

FAMILY LESSON - WEEK 4

Materials Needed: Bag (not clear) with food item inside, Paper, Drawing Utensils

Elementary Bible Story: Joseph Gives Grain to His Brothers (Genesis 42:3-28)

Preschool Bible Story: Joseph Loves Others (Genesis 41-42:26, 43:15-34)



CIRCLE UP

Use this time to gather together and get everyone talking.

DO

Place a **food** item in a **bag** that you cannot see through.

- Pass the bag to each family member, allowing them to shake and guess what's inside without looking.
- After everyone's had a turn to guess, reveal what's in the bag.

SAY

You gave some really great guesses! If you brought your lunch to school, but your friend drops his, what can you do for him? (Share) Good job thinking about what your friend needed! That's how to love others and live humbly! God wants you and me to live humbly every day, thinking more of others than ourselves. Say this after me:

Elementary (ES)

Live Humbly (bow)

Preschool (PS)

Love (hug self)

Others (point to others)

WATCH

Watch today's Elementary and/or Preschool video on the web page where you found this lesson or on the KidSpring App or YouTube channel.

ASK your Elementary Schooler:

When Joseph saw his brothers, did he brag to them about being in charge, or was he kind to them? (He was kind to them)

What did Joseph put in the food bag? (Grain and money) Yes! Joseph could have gotten mad at his brothers and filled their food bags with rocks! But Joseph did what was right and lived humbly!

ASK your Preschooler:

Yes or No: Did Joseph show love to the King by helping him understand his dreams? (Yes)

Did Joseph show love by hiding food from the people in Egypt or sharing food with them? (Sharing food with them)

And when Joseph's brothers came to get food, did he love or hurt them? (Love) Yes! Joseph loved others, and we can, too!

HAVE FUN TOGETHER

Have fun learning how to live humbly and love others!

DO

Take turns drawing each of the following. After the image has been guessed, read the question and allow your family to respond.

- **Cereal** - Pretend that you and your brother want cereal for breakfast, but there's only enough left for one person. How can you love your brother and put him first? (Let him have the last of the cereal) Sometimes when we put others first, we don't get what we want. But God sees when we live humbly, and He will reward us.
- **Ice Cream** - You're in line to get ice cream at lunch. The person in front of you is a boy who has called you names before. Soon, you hear him tell the lady selling ice cream that he lost some of his money. You have extra money, so should you put this boy first and give him some even though he has called you names? (Yes) It may be hard to do, but that's one way you can be humble and love others. You never know — your humble act of kindness may show him how to be kind, too.
- **Swing** - You've been waiting your turn to swing at recess. D'Andre comes up and cuts in front of you to steal your swing. Even if you're frustrated, can you forgive D'Andre for what he did? (Yes) If you forgive D'Andre, then you're putting his feelings before your own. That's living humbly and so is letting him go first!
- **Bread** - If you hear that your town's food pantry is running out of food and needs donations, how can you help solve that problem? (Buy them food, clean out your pantry and give them some of your food) Yes! When we give up our money or our things to help others, that is living humbly and loving others!
- **Video Game** - Pretend you are playing video games and watching your little cousin while your aunt takes a nap. Then your cousin asks you for a snack. If you say, "I'll get you a snack later, I'm playing my video game right now," who are you putting first — your family or yourself? (Yourself) If you want to live humbly and put others first, what will you do? (Pause your game and get your cousin a snack)

SAY

Does God want us to love others and live humbly only when it's easy for us? (No) You got it! This week remember that God will help you to ... (Have kids repeat after you)

Elementary (ES)

Live Humbly (bow)

Preschool (PS)

Love (hug self)

Others (point to others)

PRAY

Father God, thank You for teaching us to live humbly. Please help us love others and think of them more than we do ourselves, even when it is not easy to do. Show us how we can help others, too! We love You! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen!