

WEEK 4

PRESCHOOL LESSON GUIDE



TEACHING TIME

VIDEO | Promise, Episode 4

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play this week's preschool [teaching video](#).

SCRIPTURE | Genesis 37:1-28

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Set up an obstacle course as described below –see your Shop & Prep List for more details. Select a volunteer or team member to go through the obstacle course while you tell the Bible story.
- Today, we are going to hear a story about Joseph. Joseph is a man who learned the hard way that God's promises might take some time to happen. Joseph had to be patient and wait.
- So, Joseph was part of a big family. He had eleven brothers! Can we count to eleven together? *[Count to eleven with the kids]*. But Joseph was his father's favorite. As a matter of fact, Joseph's father, Jacob, had a special coat made for Joseph with lots of bright colors *[Toss a yard of brightly colored fabric over the volunteer's shoulders.]*
- Well, Joseph's brothers were not happy about that! They were jealous of the special attention Joseph was getting. Not only that, Joseph had dreams that showed he would have a special future.
 - First, he dreamed that his brothers' stalks of grain would bow down to him. *[Instruct the volunteer to run slalom style, like a skier would do, weaving among the pool noodle stalks. Pass out extra pool noodles to the kids and tell them to make the noodles "bow" as the volunteer runs by.]*
 - Then, he dreamed that the sun, moon, and stars were bowing down to him as well. *[Instruct the volunteer to crawl through the tunnel of stars.]*
- When Joseph told his brothers about his dreams, that made them even angrier. So, they planned to do a mean thing to Joseph.
 - One day, the brothers were tending the sheep out in the fields and Jacob sent Joseph out to check on them. *[The volunteer follows a winding tape path to the pit.]*
 - When Joseph's brothers saw Joseph, they put him down in a dry well while they ate their dinner. *[The volunteer climbs into the "pit."]*
 - Soon, some traveling merchants came by. The brothers got Joseph out of the pit and gave him to the merchants to take him far away to Egypt. *[The volunteer climbs out of the pit and follows a path to the back of the room.]*

- Poor Joseph. He had such big dreams, but now he is far away from home.
- But Joseph didn't give up on his dreams. He knew that those dreams came from God, and now all he had to do was wait for God to make them happen.

THE BIG IDEA | **God's promises might take time.**

- We don't always know when God's promises will happen, but we do know that they will be. . . at the right time. We just need to be patient and wait for God because **God's promises might take time.**

PRAYER

- God, we know Your promises might take time. But we know You will keep Your promises because You always do. Thank You for keeping promises when the time is right.

MEMORY VERSE | **Joshua 21:45 (NIV)**