



God was with Joseph in prison.

Genesis 39–41



☆ Let's Talk and Wonder

ASK Joseph, one of Jacob's 12 sons, was thrown in prison for something he did not do. *Can you name some of the other things that happened to Joseph?*

SAY Jacob loved Joseph and gave him a special coat. Joseph's brothers were angry and jealous. They threw him into a well and later sold him to some travelers who took Joseph to Egypt, where he was sold as a slave and later put into prison. While Joseph was in prison, the king of Egypt had a dream, and he sent for Joseph. Joseph explained what the dream meant. The king knew that God was with Joseph, and so he made Joseph the second most important ruler in Egypt.

ASK *Who was with Joseph when all these things happened?*

SAY God was with Joseph all the time and in every place. In every situation, Joseph trusted in God. He knew that God saved him, and that he was always there, guiding and helping him.

SAY I wonder how Joseph felt when his brothers were mean to him . . .

I wonder how Joseph felt when he was thrown in prison for something he didn't do . . .

I wonder how Joseph felt when he was made the second most important ruler in Egypt . . .

☆ Let's Roll and Rhyme

Sit the children in a circle. Roll a **soft ball** to a child and lead the group in saying the following rhyme.



**Hello, children, this is what we'll do!
We'll tell everyone—"God is with you!"**

The child holding the ball points to someone in the circle, repeats "**God is with you!**" and then rolls the ball to the child. Repeat the rhyme and continue as before. The game continues until everyone has had a turn.

☆ Let's Sing

Lead the class in singing "Praise the Lord."

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