LESSON 7

JOSEPH THE SLAVE IN EGYPT



Aim: **To teach the children that God was with Joseph, whatever his circumstances. In all his difficulties God blessed him.**

Scripture Reading: **Genesis 39:1-23**

Memory Verse: **1 Corinthians 10:13**
God … will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear.

PRESENTING THE LESSON

STARTING POINT

Make up a story about two children in which the younger one breaks something in the house or steals some sugar, but the parents blame and wrongly punish the older child. Of course it is very unfair.

MAIN POINTS OF TODAY'S TEACHING

1. Some very unfair things happened to Joseph. Ask the class what they were (see Gen 37:11, 18-20, 23-24, 28). Joseph probably was not a very likeable person at the time his brothers sold him to the travelling traders, but their punishment was very cruel.
2. Joseph was sold as a slave to Potiphar, an important official of the king of Egypt. Joseph worked well and became a trusted servant. He was put in charge of Potiphar's whole household. He was given great responsibility and God blessed him in everything he did (39:1-6).
3. But more trouble came to Joseph. Potiphar's wife wanted Joseph for herself. Joseph refused her temptations many times (39:7-10).
4. Rather than give in to her demands Joseph ran away from Potiphar's wife. She tore off a piece of his clothing (39:11-15). **Show picture 7.**
5. Potiphar believed the lies his wife told him about the incident. Joseph ended up in prison for something he did not do (39:16-20).
6. But God was with Joseph, even in prison (39:21-23).

OUR RESPONSE TO THE STORY

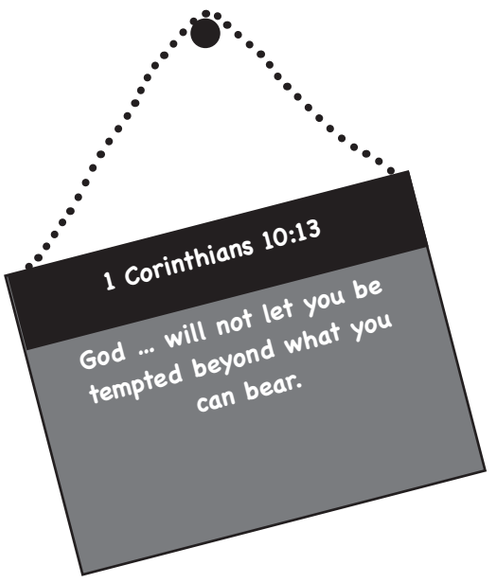
This was very unfair to Joseph. Although he was innocent he remained in prison for 8-10 years. Still, he trusted God and obeyed his laws. He believed God was in control, and God blessed Joseph in all he did. One day God will judge us all and reject those who choose to do evil. But to those who trust in him God gives the strength to resist the temptations that come their way. See what today's memory verse says about this.

Look,Listen&Live_Book2.indd 22 2012/09/07 15:55 PM



When things are difficult for you, remember Joseph's example. **Remind the class of the introductory story.**

Instil the Memory Verse



Look,Listen&Live_Book2.indd 23 2012/09/07 15:55 PM