

Joseph Paper Doll!

Lesson Idea:

Romans 8:28 And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them.

Paper dolls can be an engaging tool when telling a story about a main character. The story of Joseph is a beautiful story of one boy and how no matter what he goes through, loves and follows God. Sometimes in the story of Joseph, it looks as though God has forgotten him but God is always with Joseph and never forgets him! God uses every part of Joseph's life for His purpose and glory.

You may choose to use the paper doll and his outfits to tell the story or you may choose to give each child their own set so that they can go home and retell the story to their own friends and family.

Items needed per child:

- One main character, cut out.
- A set of the clothes, cut out, ready for each part of the story.

Craft making instructions:

Link to video demonstration: https://youtu.be/T7kl5_5jHf4

1. Joseph was one of 12 sons of Jacob. But Jacob loved Joseph the most out of all the sons. Jacob showed Joseph his favour by giving him a beautiful, expensive colourful coat. *(Add the colourful coat to Joseph)*



2. But his brothers didn't like the fact that Joseph was the favourite son. And they didn't like that Joseph was having dreams about them bowing down to him. They came up with a plan to get rid of Joseph. They took him into the desert and ripped off his beautiful coat. *(Take off the coat)* They lied to their father and told him that their brother, Joseph, had been attacked and killed by wild animals. They threw him down a well. Some traders came along and

so the brothers sold Joseph to the traders. Joseph became a slave in Potiphar's house. *(Put on the slave outfit)*



3. Joseph worked very hard in Potiphar's house and soon Potiphar saw that Joseph was a good man and that God was with him. He put him in charge of his whole household. *(Change Joseph's outfit to the smart clothes)*



4. Even though Potiphar trusted Joseph, unfortunately, Potiphar's wife was not a good woman and she told lies about Joseph! Potiphar had no choice but to believe his wife and he had Joseph thrown in jail. *(Change to the prison outfit)*



5. While he was in prison, Joseph interpreted the dreams of some of the prisoners. The interpretations were true and really happened! One of the prisoners, Pharaoh's cupbearer, was set free and Joseph begged him to remember him when he came to the Pharaoh. Unfortunately, the cupbearer did forget about Joseph for TWO WHOLE YEARS! It looks as if God has forgotten Joseph.

But one day, Pharaoh had some terrible dreams that he could not figure out. All his usual wise men could not tell him what the dreams meant and finally the cupbearer remembered Joseph! Joseph was called to Pharaoh and interpreted the dreams! Pharaoh was so happy that he made Joseph second in command! *(Change to the other smart clothes)*



6. Joseph had saved the people of Egypt from the famine and when his brothers came to Egypt (because Egypt was the only place that had stored up grain), they bowed down to Joseph! Joseph forgave his brothers and embraced them.

















