



Worship

Lesson 4

Forgiveness

*“For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly father will also forgive your sins”
Matthew 6:14*

Key Objective

- ◆ To give the children a clear understanding of what forgiveness is and what the bible says about it.

Bible Basis

Genesis 37-45

Lesson Outline

What	Time needed	Where
Welcome and Introduction	5 minutes	Page 2
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Activity / Craft	15 minutes	Page 4 –5
Memory verse	5 minutes	Pages 2
Review	5 minutes	Page 2
Prayer time and Wrap up	10 minutes	Page 6

Please note that this is a guide only.

Please feel free to use any resources to tell the story including the wooden figures in the Kids Bizz room.

Activity time - Children are able to do either craft, playdough, puzzles, drawing or reading during this time.

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Worship

We believe in and value worship at Northridge. The Facilitator will let you know when it is time for Kids Worship. Please come and join with the other children for Worship. Please encourage the children to join in and help the younger children to engage. We would also ask that you participate as the children will watch you also. Feel free to speak to the kids worship team or the Facilitator if you have any questions.

Welcome

Welcome everyone! Then go around the circle and ask everyone to tell you about who is in their family

Ask if anyone can remember last weeks memory verse—it was:

“Noah did everything just as God commanded him”

Genesis 6:22

(give a snake to anyone who can remember)

Review Questions:

- ◆ What was todays story about?
- ◆ Why didn't Josephs brothers like him?
- ◆ What did Josephs brothers do to him?
- ◆ What happened to Joseph?
- ◆ Why did he forgive his brothers?

Memory Verse

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Wrap up:

- Have a leader or helper close in prayer
- Make sure kids take their craft and a memory verse card at the end of the lesson.
- Please ensure that the children are signed out by a parent or guardian before they leave the room.

Memory verse Suggestion:

Print the words of the memory verse off cut them to make a puzzle and then hide them around the room. Have the children find all the pieces and help you put the puzzle together. Read it through several time to help them

**Bless
you**

The Story....

You could ask the children to act out this story as you tell it.

JOSEPH

There was a man called Jacob who lived in a place called Canaan. He had twelve sons but the youngest two were his favourites. Their names were Joseph and Benjamin.

To show how much he loved Joseph he gave him a coat of many colours. The other brothers were jealous of Joseph's coat and how much their father loved him. They would say things like "Why does Joseph get such a nice coat while we only get to have plain ones?"

One night Joseph had a dream, he dreamt that he and his brothers were working tending wheat when suddenly his brothers bunched started to bow down to him. His brothers were very angry when they heard about this dream.

Joseph's brothers were so angry and hated Joseph so much that they decided that they wanted to get rid of Joseph. One day when they were out with all their father's sheep they grabbed Joseph and put him in an empty well. The brothers sold Joseph to some merchants who were traveling past. They put goat's blood on his coat and told their father that Joseph had been killed by a wild animal.

The merchants sold Joseph to a rich man in a place called Egypt. Joseph had a very hard time while he was in Egypt including being put in Prison for a while. Joseph was very good at understanding dreams and one day Pharaoh needed him to explain a dream for him so he was taken to the palace. Pharaoh had dreamt about seven fat cows and then seven thin cows who ate the fat ones.

Joseph explained that there would be seven years of good crops followed by seven years of bad ones so they needed to start storing the food now. Pharaoh was very pleased and put Joseph in charge of Egypt. After seven years the crops were bad. Jacob sent 11 of his sons to Egypt from Canaan to buy food. The brothers bowed down to Joseph (just like he had dreamt they would) but they didn't recognize him. Eventually they realized that it was Joseph and he forgave them for selling him to the merchants. He could see that this was God's plan to help Egypt.

The CRAFT

Today the children will make Joseph with his amazing coat. On page 5 is a template that you can print – the children can decorate his coat either with textas, pencils or crayons as well as a range of materials scraps or tissue paper etc. Allow the children to create their own multicoloured coats for Joseph. Once they are done they can use the rest of the time to either do the puzzles, read the books or play with the play dough.

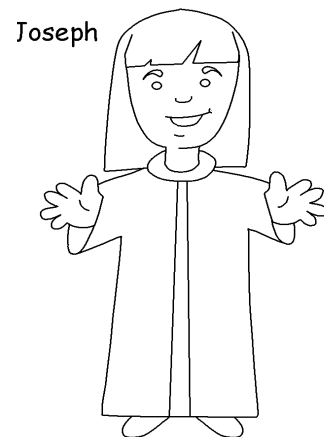
Materials that you will need: *(Available in the Gap room)*

- Textas
- Tissue paper
- Glue
- Sticky tape
- Paddle pop sticks
- Stickers

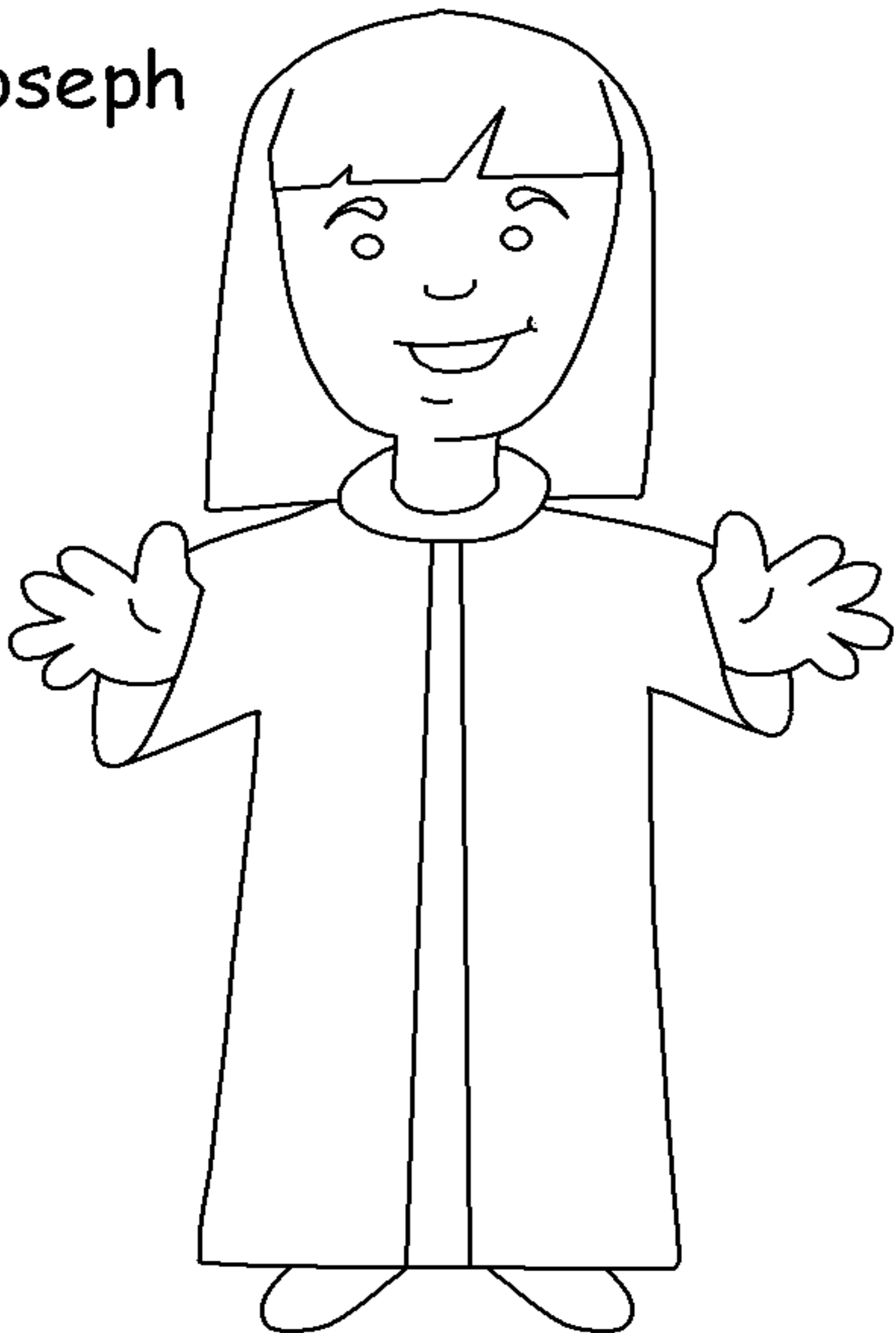
Directions:

Before the lesson cut out the Joseph template

1. Give each child a template to colour in
2. Allow them to use the tissue paper or other materials to decorate Josephs coat.
3. Using sticky tape attach Joseph to a paddle pop stick



Joseph



Prayer Time

The following is the structure for leading prayer in Gap. This has been designed to be simple for the children and offer a consistent structure for both children and leaders. Posters with these pictures are available in the Gap room. Lay them in the middle of the circle one at a time as you do each stage so they understand which part we are up to.

Stop

Ask children to stop everything else and sit on a cross.

Explain that it is now time to pray.

Please Encourage the children to sit up and pray in loud voices.



Talk

Ask if there is anything they would like to thank God for or Ask God.

Give each child an opportunity to answer and then pray.

If they are wanting prayer for healing ask them to sit in the middle and get the group to pray for them.



Listen

Now that we have talked to God we will stop and listen to see if there is something that he would like to tell us—explain that this may be a picture, word, thought, person, colour, idea etc. God will speak to us all differently.

Wait a minute for them to listen, then ask each of them if they had anything. It is fine if they say no—just move on to the next child.

For anyone who says yes please record what they say in the Gap Prayer journal with their name the date and service time. (prayer journal is the yellow book at the front of the room)



