST: “Hey, everyone. Things are looking up! Potiphar put me in charge!”

Host does a little “happy dance” then exits.

AUDIO: FADE OUT MUSIC**JOSEPH IN JAIL**

STORYTELLER: “Unfortunately, those good times didn’t last. You see, Potiphar’s wife wanted Joseph to do something wrong. When he wouldn’t do it, she lied and said Joseph had tried to hurt her. Potiphar had Joseph sent to prison.”

AUDIO: UPBEAT TRADITIONAL ISRAELI MUSIC (SUGGESTION: “MIDDLE EASTERN – ISRAELI TRADITIONAL DANCE” BY AMAZING MUSIC)

Host enters, wearing a prison outfit—without the clipboard. (Again, this will be at odds with the upbeat music.)

HOST: “Hi, friends. It’s true. I got accused of something I didn’t do.”

Host shrugs dejectedly, then exits.

STORYTELLER: “Even still, Joseph wasn’t alone. God was with Joseph—even in prison. Joseph worked hard. The man who ran the prison was so impressed that he put Joseph in charge of everything.”

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Host enters, still wearing the prison outfit, now holding the clipboard.

HOST: "Sooooooooo . . . bad news—I'm still stuck here in prison. But good news—God helped me get this new job!"

Host happily holds up the clipboard then exits.

STORYTELLER: "One day, two men arrived at the prison. They were the pharaoh's royal baker and his official drink taster. Both of these men looked sad. They said they'd had some strange dreams, but no one could tell them what the dreams meant. I bet you can tell where this is going!

"Both men told their dreams to Joseph. And sure enough, Joseph told them what their dreams meant. Joseph told the drink taster that the pharaoh would release him from prison and give him his job back.

"Joseph asked the drink taster to help him. He said . . .

Open the Bible to Genesis 40:14 (NIRV) and read.

"When everything is going well with you, remember me. Do me a favor. Speak to Pharaoh about me. Get me out of this prison.

"But the news wasn't so good for the baker. Joseph told the baker that the pharaoh would come for him . . . and put him to death. Yikes!

"Everything happened just as God had revealed to Joseph. When the drink taster was released, Joseph must have had high hopes that the man would remember him and that he'd ask the Pharaoh to release him from prison. But the drink taster forgot all about Joseph."

AUDIO: UPBEAT TRADITIONAL ISRAELI MUSIC (SUGGESTION: "MIDDLE EASTERN – ISRAELI TRADITIONAL DANCE" BY AMAZING MUSIC)

Host enters, still wearing the prison outfit and holding the clipboard.

HOST: "Okay, Okay, that's fine. I'll just wait here . . . in prison. (to Storyteller) Surely I've got to catch a break some time, right, [Storyteller's name]?"

STORYTELLER: "Well . . . we'll have to find out next week, because we're out of time for today. (to Host) Keep holding on, Joseph! Keep trusting God!"

Host points up (like he's pointing to God) as he exits.

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "That was fun! [Host's name] did a great job of playing Joseph.

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“Isn’t it interesting how Joseph had all those ups and downs in his life? And after all that had happened to him, here he was . . . stuck all alone . . . in a foreign land . . . in prison. He probably felt forgotten. But even then, God was with him.

“I can’t wait to find out what happened to Joseph next. But for now, let’s think about what Joseph did while he was in the middle of all those ups and downs. He trusted God. He kept holding on—because he knew that God was with him.

“That’s good for us to remember.

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

“Hold on because God is with you.

“We all go through good times and tough times. Maybe our ups and downs aren’t exactly the same as what Joseph went through. But like Joseph did, we can choose to hold on and remember that we’re never alone. God is with us, through it all. Let’s pray.”

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

PRAY

STORYTELLER: “God, thank You so much for the reminder today that You are always with us. Help us remember that when we feel alone or afraid. Help us trust You and believe that You’re with us—through all the ups and downs of life. Please give us the strength to hold on, no matter what challenges we’re going through. Thank You for loving us! We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”



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CLOSER

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

HOST: “Whew! I’ve got to be honest—that was a workout. Lots of costume changes. But it just goes to show that Joseph went through a LOT of changes in his life.

“Just when it seemed like things were going great for Joseph, something bad happened. And just when it seemed like he was stuck in a bad situation, things turned for the better.

“Think about it. Joseph started out by getting a special robe as a gift from his dad.

SLIDE: GOD’S BIG STORY TIMELINE SLIDE

SLIDE: WEEK 1 TIMELINE IMAGE

If you’re making a timeline of printed images on your wall, take this moment to place today’s timeline image on the clothesline.

“But then he ended up being sold by his brothers, lied about, and sent to prison!

“Through it all, God was with Joseph. God was there through all the ups and downs and good and bad things in his life.

“When we remember that God is with us, that helps us have grit. It helps us hold on.

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

“Hold on because God is with you.

“It would take some time, but eventually, God used Joseph’s family to bless the whole world! Jesus, God’s own Son, would be born into Joseph’s family line.

“As we think about Joseph’s story, it’s important to remember that God is with US—through all the ups and downs of OUR lives. There will be amazing days in your life when it seems like everything is going great! And then there will be some days when things just don’t go the way you want them to. But **[Basic Truth] you can trust God no matter what.** You can believe that God is always with you and that God is still working in your life. That’s what will help you hold on and keep going!

Share a brief, age-appropriate story from your own life about how you faced something tough but you held on because God was with you.

“We have a really awesome memory verse for this month. These are the apostle Paul’s words in Galatians 6:9.

SLIDE: MEMORY VERSE

“Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don’t give up. (NIV)”

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“In this verse, Paul was saying that if we keep holding on, it’ll be worth it in the end!”

“Let’s head to Small Group and talk about how we can hold on and live with GRIT—because God is with us!”

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS THE KIDS EXIT.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP