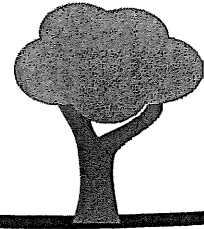


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ABCJLM Family,

God has given us great privilege and responsibility to teach His little children about the Bible. While the task can be exciting, it can also be very intimidating. The *Then They'll Grow Old Testament Curriculum* from ABCJesusLovesMe was created to give the child(ren) in your care a solid foundation of who God is and the amazing things He did in the Old Testament. *Also available are a New Testament Curriculum and Bible Workbook.*

The 52 weekly Lesson Plans are divided into three sections: Learning, Activities, and Bible Time. Weeks 1-42 cover Bible stories beginning with Creation and ending with Jonah. Week 43 is a review of the Old Testament, looking for God's promised, forever King. And then, available to be inserted as needed are four Easter, one Thanksgiving, and four Christmas lessons. The Lesson Plans are designed to be a guide, so choose and modify the learning and activities which are best for your situation.

Before beginning this Curriculum, I encourage you to browse the ABCJLM website. There you will find teaching tips, videos, further ideas, and much, much more. Additional practical hints can be found on our sister blog – OurOutOfSyncLife.com – and in the weekly ABCJLM Newsletter. Sign up is available on the ABCJLM website.

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To get the most out of this curriculum, I encourage you to attend an ABCJLM Parent/Teacher Conference or host a conference at your church or preschool. There I will provide practical classroom management tips, ideas on how to tell Bible stories, how to teach, and much more. Additional information: [ABCJesusLovesMe.com/training](http://ABCJesusLovesMe.com/training)

I am humbled that God has chosen me as a vessel to provide you with this Bible Curriculum. When God placed this curriculum on my heart, I remembered a verse from the song "Fishers of Men" my grandma used to sing to me. The lyrics are...

*Read your Bible, pray every day, pray every day, pray every day  
Read your Bible, pray every day, then you'll grow, grow, grow  
Then you'll grow, grow, grow, then you'll grow, grow, grow  
Read your Bible, pray every day, then you'll grow, grow, grow*

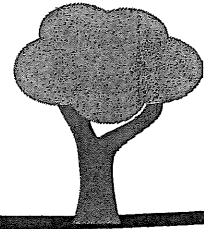
It is my prayer that this curriculum will empower you to water truth on little hearts so "Then They'll Grow."

Only by grace –

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# Week 10: Joseph Forgives



Scripture: Genesis 42-46

Memory Verse: Luke 6:37c - Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

*Tune: Wheels on the Bus*

Forgive and you will be forgiven

Be forgiven, be forgiven

Forgive and you will be forgiven

Luke 6:37

Song: Jesus Loves Me *Traditional*

Jesus loves me! This I know, (point up, point to head)

For the Bible tells me so; (form book with hands)

Little ones to Him belong, (palms down, pretend to pat hands)

They are weak but He is strong. (slouch over, show muscles)

Yes, Jesus loves me! (point up, cross arms across body)

Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me!

The Bible tells me so. (form book with hands)

Comprehension Questions:

How many brothers did Joseph have?

How did Joseph's brothers feel about him?

How did Joseph's brothers treat him?

How do you think this made Joseph feel?

When Joseph's brothers needed him, Joseph could have been really mean.

What did Joseph choose to do instead?

Snack Options:

- Granola
- Snack Mix

Objective:

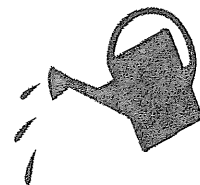
God wants me to forgive as  
God forgives me.

Books of the Bible  
Song:

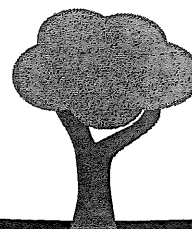
1 Samuel - Nehemiah

Activity and Craft  
Supplies:

- Bars of soap
- Paper
- Stickers, Stamps, or Crayons
- Ball or Bean Bag
- Music to Play During Activity
- Tape
- Chalkboard/Dry Erase Board
- Chalk or Marker
- Board Eraser



# Week 10: Activities



## Activity:

**Forgiveness:** Using a chalkboard or dry erase board, scribble on the boards. Allow a child to erase. Take turns and discuss how God erases our sins when we ask forgiveness.

**Hot Potato:** Sit the children in a tight circle. Explain that you will play music or sing the Bible song. As long as the music plays or is sung, pass the ball or bean bag around the circle. As soon as the music stops, freeze. The person holding the ball will say, "I forgive you because God forgives me."

## Craft:

**Forgiving Soap** *Idea shared by Tanya:* Decorate a piece of paper (approximately 2.5x7") with stamps, crayons, stickers, or markers. Tape the piece of paper around a bar of soap. Discuss how soap takes away the dirt and God takes away our sins and bad choices when we ask Him to forgive us.

## Fingerplay:

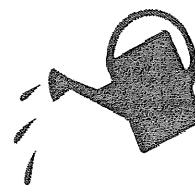
**I Forgive You** *Idea Adapted from My First Hands-On Bible*

Wiggle one index finger to talk to the other index finger.

"I am sorry that I \_\_\_\_\_. Will you please forgive me?"

"I forgive you."

Hug. (wrap fingers together)



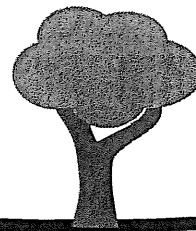
Help the children come up with example "sins" to use in the fingerplay.

## Additional Ideas:

ABCJLM Ideas: [ABCJesusLovesMe.com/ideas/joseph-forgives-his-brothers](http://ABCJesusLovesMe.com/ideas/joseph-forgives-his-brothers)

[ABCJesusLovesMe.com/ideas/forgiveness](http://ABCJesusLovesMe.com/ideas/forgiveness)

# Week 10: Bible Time



## Supplies:

- Bible

## Flannelgraph:

- Indoor Board with Pillars, Stage, Curtain
- Joseph - 42
- Men - 74, 87, 89B

Let's review. In Genesis, the Bible introduces us to a man named Jacob and his 12 sons. Using your fingers and feet, let's count to 12. 1...2...3... We learned that Jacob had a favorite son named Joseph and Jacob gave a colorful coat to Joseph, but not his brothers. The brothers were so mad that they threw Joseph in a deep hole and then sold him to some men walking by.

But God had a plan for Joseph. Joseph was taken to Egypt and because God made Joseph wise, he was put in charge of many things for Pharaoh, the king.

Last week we talked about Pharaoh's very strange dreams. Joseph explained to Pharaoh that the dreams meant there would be seven years with lots of food - rub your tummy and make a happy face - and then seven years where there wouldn't be enough food to eat - rub your tummy and make a hungry face.

With God's wisdom, for the first 7 years Joseph gathered extra food. The extra food was stored so that when there wasn't enough food, the people of Egypt would still have food to eat. Just as God said, the 7 bad years began and the people outside of Egypt had no food to eat. Even Joseph's father and brothers didn't have enough food to eat - rub your tummy. But they heard that Egypt did have extra food. So, Joseph's father sent the brothers to Egypt to bring back food.

Oh wait a moment. Put on your investigator's hat and let's figure this out. *Demonstrate putting on a pretend hat.* Egypt has food. Joseph's brothers are going to Egypt to get food. Raise your hand...But who is in charge of the food in Egypt? Joseph is in charge of the food! That means Joseph's brothers are headed to Egypt to see Joseph, but they don't know it. This story is getting interesting!

When the brothers arrived in Egypt they went to Joseph to ask for food. Not knowing it was their brother, they bowed down to Joseph. Let's pretend to bow down. The brothers didn't realize who Joseph was because he looked so different. But Joseph knew who they were. Joseph immediately realized they were his brothers. Joseph remembered how jealous his brothers were. He remembered the horrible things they did and said to him.

I am guessing Joseph had trouble deciding what to do. He thought, "Do I forgive my brothers and give them food or do I get even with them?" With God's help, Joseph made the right choice and decided to forgive his brothers. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am your brother whom you sold into slavery." His brothers were shocked. Show me a shocked face. Joseph told them, "Don't be afraid. God had a plan for me."