

Joseph | Lesson Plan

How did Joseph's ability to forgive contribute to overcoming challenges and benefit both his family and the people of Egypt?

Students will understand how Joseph, a significant biblical figure, navigated numerous challenges and familial conflicts. They will grasp how his resilience and ability to forgive had transformative effects on his personal life and the broader well-being of his family and Egypt.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the significance of Joseph and the challenges and familial conflicts he faced.
- Identify the reasons Joseph's brothers were jealous of and hateful towards him.
- Explain the importance of Joseph's actions for Egypt.
- Analyze and describe how Joseph's forgiveness impacted his brothers' lives, drawing connections between his actions and their consequences.
- Evaluate the role of faith in overcoming hardships, forming judgments based on an understanding of the narrative.

Key Vocabulary:

- **Persuade:** To convince someone of something.
- **Vengeful:** Seeking to harm someone as revenge.
- **Famine:** A severe shortage of food in a certain place.
- **Interpret:** To explain the meaning of something.
- **Pharaoh:** A ruler in ancient Egypt.
- **Forgiveness:** The voluntary act of letting go of any feelings of vengeance, resentment, or grievance against another individual who has wronged you.

Educational Standards: CCRA.R.7, CCRA.W.2, CCRA.L.1, CCRA.L.2, CCRA.SL.3

Academic Subject Areas: Biography, Bible, Character Development

What You'll Need

- Video: *Joseph: From Prison to Pharaoh's Right Hand* (Watch [Here](#))
- Worksheet: *Joseph: From Prison to Pharaoh's Right Hand* (Link [Here](#))

Lesson Plan (45 minutes)

Warm-Up: (15 minutes)

1. Start by asking students to think about their most prized possession, whether a toy, an electronic device, or something else. Encourage them to share their thoughts.



2. Prompt them to imagine a scenario where a close family member or friend borrows and breaks this prized possession. Ask them to reflect on their emotional response and how they would handle the situation.
3. Discuss how feeling angry when wronged is natural, especially by family members. Mention that teachings from various cultures and traditions, such as those in the Bible, encourage forgiveness, even though it can be hard.
4. Show the worksheet on the classroom screen and distribute copies to the students. Ask them to look at the images at the top of the worksheet.
5. Discuss the character of Joseph from the Bible, asking students to jot down what they already know in the “Know” section of their KWL (Know-Wonder-Learn) charts on their worksheets. Once they're done, ask them to list a few questions or curiosities they have about the story in the 'Wonder' section.
6. Introduce the video. Remind students to fill in the “Learn” section of their KWL charts, focusing on how Joseph reacts when his brothers wrong him as they watch the video.

Watch and Complete: (20 minutes)

1. Watch the video.
2. Assist students with completing the worksheet as they watch the video. Depending on the student's age, pause throughout the video to allow them to answer questions—especially those requiring short answers. If necessary, demonstrate how to restate the question as part of their complete sentence responses.

Wrap-Up: (10-15 minutes)

1. Give students extra time to work on their worksheets individually.
2. Discuss the key lesson from the story of Joseph, which is about the transformative power of forgiveness. Pose a question about how Joseph's forgiving nature and trust in a greater plan affected his family. Invite students to share their thoughts, especially referencing questions #9 and #10 from their worksheets. Consider collecting worksheets as a formative assessment.
3. For the takeaway from today's lesson, educators are encouraged to guide students in a moment of personal reflection. Invite the students to quietly consider a situation where they have felt wronged and how, inspired by Joseph's example of forgiveness, they might approach it differently. As a concluding action, ask each student to mentally identify one act of forgiveness or understanding they can implement in their daily interactions.

Don't have time for the full lesson? Quick Activity (time in mins.)

Distribute the worksheet and allow students to complete it while they follow along with the video.