

Memory Verse Cards

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Genesis 37:1-17

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JEALOUSY
Genesis 37:11-17

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**DREAM
INTERPRETER
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RULER

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JOSEPH'S LIFE EXPERIENCE

CHARACTERS:

- Large Group Leader
- "Victim"
- Other Leaders
- (Optional) Police Officer or Security Guard

Large Group Leader: **Before beginning Large Group today, I am going to present a "Most Valuable Staff" award to one of the leaders.**

Go on and on about how important and special this leader is. Then choose to give it to the "victim" of the skit (one of the leaders). Afterward, give praise and some sort of an award to this person.

Large Group Leader: **I really need to use the bathroom.** Excuse yourself, and ask the "victim" to lead the skit while you are gone.

As soon as you leave the room, the other leaders act very jealous that they did not receive the award. They will begin to plot about how to get rid of the "victim". Finally, they will decide to make up a lie about the "victim" to get him or her arrested by the police. One of the leaders will pretend to call the police and say that they have a very dangerous criminal here who they know has been breaking into cars and stealing purses. If possible, have someone be the security guard or police officer to take the "victim" away. The other leaders will then need to convince the group to start Large Group so that when you return to the room, the group will look normal, but the "victim" will be gone.

Large Group Leader: (Return and ask the other leaders) **What happened to [victim's name]?**

Other Leaders: **He/she got sick and had to go home.**

Large Group Leader: **I'm sorry to hear this and will go call the "victim" to see if they are okay.**

Leave the room, pretending to go call the "victim". While the Large Group leader is gone, the victim will return with a box of doughnuts.

Victim: **Things turned out just fine! The police realized I am not guilty, I was able to talk to the police about God, and the police made me the honorary police chief and gave me a box of doughnuts!** (police ... doughnuts ... get it???)

When the Large Group leader returns to the room, act surprised to see the "victim".

Large Group Leader (to victim): **What happened?!**

Victim explains the whole story. Forgive the other leaders, and say how good it is that God can turn bad situations into good ones.

Large Group Leader: **What happened reminds you of a Bible story—the story of Joseph.**

Printout 3



Dreams



Jealousy



Slavery



Prisoner



Dream Interpreter



Ruler

Printout 4

Draw a picture of one or more of Joseph's struggles on the left. Draw a picture of how God protected and provided for Joseph on the right.

A large rectangular area divided into two equal halves by a vertical dotted line. The left half is intended for drawing one or more of Joseph's struggles, and the right half is intended for drawing how God protected and provided for Joseph.

Leader Definitions

DREAMS:

Stories or pictures that happen in your mind while you're sleeping. They can be about things you know, things you wish for, or even things that are a little bit silly or strange.

DREAM INTERPRETER:

Someone who tries to understand the meaning of dreams and explains what they might mean to the person who had the dream.

JEALOUSY:

A feeling you get when you want something that someone else has, like their toys, friends, or talents, and it makes you feel upset or unhappy.

SLAVERY:

A very unfair situation where people are forced to work for others without being paid, and they aren't allowed to make their own choices or live freely.

PRISONER:

A person who is kept in a place, like a jail or prison, because they have done something wrong or are being held by someone else and cannot leave.

RULER:

A person in charge of a country or group of people, like a king, queen, or leader, who makes important decisions and leads the people.