

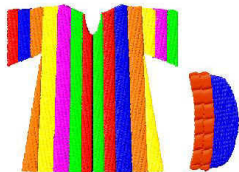
What Your
Child Is Learning
This Week
January 17, 2010



January 24 class
January 31 No class
February 7 class
February 14 class

Joseph and His Special Coat.

Helping Them Remember....



This week we learned about Joseph and his coat of many colors from *Genesis*. The Old Testament story of Joseph and his many colored coat is a classic one. Joseph's father buys him a beautiful coat. His 12 brothers are terribly jealous and sell him into slavery. Joseph works hard to make the best of his misfortune. Eventually, he rises from poverty and becomes the Prime Minister of Egypt.

Sunday January 24th Class



Jonah and the Whale

Here is a little poem to do with your child.

Some families are big. (Spread arms wide)
Some families are small. (Bring arms close together)

But God made our families one and all!
(Point hands up to God)

Some families are big. (Spread arms wide)
Some families are small. (Bring arms close together)

But God loves our families one and all.
(Cross arms over chest)

We Are All Special

Helping children deal with jealousy is difficult, and the story of Joseph's coat is an excellent opportunity to discuss this emotion with your child. When you talk, focus on the fact that God made each of us special. Reminding your child of the talents and characteristics that make him unique can help him cope with resentment.

Explain that even after Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery, he *forgave* them. Years later, when they were starving, Joseph used his position in Egypt to help them and their families.

Reassuring each of your children that they are unique and special to you and to God helps children feel secure in the family environment. When they are victims of jealousy, that reassurance can give them the confidence to forgive others.



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