



GENESIS | JOSEPH | WEEK 1 OF 4

Character

This series follows the story of Joseph from the beginning of his life until his reconciliation with his family. It focuses on the ways God worked through Joseph. This week highlights that God's story has been unfolding since the beginning of time. Joseph is a character in it—and each of us is also a character in God's great story.

BIG IDEA

Everyone has a part to play in God's story.

KEY VERSES

For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"

2 Corinthians 5:19–20 (NLT)

1 | Hangout

SUPPLIES

- None

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Discuss:
 - Who's your favourite character in a video game, book, or show?
 - What part do they play in their story?
 - Would the story exist without them? Why or why not?
 - What, if anything, did you already know about the life of Joseph?
 - What role do you think Joseph plays in God's story? Why do you think his story is in the Bible?



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2 | Hear

SUPPLIES

- Bibles

INSTRUCTIONS

- Discuss:
 - When you read the Bible, do you ever find yourself wondering why a particular story was included? If not, why not?
 - Do you wonder how a certain person in the Bible fits into God's big story? If so, who is it?
 - Asking questions is a great way to learn! Do you have any questions about what you've heard today?
- Make sure everyone has access to a Bible.
- Guide the students to find 2 Corinthians 5:11–21.
- Read the passage aloud, then read verses 15–16 a second time.
- Discuss: What do you think these verses mean? What do they mean for our role in God's story?
- Read verse 20 again.
- Discuss:
 - What does being an ambassador mean?
 - What does that tell us about our roles in God's story?
 - Can you think of any examples of being an ambassador for Jesus? For example, how could you be an ambassador for him at home? In school? Online?
 - Is it important to step into this role in God's story? Why?

3 | Huddle

SUPPLIES

- None

INSTRUCTIONS

- Emphasize that we have a variety of roles to play in God's story. We'll be at our best when we embrace our part!
- Pray together about who you believe God is calling you to be.