LESSON 6

JOSEPH IS SOLD AS A SLAVE



Aim: **To teach the children that when difficulties and problems came into Joseph's life, God used them for Joseph's good. He does the same with us.**

Scripture Reading: **Genesis 37:12-36**

Memory Verse: **Genesis 50:20**
You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good ...

PRESENTING THE LESSON

STARTING POINT

Ask the children whether they have a pet name or a nickname which family and friends call them. Perhaps you, the teacher, have one! A nickname often describes a person's character. Joseph had a nickname that his brothers gave him: "that dreamer". It was not meant kindly or as a compliment. **Show picture 5. Briefly review the story up till now.**

MAIN POINTS OF TODAY'S TEACHING

1. Their father, Jacob, sent Joseph to see how his brothers were getting on caring for the flocks (37:12-14).
2. Joseph had some difficulty finding his brothers (37:15-17).
3. His brothers saw him coming. They decided to grab the opportunity to kill him. Perhaps they were even angrier because their father had sent this young boy to see what the grown-up brothers were doing (37:18-20).
4. Reuben, the eldest, stopped them. **Tell this episode in your own words (v 21-24). You can play the parts of the different brothers to illustrate the argument.**
   They threw Joseph down a dry well and Reuben went off, probably to take care of the animals.
5. While they were eating the food Joseph had brought, the brothers saw some merchants coming by. Another brother, Judah, suggested that they sell Joseph as a slave to these merchants. He was sold for 20 silver coins and taken to Egypt (37:25-28).
   Show picture 6.
6. When Reuben returned Joseph was already gone. The brothers told their father that a wild animal had killed Joseph along the way. Jacob was very, very sad (37:29-35).
7. In Egypt, Joseph was sold as a slave to an important soldier (37:36).

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Our Response to the Story

Some terrible things happened to Joseph. Years later, when Joseph met his brothers again, he said the words of today's memory verse to them.

God used Joseph's stay in Egypt for a special purpose, which we will discover later. God allows all kinds of things to happen to us so that we will learn to trust him at all times. **Illustrate with an example from your own experience, if possible.**

Instil the Memory Verse



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