

# SEPTEMBER

EARLY CHILDHOOD CURRICULUM  
TWO - THREE YEAR OLDS

Bottom Line

God Has A Plan  
For Me



Week

Bible Story

Sep. 11

Joseph and His Family  
Genesis 37



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## SUGGESTED CLASS SCHEDULE:

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| 9:35 & 11:35  | Bible Story                               |
| 9:50 & 11:50  | Line your kids up to travel to the Island |
| 9:55 & 11:55  | Island                                    |
| 10:15 & 12:15 | Snack                                     |
| 10:25 & 12:25 | Activity to reinforce Bible Story         |

**NOTE:** Children are only to receive ONE cup of snack, not an unlimited supply.

**ALWAYS HAVE YOUR REGISTRATION BINDER WITH YOU!**

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## LEADER DEVOTIONAL

One of the Hebrew names for God is Immanuel, which means “God with us.” This name is most commonly used in reference to the birth of Christ but is not reserved just for Christmas. You see, Immanuel speaks to the character of our God and reminds us He is present among us— all the time.

Stop for a minute and consider that the Most High God, the Creator of everything that ever was or ever will be, is also a personal God who is with us in everything we go through. It’s amazing to think we’ll never have to be alone because God is Immanuel.

What have been the defining moments when God has reminded you He is with you? In hindsight, were there times when you didn’t recognize His presence but now see it clearly? How has God used your faith community to come alongside you and support you in your times of greatest need? What are words you would use to describe who God is to you?

Grab a permanent marker and some river rocks or paper. On each rock or piece of paper, write a word that describes who God has been to you in times of trial and triumph. Place your rocks in a place where you can be reminded of His continual presence. Then spend some time thanking God for being Immanuel.



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## STORY BACKGROUND

Through the life of Joseph and his myriad struggles, we can learn about God being with us and working through us. So much so, biblical scholars make a case for Joseph being the Old Testament archetype of Jesus Christ. Both were obedient sons who were beloved by their fathers. Joseph was rejected and sold into slavery by his brothers. Similarly, the Jewish community rejected Jesus and the message He brought. Both were falsely accused and unjustly punished. Yet in the end, both were elevated to a place of powerful position and saved their people from death.

The sin and brokenness within Joseph's family is present throughout all of humanity. But God Himself is present. He has made a way for all who would receive Him to be adopted into His family. In God's family we're part of a faith community that stretches beyond our own lifetime, into eternity past and present.



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## Make It True:

It is important to hold the Bible open while telling the story. We want the children to know that stories we tell are from God's Word and all of God's words are true.

## Bible Story for Two - Three Year Old's

**What You Need:** The Beginner's Bible, pages 71-77.

**SGL:** Hi everyone! Let's sit around the table so we can listen to what God has to say to us today. Today's story is about a 17 year old boy named Joseph.

"Let's put our listening ears on and hear what happened to Joseph. (Open to the Beginner's Bible, pages 71-77 and read the story of Joseph.)

"What a cool coat he had? It is too bad his brothers took it from him and sold him to traders. I bet he was scared, but God had a plan for him. Just like He has a plan for us. (bottom line)

## Prayer:

"Dear God, thank you for having a plan for us. Thank you for letting us worship you. We love you, God. Amen."



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## Make It Fun:

### Coat of Many Colors

### A Coat of Many Colors

**What you need:** A paper grocery sack for each child. Strips of colored streamers. Glue dots.

**During the activity:** Put glue dots on the grocery sack and assist children in gluing on different colored strips for their coat of many colors.

**What you say:** Today we learned about Joseph. Joseph had a very special coat. Let's make a special coat that we can wear and put lots of color on it!

Good job! Our Coat of Many Colors will help us tell our moms and dads about the story of Joseph and help us to remember to show thanks for our family.

NOTE: Student Leaders should assist in cutting the "coats" out of the brown bags.

### Joseph's Coat of Many Colors Joseph Genesis 37

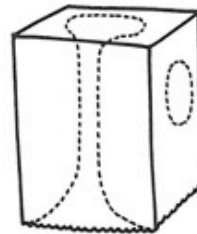
Children will love to display their very own "coat of many colors."

**Materials needed:**

- plain brown or white large grocery bags
- colored markers, crayons, or tempera paints
- scissors

**Directions:**

1. Cut out arm and head openings in the paper bags (see diagram).
2. If you wish, use a black marker to draw stripes on the bag for the children to color. Children may also make their own designs.
3. Decide which medium you want the children to use: colored markers, crayons, or paints.
4. After each child has been given a bag, let her/him color the whole bag. If using paint, you will need to let one side dry completely before painting the other side.



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