

Together @ Home

Lectionary Edition
Sunday 9th August
Tenth Sunday after
Pentecost



Here are some activities you could do together as a family, begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.

Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together, the story of Joseph the dreamer.

You can find it in your Bible in:

Genesis 37

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children’s story version which best suits your group.

To explore the whole story of Joseph why not use this summary video:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NQ7wLTBnF84>

The other passages we will be thinking about at church this week are:

Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b
1 Kings 19:9-18 and Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

A prayer to say together

Dear God,
Thank you for the story of Joseph the dreamer, thank you that just like Joseph you have exciting plans for our futures.

Help us to listen to you and recognise when you are speaking to us. Help us to trust you and learn the lessons you have for us. We pray for the world that they would trust you to bring them through these difficult times.

Amen

Discussion

A question for adults to ask children

What was the meaning of Joseph’s dream?

Joseph had a dream that one day he would be so important that everybody would have to bow down to him including his own family. When Joseph first had the dream, he was very young and showed off about what God had told him. He had no idea of the journey he would have to go on and the lessons that God would teach him on the way. When Joseph’s dream finally came true, he was a much more humble person who had learned to trust God through some really difficult times. We will learn about that next week.

Some questions for children to ask adults

What is the longest journey you have ever been on?

What is the most important lesson you have ever been taught?

Family Activity 1

Joseph’s brothers were jealous because their father Jacob had given him a special multi-coloured coat.

Hold a family fashion show! Give everybody a makeover and search in your wardrobes to create some crazy new outfits! Who can create the most multi-coloured outfit? Whose outfit is the craziest! Will you choose your own outfit or be brave and let somebody else pick for you?

When you are in your outfits why not hold your own family photo shoot to capture your new looks!

This could be a good opportunity to have a wardrobe clear out and find some clothes you could donate or pass on to somebody else.





A verse to remember

Romans 10 v 15
How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!

Joseph knew something amazing about his future and God's plans for him, but when he shared the news with his brothers they were jealous. We know that God has great plans for not just our futures, but the future of all those who hear and respond to the Good News of Jesus. How great to be able to share the Good News and hope with others.

Try to learn this verse together, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate the verse on a piece of paper or card together and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week.

Family Activity 2

You will need: paper/card, pens, craft materials

When I grow up I would like to be? Spend some time talking about what dreams your family have for their own lives. Why not draw a picture of yourself in your dream job or visiting somewhere you have always dreamed of going.

You could get creative with collaging and combine photos of yourself with pictures of places or jobs.



Active Prayer

Joseph was given a multicoloured coat to wear by his father. In those times finding different colours to dye the fabrics would have been expensive, a coat with so many colours would have been very precious. Why some items of each colour in a bowl or container and take it in turns to have a lucky dip praying till you have used up all the items.

Or cut and fold yourself a cardboard cube, make each side one colour. Roll it to decide what to pray.

Red

Pray and ask God to show you more of his Father's love.

Orange

Pray and ask God to speak to you about his plans for your future.

Yellow

Pray and ask God to help you understand more of the hope we have in Jesus.

Green

Pray and ask God to help you not to be jealous like Joseph's brothers.

Blue

Pray and ask God to fill you with the Holy Spirit.

Purple

Pray and thank God that we are his children – royal sons and daughters of the King!

A colouring page you could print and colour together

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