

# PAULANN PRESCHOOL

AN AT-HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL TOOL



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# ACTIVITY OPTIONS

## ACTIVITY 1: TRAVELING TO EGYPT

**WHAT YOU'LL NEED: TRAVEL BAG, DISHES, DRESS-UP CLOTHING, STUFFED ANIMALS, DOLLS**

Collect small suitcases, duffel bags, or large purses for your children to use to go on a "trip." Have them pack and unpack dress-up clothing, dishes, and dolls or stuffed animals. Explain that this week's Bible story is about Joseph's brothers and father moving to Egypt.

## ACTIVITY 2: TREAT TO EAT

**WHAT YOU'LL NEED: LARGE BOWL, CEREAL, CHOCOLATE CHIPS, NUTS, PRETZELS**

Have your children create trail mix. Set out a variety of whole grain cereals, chocolate chips, and fish-shaped pretzels. Have them help you pour the ingredients into a large bowl and mix them together. Ask each of your kids to scoop out some of the mix into a small paper cup. Say: **Joseph forgave all his brothers and gave them grain to eat.**

## ACTIVITY 3: DISAPPEARING PICTURES

**NO SUPPLIES NECESSARY**

Take your children outside to an area with loose dirt available. Help your kids draw pictures in the dirt and then wipe them away. Talk with them about how Joseph forgave his brothers. He treated them as if they had never treated him badly. It was as if he wiped away the bad things they did to him - in the same way the children wiped away their pictures. Remind them that **God wants us to forgive.** To forgive someone means to treat that person as if the wrong things they did never happened.

## ACTIVITY 4: FAMILY FUN

**WHAT YOU'LL NEED: BATH TOY, HEAVY WEIGHT, STRING**

Tie something heavy to a floating bath toy. Put the toy in the water, and discover together why it won't float. Then remove the weight, and let the toy float. Talk about how staying mad makes us feel heavy inside and how forgiveness makes us feel light again.

# CRAFT IDEAS

## CRAFT 1: FORGIVENESS BAGS

**WHAT YOU'LL NEED: PAPER LUNCH SACKS, COLORED MARKERS, SEQUINS, STICKERS, GIFT BOWS**

Set out paper lunch sacks, colored markers, items for decoration, and gift bows. Have your children decorate the sacks like gift bags for someone very special. Talk with them about things they might put in their bags, such as candy or small toys. Explain that they'll be learning about a very special gift Joseph gave his brothers.

## CRAFT 2: TODAY I LEARNED...

**WHAT YOU'LL NEED: ATTACHED PRINTABLE, MARKERS, CRAYONS**

Print out the attached documents titled "Today I learned..." Allow children to color the picture of Joseph and his brothers. Assist them in coloring while reviewing the story. You can also ask your children the questions provided for deeper exploration of the story. Use this document as a tool for learning and diving into Scripture.

# Today I learned...

## God wants us to forgive.

Help me learn this:

"Be kind to each other" (Ephesians 4:32a).

### Ask me:

- What happened to Joseph and his brothers in your Bible story today?
- When have you done something that hurt another person? How can you be friends with that person again?
- What can our family members do to show forgiveness to each other?

### Lesson 5

Today your child learned that **GOD WANTS US TO FORGIVE**. Children heard how Joseph forgave his brothers (Genesis 50:14-21). The children learned about forgiveness by celebrating the story of Joseph forgiving his brothers.

### Family Fun

- Tie something heavy to a floating bath toy. Put the toy in the water, and discover together why it won't float. Then remove the weight, and let the toy float. Talk about how staying mad makes us feel heavy inside and how forgiveness makes us feel light again.
- Color in the eyes and faces to show how Joseph and his brothers felt after Joseph forgave.

## Joseph Forgives His Brothers

(Genesis 50:14-21)

