



## Clover Craze: 4-Week Elementary Curriculum

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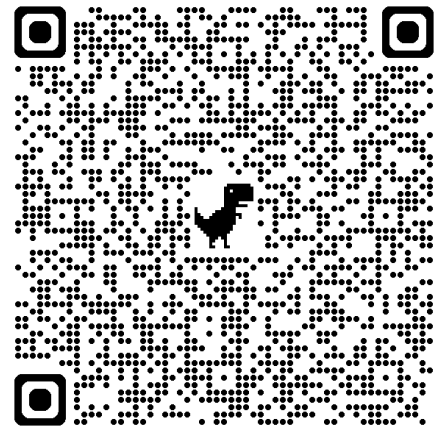
"Clover Craze" is an inspiring spring-themed curriculum that celebrates God's gift of new beginnings through the lens of St. Patrick's life and parallel Bible stories. Using the four-leaf clover as a symbol of God's amazing grace, this series explores how God transforms difficult situations into opportunities for growth and service. Through engaging Bible stories of second chances, interactive activities, and lessons from St. Patrick's mission, kids will discover how God's love can change lives, heal past hurts, and inspire us to share His grace with others.

**Main Idea:** God teaches me to love others.

**Bible Memory Verse:** Revelation 21:5

**Gospel Connection:** Through His death and resurrection, Jesus offers us the ultimate fresh start – forgiveness of sins and a renewed purpose in life. This grace empowers us to overcome past hurts, grow in faith, and share God's love with others, even those who may have wronged us.

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## 4-Week Lesson Overview

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### Week 1 – God is Always with Me!

- **Bible Story:** Joseph's Story (Genesis 37, 39-41)
- **Summary:** Even when things are hard, God is always with us! Joseph went through tough times, but God had a special plan for him. This week, we learn that no matter where we are or what happens, God never leaves us!

### Week 2 – God Always Welcomes Me!

- **Bible Story:** The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)
- **Summary:** God always welcomes us with love! Just like the father in the story was happy to see his son come home, God is happy when we come to Him. This week, we learn that no matter what, God always loves us and forgives us.

### Week 3 – Jesus Can Change My Heart!

- **Bible Story:** Paul's Conversion (Acts 9:1-22)
- **Summary:** Jesus' love changes everything! Paul was mean to others, but Jesus changed his heart and gave him a new mission. This week, we learn that Jesus can help us be kind, loving, and share His love with others!

### Week 4 – God Gives Me Second Chances!

- **Bible Story:** Jonah and Nineveh (Book of Jonah)
- **Summary:** God gives us another chance to do the right thing! Jonah didn't listen at first, but God still used him to share His love. This week, we learn that even when we make mistakes, God helps us try again!

# Ministry Should Be Simple—Not Stressful

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You love children's ministry, but some days, it feels like too much.

You're pulled in every direction—lesson prep, volunteers, tight budgets—and wondering if all your effort is really making a difference.

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💡 Just fun and Biblically solid lessons that kids love

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Because when teaching is simple, ministry becomes joyful again.

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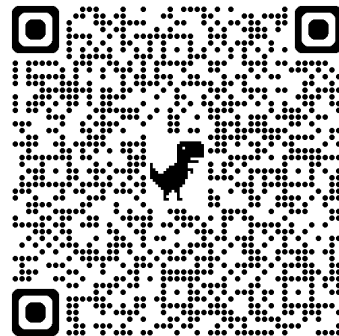
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## Revelation 21:5 NIV

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He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.





## Revelation 21:5 KJV

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And he that sat upon  
the throne said, Behold,  
I make all things new.  
And he said unto me,  
Write: for these words  
are true and faithful.



## Week 1 – God is Always with Me!

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**Bible Story:** Joseph's Story (Genesis 37, 39-41)

**Main Idea:** God is always with us, even in the toughest times.

**Bible Memory Verse:** Revelation 21:5

**Summary:** Even when things are difficult, God is always with us! Joseph went through tough times, but God had a special plan for him. This week, we learn that no matter where we are or what happens, God never leaves us!

**Gospel Connection:** Just as God was with Patrick and Joseph through their trials, Jesus promises to be with us always (Matthew 28:20). Through faith in Christ, we can trust God's presence and purpose in every situation, knowing that He can use even difficult experiences to bring about good.

**Video Bible Stories:** Use this link to access recommended Bible story videos and bonus content for this curriculum series.

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# Week 1 – Supply List

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## **Group Game – Sheep Rescue**

- ☐ Blindfold (optional for the “shepherd”)
- ☐ Open space for children to move around safely

## **The Story of St. Patrick**

- ☐ Printed copies of the story illustrations below
- ☐ Optional decorations or items related to St Patrick’s day.

## **Bible Story – Joseph’s Story (Genesis 37, 39–41)**

- ☐ Printed copies of Joseph’s story picture provided below

## **Object Lesson – The Shadow Walk**

- ☐ Flashlight or bright light source
- ☐ A dimmed or darkened room

## **Craft – Joseph’s Colorful Coat**

- ☐ Printed coat outline (one sheet per child)
- ☐ Crayons, markers, or colored pencils
- ☐ Glue sticks (optional for tissue paper activity)
- ☐ Assorted colored paper or tissue paper, cut into small squares (optional for added texture)

## **Coloring Page and Worksheets**

- ☐ Printed copies (one per child)

## **Optional Snack Ideas**

- ☐ Animal crackers (representing Joseph caring for animals in Egypt)
- ☐ Green grapes (reminding us of the plants that grew in Egypt)
- ☐ Mini pretzels (representing Joseph’s journey and travels)



# The Story of St Patrick

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## Supplies:

- ☐ Printed copies of the story illustrations below
- ☐ Optional decorations or items related to St Patrick's day.

**TEACHER:** We're starting a fun new series called, "**Clover Craze!**" We're going to talk about the **new life** God can give us when we trust in Jesus. Since it's springtime, we're also going to learn about a **real Christian hero**—a man named **Patrick**—and the holiday named after him!

What comes to mind when you think of St. Patrick's Day?

*(Allow for responses—green, clovers, leprechauns, pinching!)*

Those are all fun things we see today, but **the real Patrick** was much more interesting than the color green and getting pinched! He had an incredible adventure of faith, courage, and trusting in God. Let's find out what really happened!

## Patrick's Childhood and the Scary Night

*(Show the picture of young Patrick as a shepherd.)*

A long, long time ago, in a place called **Britain**, there was a boy named **Patrick**. He had a good life and loved being with his family. But one night, something terrifying happened. **Pirates!**

Can you imagine being asleep in your bed, then suddenly hearing loud voices and footsteps outside? Before Patrick even knew what was happening, the pirates

**grabbed him**, took him away from his family, and put him on a boat to a faraway land called **Ireland**.

**TEACHER:** Have you ever been far away from home or lost for even a moment? How did it feel? (*Allow a few responses.*)

Patrick was **scared**. He was **alone**. He didn't know if he would ever see his family again. But even though life felt **unfair**, Patrick didn't give up. He remembered something important—**God was with him**.

## Patrick the Shepherd and His Escape

In Ireland, Patrick was forced to work as a **shepherd**, taking care of sheep all by himself on a cold, windy hillside. (*Pretend to shiver with the children.*) The days were long, and the nights were lonely. But instead of giving up, Patrick started to **pray** every day.

He prayed when he woke up...

He prayed when he was watching the sheep...

He prayed when he felt lonely and sad.

And do you know what? **God was listening**.

One night, Patrick felt like God was telling him, "**Run! It's time to go home.**"

He took a deep breath and **ran as fast as he could**, over hills and fields, all the way to the ocean. And guess what? There was a **ship** waiting there! Patrick made it home!

Imagine how happy he must have been to **hug his family again** after all that time!

# God's Big Plan for Patrick

You might think Patrick would never, ever want to go back to Ireland after all that.

But **God had a different plan.**

One day, Patrick felt something in his heart—**God was calling him back to Ireland.**

Not as a prisoner, but as a **messenger of God's love!**

(Show the picture of Patrick teaching with the shamrock.)

Patrick knew that the people in Ireland **needed Jesus**. So, he returned and traveled all over, teaching about **God's love and grace**. One day, he picked up a little **shamrock**—a plant with three leaves—and used it to explain something very special: **God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—three in one!**

Many people in Ireland believed in Jesus because of Patrick's **bravery** and **faith**.

## What We Can Learn From Patrick

Patrick's story is **amazing**, but do you know what's even cooler? **The same God who helped Patrick is with YOU, too.**

**TEACHER:** Raise your hand if you've ever felt lonely or afraid. (*Wait for responses.*)

God was with Patrick when he was scared and lonely, and **He is with you too**. When life is hard, we can remember that **God never forgets us**.

Now, let's play a fun game to remind us that **no matter where we are, God is always with us!**



# Young Patrick Trusted God

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# Patrick Shared God's Love

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# Introduction Game – Sheep Rescue

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## SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- ☐ Blindfold (optional for the “shepherd”)
- ☐ Open space for children to move around safely

**TEACHER:** This game will help us understand what it feels like to be rescued and cared for, just like a shepherd who looks after his sheep. In this game, we’re going to see how it feels to trust and know that someone is always with us to guide us, just like God is.

1. One of you will be the shepherd, and the rest of you will be the “sheep” scattered across the room. Here’s how it works:
2. The shepherd will close their eyes or wear a blindfold, and the sheep will spread out around the room.
3. The shepherd’s job is to “rescue” each sheep by gently tagging them, but they’ll need help finding the sheep!
4. The sheep can make noises, like claps or animal sounds, to help the shepherd find them. Remember, we’re working together—just like how God always helps us when we need Him.
5. Once the shepherd finds all the sheep, we’ll switch roles so that everyone gets a chance to be the shepherd.

**TEACHER::** Just like the shepherd in our game listened to the sheep’s sounds and found each one, God always hears us and knows exactly where we are. Even when we feel scared or alone, we can trust that God is close by, helping us through hard times. Remember, God never forgets us!



# Object Lesson – The Shadow Walk

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## SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- ☐ A flashlight or a bright light source
- ☐ A dimmed or darkened room

**TEACHER:** Have you ever felt scared when it's really dark? Maybe when the lights go out, or when you're in a big, unfamiliar place? (*Pause for responses.*) Sometimes, when we can't see what's around us, we feel all alone. But I want to show you something really cool about shadows.

(Turn on the flashlight and point it toward a child, creating a shadow behind them.)

Look! Do you see the shadow following you? Now, try stepping forward—did the shadow leave? (*Pause for responses.*) No! The shadow follows you everywhere! Even if you turn this way (*motion left*) or that way (*motion right*), the shadow stays with you. You can't get rid of it!

God is always with us, just like our shadow. Even when we feel alone, He never leaves us.

Winter is full of long, dark nights, but what happens when spring comes? The days get longer, the sun shines brighter, and things start to grow! It reminds us that even after the darkest times, light always comes again. Patrick must have felt like he was trapped in a long winter when he was taken from his family and sent far away. He didn't know if he would ever go home again. But even when Patrick couldn't see what God was doing, God was right there with him, just like this shadow is always with us.



The Bible tells us about another young man who had a hard journey—Joseph. His own brothers sold him as a slave and he was taken to a faraway land, just like Patrick. For many years, Joseph felt forgotten, but he wasn't alone. God was always with him, and in the end, God used Joseph to save many people. What seemed like a terrible situation became part of God's amazing plan.

Let's try something else! (Hold up the flashlight and slowly move it.) Do you see how the shadow changes when I move the light? If the light gets closer, the shadow gets stronger. This is just like our faith! The closer we are to God, the stronger we feel. Patrick prayed every day and trusted God. His faith grew bigger and stronger. Joseph trusted God, too, even when things seemed unfair. And in the end, both of them saw that God was with them all along.

What can we do to stay close to God? (*Let children share—praying, reading the Bible, singing to Him, etc.*)

That's right! When we stay close to God, we remember that He never leaves us—just like a shadow never leaves when the light is shining!

So the next time you see your shadow, remember: God is always with you. You are never alone, even when things feel dark or scary. Just like He was with Patrick and Joseph, He is with you, guiding you every step of the way!

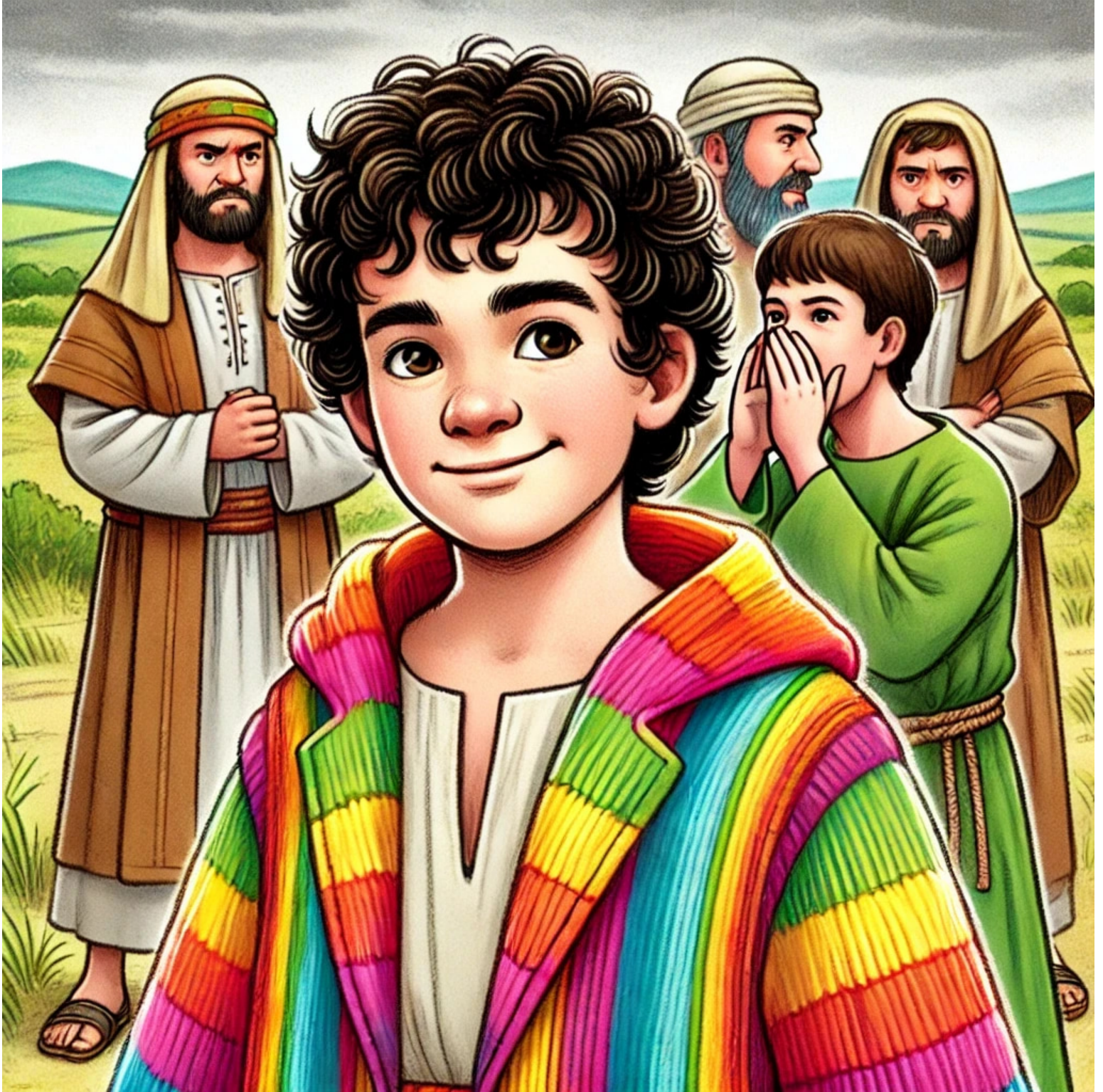




# Joseph's Story (Genesis 37, 39-41)

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# Bible Story – Joseph’s Story (Genesis 37, 39–41)

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**After this lesson, students will be able to:**

- ☐ Summarize the main events in the story of Joseph.
- ☐ Identify the central message: God is always with us, even in the toughest times.
- ☐ Describe how Joseph responded to major events and challenges.
- ☐ Make connections between Joseph’s story and their own experiences.

**Main Idea:** God is always with us, even in the toughest times.

**Summary:** Even when things are difficult, God is always with us! Joseph went through tough times, but God had a special plan for him. This week, we learn that no matter where we are or what happens, God never leaves us!

**Approximate Teaching Time:** 25 minutes

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**TEACHER:** Let’s imagine something together. Think about a time when you felt alone or left out. Maybe it was on the playground, or maybe at home when everyone else was busy. How did that feel? Kind of lonely, right? Well, today, we’re going to learn about someone from the Bible who knew what it was like to feel lonely and forgotten. His name was Joseph, and God was with him through all the hard times he faced. Even when things seemed hopeless, God never left his side!

**READ: Genesis 37:3–4**



Joseph was his father's favorite son, Jacob. Jacob loved Joseph so much that he gave him a special, colorful coat. But Joseph's brothers were jealous. They saw that coat and felt angry, thinking, "Why does Joseph get special treatment?"

How do you think Joseph's brothers felt seeing him in that coat? Have you ever felt jealous when someone else got something you wanted?

One day, while they were out in the fields, Joseph's brothers decided to do something mean. They threw him into a deep pit, leaving him there all alone.

Imagine sitting at the bottom of a dark, cold pit. The ground is rough, and you can barely see the light above. How scary would that be?

But here's the amazing part: even though Joseph was down in that pit, God was with him. He wasn't alone, even if he felt that way.

**READ: Genesis 37:26-28**

Eventually, Joseph's brothers decided to sell him to traders passing by, and those traders took him all the way to Egypt. Now Joseph was far from home, in a strange new place. But guess what? God didn't leave him, even in Egypt.

**READ: Genesis 39:1-6**

In Egypt, Joseph ended up working for a man named Potiphar. And God blessed everything Joseph did. Even though Joseph was a servant, God made him successful, and Potiphar noticed! He put Joseph in charge of his whole household. Joseph may have missed his family, but he was starting to see that God was still with him, even here.

What do you think it would feel like to be far from home? Would you be scared or maybe a little lonely?

Joseph trusted that God was with him. He kept working hard and doing what was right, even when things were tough.

**READ: Genesis 39:20–21**

But just when things were going well, something bad happened. Joseph was falsely accused and thrown into prison! Can you believe that? He was already far from his family, and now he was in a cold, dark prison cell.

Imagine lying on a hard floor in a small cell, with nothing but stone walls around you. It would be so lonely, wouldn't it?

But here's the amazing thing: even in prison, God was still with Joseph. The Bible tells us that God showed Joseph kindness and helped him, even there. Joseph's situation kept changing, but God's presence stayed the same.

**READ: Genesis 41:14–16**

Finally, after years in prison, Joseph was given a chance to interpret a dream for Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. Pharaoh was so impressed that he put Joseph in charge of all of Egypt, making him one of the most important people in the land.

Joseph trusted God, and God was with him every step of the way, even in the hardest times.

**GOSPEL CONNECTION:** Just like God was with Joseph through every hard time, God is with us, too. And through Jesus, we have an even bigger promise: Jesus came to show us that God loves us so much, He'll never leave us. (Matthew 28:20). Because of Jesus, we can be sure that no matter where we are, God's love is with us, even in the toughest times.

# Discussion Questions & Prayer

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**TEACHER:** You all did such a great job listening to our story about Joseph! Thank you for paying attention and sharing your thoughts. Remember, our main idea is that God is always with us, even in the toughest times. Just like God was with Joseph, He promises to be with us, too. Let's talk a little more about what we learned.

1. How do you think Joseph felt when he was thrown into the pit by his brothers?  
Sometimes, we go through tough times, too. Have you ever felt alone or hurt?
2. What helped Joseph keep trusting God, even when he was far from home in Egypt?
3. What are some ways we can remember that God is with us when we're having a hard day?
4. If you could talk to Joseph, what would you say to encourage him while he was in prison? Think about times when you might need encouragement, too.

**Prayer Requests:** Is there anything you'd like us to pray about? It could be something you're happy about, something you're worried about, or even something you just want to thank God for.

**Let's pray together.**

*Dear God, thank You for always being with us, just like You were with Joseph. We know that even when life is hard or when we feel alone, You are right there with us, guiding us and helping us. Thank You for each of these children, for their kind hearts, and for all the special things they shared today. Help us to remember that we can trust You in every situation. We love You, God. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.*



## Joseph's Special Gift



# Word Search Puzzle

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BROTHERS - EGYPT - FAMILY - FAITH - FAVORITE

FORGIVE - GOD - HELP - JOSEPH - LOVE - PRAY - PRISON - TRUST

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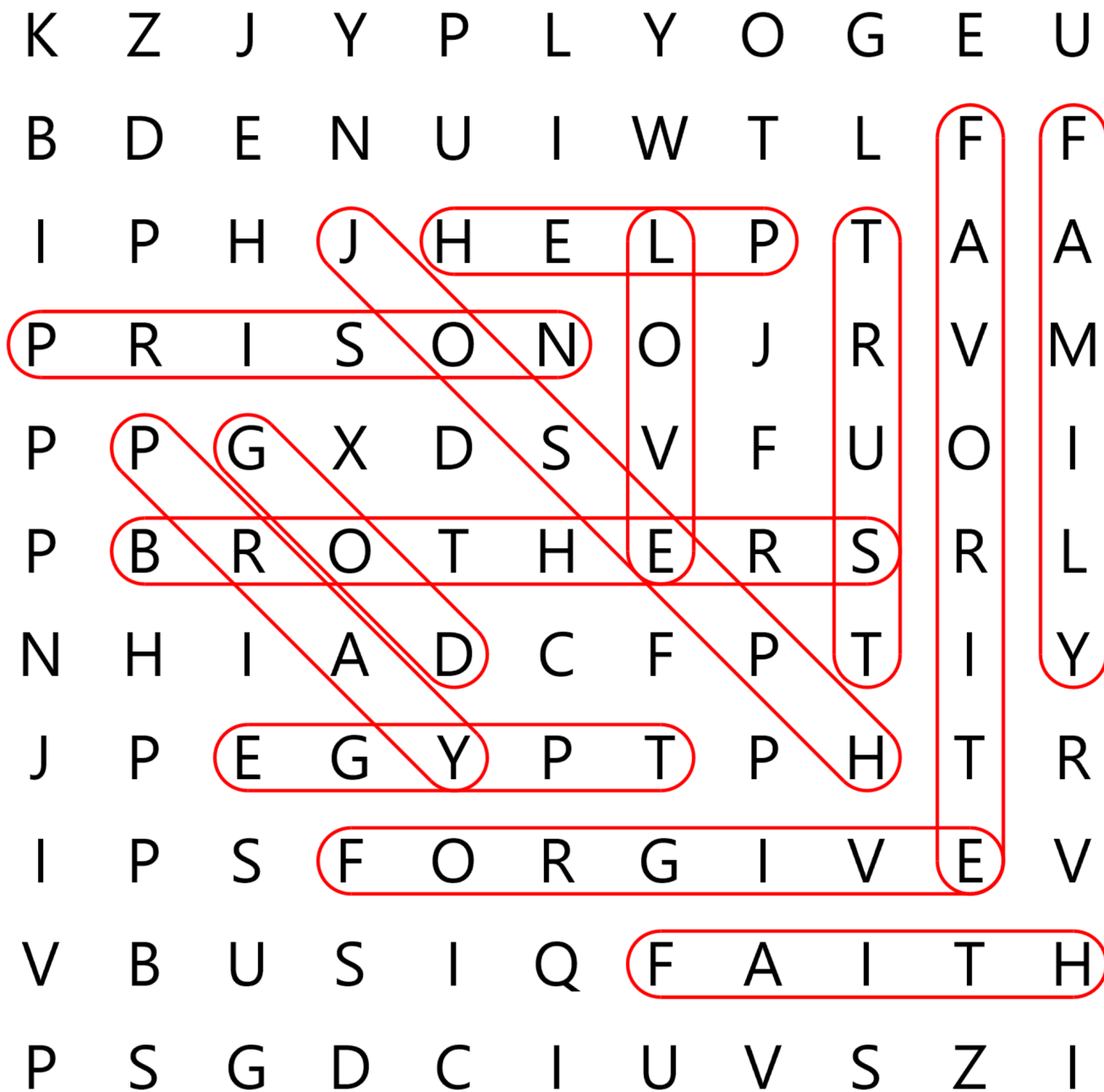




# Word Search Answers

BROTHERS - EGYPT - FAMILY - FAITH - FAVORITE

FORGIVE - GOD - HELP - JOSEPH - LOVE - PRAY - PRISON - TRUST



# Craft Activity – Joseph’s Colorful Coat Design

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## SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- ☐ Printed versions of the outline provided below (one sheet per child)
- ☐ Crayons, markers, or colored pencils
- ☐ Glue sticks (optional with tissue paper)
- ☐ Assorted colored paper or tissue paper, cut into small squares (optional for added texture)



**TEACHER:** Let’s make our own colorful coat to remember Joseph’s story! Joseph’s coat was special, and it reminded him that he was loved, even when things got tough. Just like God was with Joseph, God is always with us, no matter what we go through.

1. Think about colors that make you happy or remind you of God’s love. Use your crayons, markers, or colored pencils to fill your coat with lots of bright colors.
2. If you’d like, you can glue on pieces of colored paper or tissue paper to give your coat some texture. Stick them all over your coat to make it look even more colorful!
3. When you’re done, look at your coat and remember that, just like Joseph, you are loved and never alone. God is with you, just like He was with Joseph.

# Joseph's Colorful Coat Design Page for Printing

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## Week 1 – Parent Connect

### God is Always with Me!

Scan this QR code to access free Bible Story videos, kids' worship songs, and printables to continue learning at home.



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**Summary:** Even when things are difficult, God is always with us! Joseph went through tough times, but God had a special plan for him. This week, we learn that no matter where we are or what happens, God never leaves us!

This was week 1 of 4 in our curriculum series Clover Craze. We are thankful to join and assist you on this journey as we support and nurture your child's developing faith. We want to inspire your commitment.