**The Bible wk 3**

**Joseph – Abram’s great grandson.**

**Welcome to kids church – introduce junior and freedom riders leaders for the morning.**

**Intro**

We are in a series called the Bible adventure! We are learning about what the bible is and will be exploring the wonderful things inside! We are exploring the first book of the bible, the book about beginnings – the beginnings of God’s world and God’s family.

**Divide into Juniors and Freedom Riders**

**Juniors**

**First let’s warm up with a song! (on CD)**

My God is so Big!

**Introduction**

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Families sometimes have hard times and parents sometimes make mistakes.

In this story we see how God can make good things happen even from our mistakes!

*Have you ever been jealous this week? Did it lead to a good decision?*

Joseph’s brothers were very jealous of a gift Joseph’s dad gave him.

**Snack and story**

Play the two Joseph stories from the ‘Bible for kids’ App during snack time.

**Activity – Blow bubbles**

*Materials and Instructions here:* <https://www.questacon.edu.au/outreach/programs/science-circus/videos/bubble-mix-recipe>

Joseph’s family wasn’t a happy one. But one day God helped Joseph to forgive and care for his family. God can make good happen from bad situations when we trust him and stick close to him. God is full of surprises.

We are going to play with something that can surprise us now! Bubbles!

**Prayer**

*Is there anything you would like us to pray for today?*

Thankyou Father that you can make good come from even the bad things.

Help us to trust you and turn to you even when things are a mess.

Amen

**Extra: Colouring pages for free play time.** [**https://s-media-cache-ak0.pinimg.com/originals/1d/cc/ee/1dcceefddb71d9e5121ca43be251b6a5.gif**](https://s-media-cache-ak0.pinimg.com/originals/1d/cc/ee/1dcceefddb71d9e5121ca43be251b6a5.gif)

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**Seniors**

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**Snack and story**

Read the story on pages 62-78 of the Children’s illustrated bible. (Genesis 37-47)

**Discussion**

Joseph’s dad Jacob didn’t treat his kids too fairly. He showed favouritism to the sons of his favourite, second wife Rachel. She died when she gave birth to Joseph’s young brother Ben.

*How did Jacob’s mistake impact the whole family?*

The brothers didn’t get along. They missed out on knowing each other for many years. There was terrible guilt for the brothers and Joseph ended up in prison. Jacob was sick with sadness.

*What did God allow Joseph to do to unite the family many years later?*

Joseph was able to forgive his brothers.

God can make good happen from bad situations when we trust him and stick close to him.

*The leader can share an example of this from their own life.*

Show verse below. *(Romans 8:28)*

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**Activity idea 1 – Milk art – Art from Mess!**

**Materials and instructions:**

<http://www.howweelearn.com/turn-milk-into-plastic/>

God can make something good from even the messiest situations when we give them to him and trust him. Let’s make some mess that will actually turn out ok!

**or**

**Activity idea 2 – Dress up Relay**

***Materials: 2 X sets of clothes that are easy to put on eg. Hats, coats and gloves.***

Divide kids into two teams and relay putting on the clothes, running to a given point and returning to team for the next person to get the clothes on.

**Extras:**

***Materials: Markers and paper or printouts of activity below***

Make poster about Romans 8:28 verse.