

# Lesson 23

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#### **2-5 Years:**

**Opening prayer** to start the class. For example:

“Dear God, thank you for giving us this day together to learn more about you and what you have done for us. Amen”

#### **Bible Story:**

Tell the story of Joseph in a language that this age can understand. Be sure that it is a simplified version; the verse selection is Genesis 37. There are several picture versions in children’s Bibles that are appropriate.

#### **Discussion:** jealousy

Joseph’s brothers were jealous of him and weren’t nice to him. Have you ever had trouble with your brother or sister? How does your mom or dad make you feel special?

**Song:** I'm in right, out right, up right, down right, happy all the time.  
I'm in right, out right, up right, down right, happy all the time.  
Since Jesus Christ came in,  
and cleansed my heart from sin.  
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**Activity:**

Using a file folder or some other durable paper, draw the outline of a coat to use as a stencil. Have students trace the coat onto a separate piece of paper and cut it out. They can add the many colors to the coat with markers. Using a hole-punch, punch holes every ½ inch around the edge of the coat. Give each student yarn so they can practice sewing the coat.

**Closing Prayer:** thanking God for the day. For example:

“Thank you God for bringing us together today to learn about Joseph. Thank you for making us and our brothers and sisters. Help us not to be jealous and to follow your ways this week. Amen”

**6-8 Years:**

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**Activity:**

Using props you bring from home, have the students dress as Joseph, Jacob, Potiphar, and the brothers, to act out the story themselves.

**Discussion:** no one is blameless

Joseph wasn’t right to act the way he did. How could he have helped to make things better with his brothers? The story doesn’t end here. Joseph does become King and he is nice to his brothers when they come to him for help. How could you help your brother or sister even if they’re not nice?

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**9-11 Years:**

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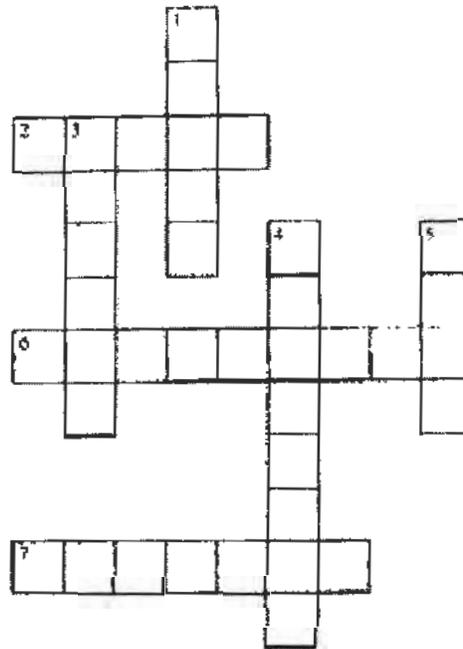
**Game:** crossword puzzle

Make copies of the following puzzle and clues for each student.

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### ACROSS

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 3 \_\_\_\_\_ tried to save Joseph. (verse 21)  
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**12-14 Years:**

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