

Adventures with GOD!

JOSEPH, THE FRIEND OF THE KING (A.2.FALL.9)

Biblical Reference	Genesis 41:15-43
Key Verse	Genesis 39:2a
Key Concept	God takes care of me wherever I am.
Educational Objectives	At the end of the class today, the children will be able to: 1. Explain how Joseph became famous for interpreting dreams. 2. Explain the dream of the king of Egypt. 3. Tell how God was with Joseph.

LIFE APPLICATION

God took care of Joseph during the entire time he was in Egypt and in the same way God cares for us wherever we are. When Joseph arrived in Egypt, he continued to face difficult situations. Because one woman lied, he was jailed. But God was guiding Joseph's steps. From prison he was called by the king of Egypt to interpret a dream. Joseph came to be the second most important person in Egypt. Because of the wisdom that God gave him, Joseph saved all the people of Egypt and other countries. Children need to hear that God cares for them anywhere whether they are near or far!

Possible Activities and Class Plan

Activity	Materials	Time
Opening Prayer	Candle	1 minute
Craft	Sheets, crayons	10 minutes
Bible Exploration	Illustration, bible	10 minutes
Craft	Map, crayons	10 minutes
Verse	Illustration	10 minutes
Activity	Paper, crayons	10 minutes
Closing Prayer	Candle	1 minute

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INSTRUCTIONS

Opening Prayer

Gather children around a candle and explain that we are entering into a special time with God. Encourage the children to hold their hands out in front of them palms up as a sign they are ready to receive what God has for them today. Light the candle

Prayer: God we light this candle remembering: you made light, you made us, and you are with us now. Amen

(For safety sake, you may wish to extinguish the candle after the prayer)

Craft: Today kids can add to their booklets with a picture of a ring with the royal seal. Joseph received a ring from the King indicating all the areas of Egypt that Joseph was responsible for by leading and managing all that the king had.

Bible Exploration: Tell the story today and emphasis that God was with Joseph in every experience he had in Egypt. Although he went through difficult times, God was always with him. He came to have such an important position that saved the lives of many people. God was always with him!

Craft: Attached is a "labyrinth" of the important places in the life of Joseph. Older children can make a line of Joseph to Egypt. Younger children will need help with the work. They can color the "maze". There are also other options for crafts. Choose which child in their class interests them most.

Verse: The ring can be the "track" for today's verse. Remember the importance to speaking God's Word (from the Bible).

Activity: Paste on the wall a long strip of paper divided into squares, one for each child. Ask them to draw something from the story of Joseph. What they remember the most. It will be interesting to see what they do. Leave the mural on the wall for several weeks.

Closing Prayer

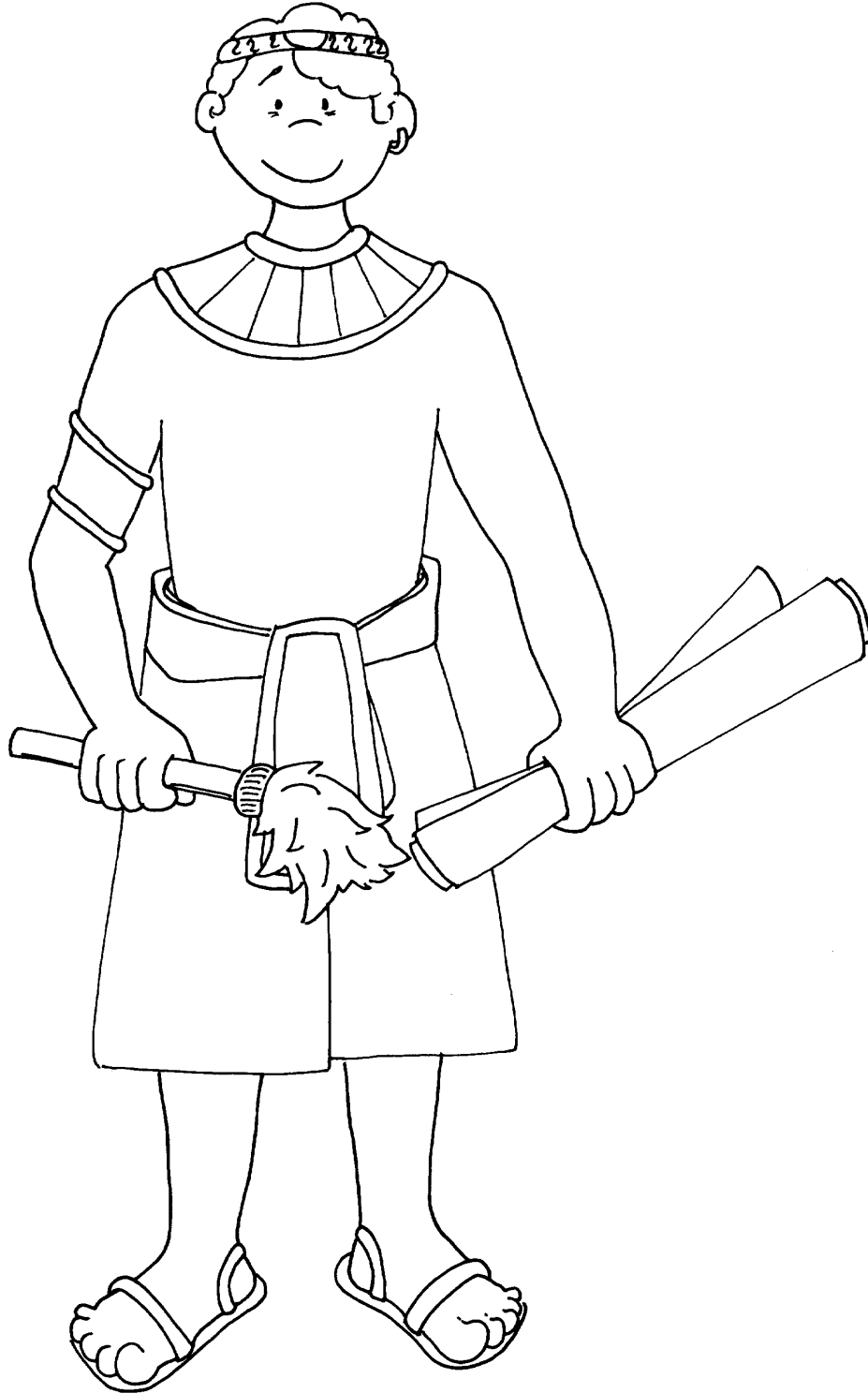
Gather children around the candle again. Light the candle

Prayer: Thank you God for making us, Thank you God for making the world. Amen

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Illustration

Joseph, The King's Friend

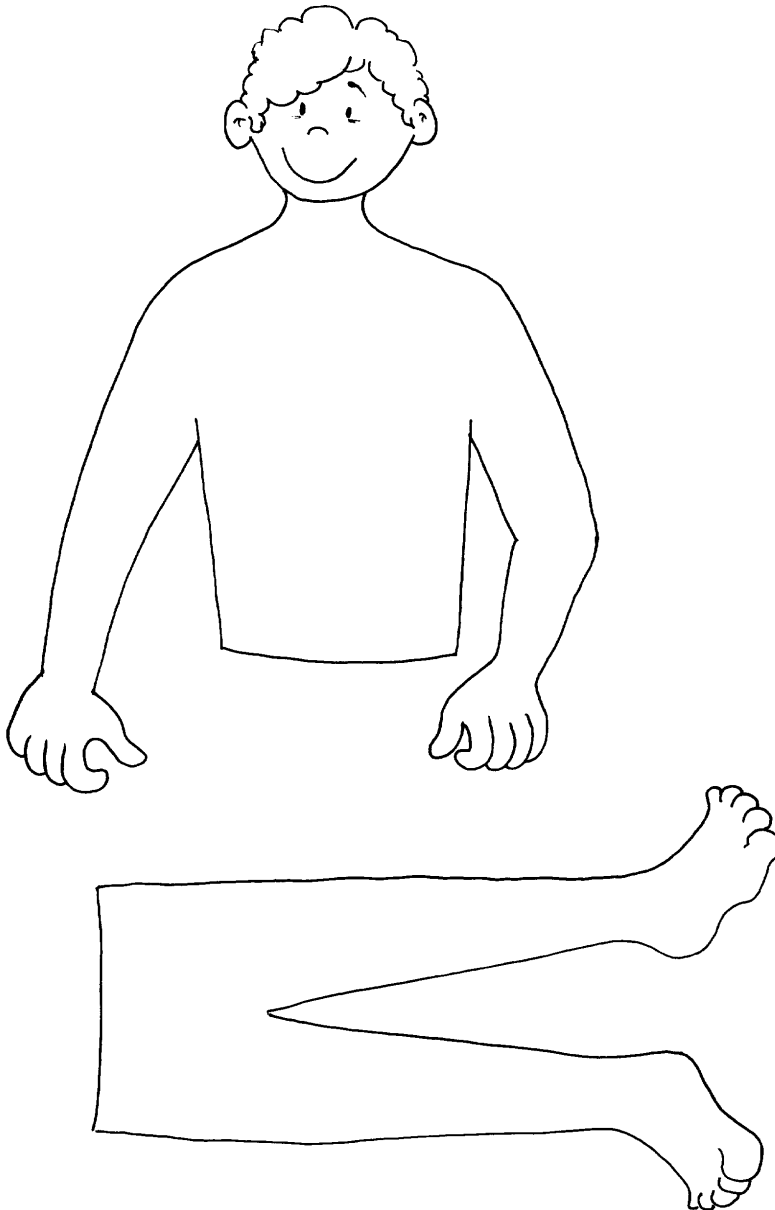


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FIGURE

Joseph

Use the figure of Joseph to tell the story today. You can make several dresses, paper or fabric scraps to symbolize the different experiences Joseph had in Egypt: good clothes while working at the house of an officer and dirty when he arrived as a slave.



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WORKSHEET

MAZE OF THE LIFE OF JOSEPH

Drawing a line following in the footsteps of Joseph from his home in Canaan to Egypt.



Note: Younger children can simply color and draw the line.

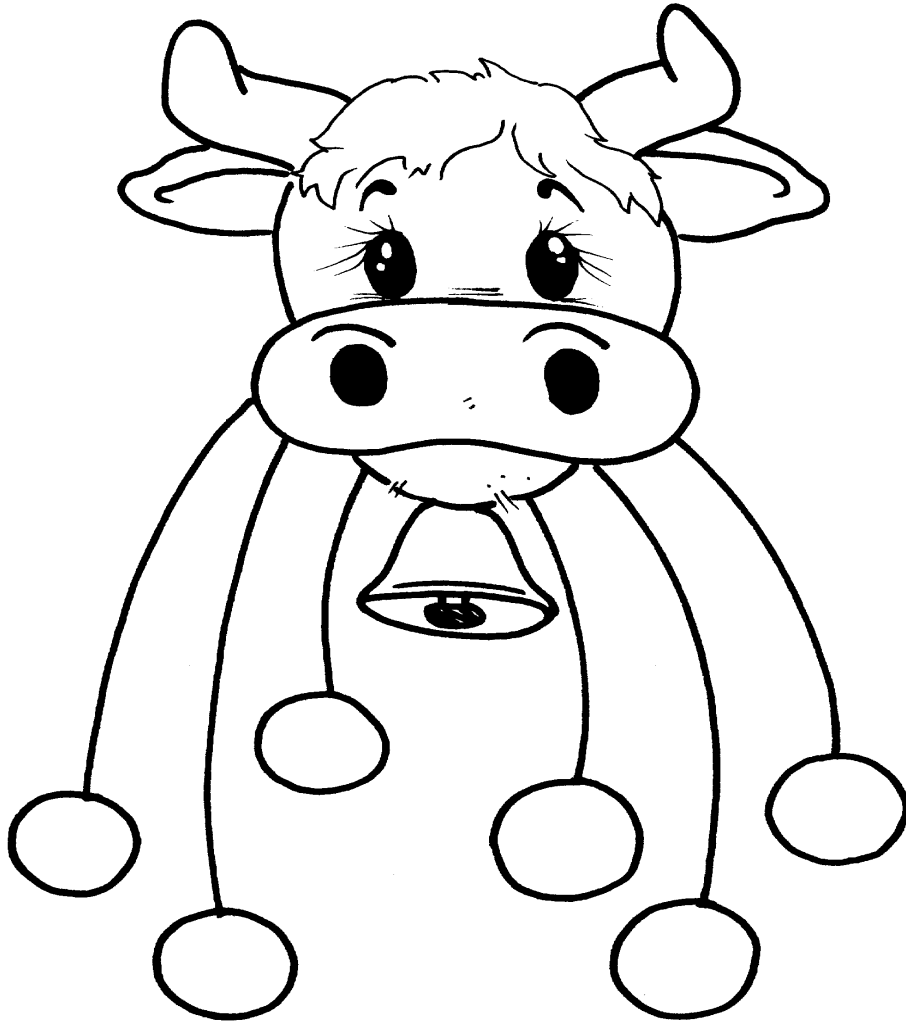
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CRAFT

KING'S DREAM

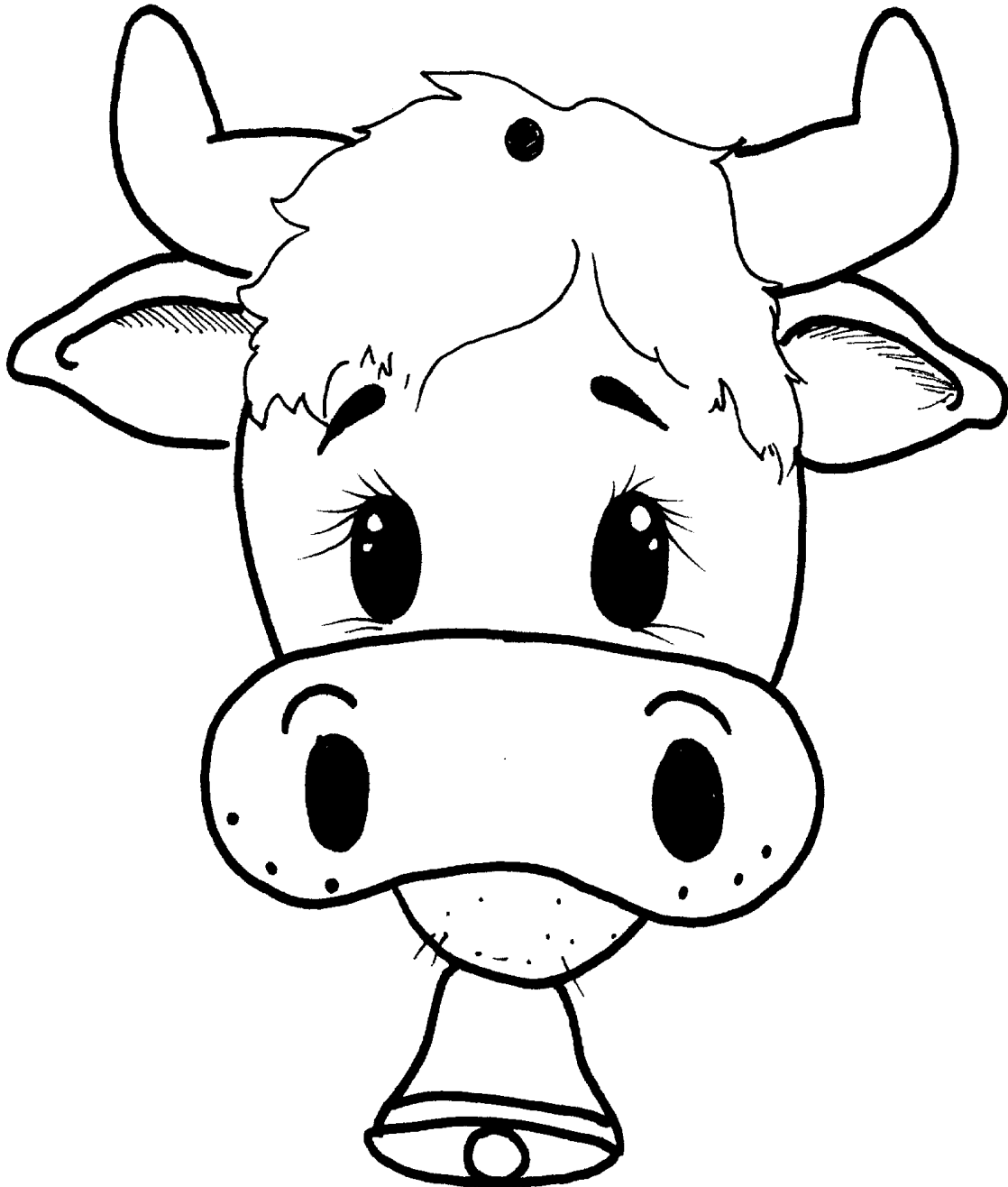
Materials: scissors punch hole patterns
 Crayons yarn

- Preparation:
1. Make a copy for each child. (Help cut figures of cows).
 2. Color Cow
 3. Reinforce the head of the big cow, would be good idea to put on thick cardboard.
 4. Make holes in black spots (small) of the nose big cow (enough to fit yarn) and black holes at the point of small cows. Must pass the yarn and tie it to the big cow.



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PATTERN
A COW



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PATTERNS

Cows

