

The Story

Joseph

Sherwood Oaks Christian Church

Week of October 19, 2008

Read Chapter 7 of “The Story” or Chapter 3 of “The Story for Kids” or check out Genesis chapters 37, 39-45 (you have permission to skim if you’re in a hurry).

Family Activity Ideas

The following questions can be asked and talked about around the dinner table or in the minivan on the way to the fireworks stand across the border.

OR

Grab piece of paper (or use a chalkboard or markerboard) for the second question.

1. Joseph had LOTS of brothers, eleven of them, and one sister. **What do you think it would be like to live in THAT family?**
2. **While he was still young, his brothers sold him as a slave, and Joseph went to live and work in Egypt. Have you ever been away from home (a friend’s house, camp, grandma’s) and were scared? What did you do?**
3. **Joseph’s life had a lot of ups and downs. Favorite son. Hated brother. Slave. Valued manager. Prisoner. Pharaoh’s right-hand man.**
Use the paper or chalkboard and draw a timeline of Joseph’s life with the line going up for the high points, and going down for the low points. It should look like a mountain range. Does it look bumpy? How does it compare with YOUR life’s timeline? (Talk about the good and bad that has happened: broken bones, little league championships, lost toy, move to another town, good grades, great birthday party, etc.)
4. **Have you seen God help take bad things and use them for something good?**
5. **Did you know that you can trust God at all times, good and bad?**

You can pray using your own prayer, or saying one like this:

Dear God, Thank you for showing us how you use people like Joseph to make good things happen in our world. Even in our bad times, help us to remember to trust in you and to remember that you love us sooooo much. Amen.