

# FAMILY LESSON - WEEK 4

**Materials Needed:** Scavenger Hunt items - rock, shoe, crayon/marker, ball, plate

**Elementary Bible Story:** Joseph Explains Dreams in Prison (Genesis 39:21-41:25)

**Preschool Bible:** Joseph Is Kind in Prison (Genesis 39:20-41:14)



## CIRCLE UP

*Use this time to gather together and get everyone talking.*

**ASK** Ask each family member to share any of the following:

- Favorite dream they've ever had
- Something they always do before they go to bed
- Something they do if they can't fall asleep

**SAY** Thank you for being kind and listening as everyone shared! Today, we're going to hear about some dreams that Joseph's friends had, and we'll see how Joseph was kind to them. God wants us to be kind, too, so say this after me:

Elementary (ES)

**Love Being Kind** (cross arms over chest)

Preschool (PS)

**Be Kind** (pat chest)

## 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:**

Did Joseph use what he had to help others? (Yes)

What is something you are good at doing? (Allow responses) How can you be like Joseph and use that to show kindness to others? (Allow responses)

**ASK your Preschooler:**

Was Joseph in prison for one day or for many years? (Many years)

While Joseph was in prison, was he mean or kind to the others there? (Kind)

That's right! God helped Joseph be kind even when it was hard. When you don't feel like being kind, can you ask God to help you? (Yes!)

# HAVE FUN TOGETHER

*From searching for clues to praying together, have fun learning how to love being kind!*

## DO

Have your kids find the following household items as you give each clue. Then ask them questions and read the statements that go with each item.

- You find this outside. It can be big or small. (Have your kids find a rock)
  - Pretend a homeless shelter in your town needs help clearing rocks from their flowerbeds. Your family has shovels and wheelbarrows. If you love being kind, how can your family use what you have to help the homeless shelter? (Volunteer to help them, let them borrow the equipment, etc.)
- You wear this on your feet. They keep your feet safe. (Have your kids find a shoe)
  - Pretend your little brother's shoe comes untied. You see him trying to tie it, but he can't do it. You know how to tie shoes. What would be an unkind thing for you to do? (Allow responses) What would be the kind thing for you to do? (Help him) Yes! We can all do different things, and God wants us to love being kind and help others at just the right time when they need it!
- You use this to make colorful pictures. (Have your kids find a crayon/marker)
  - Let's pretend that a friend at school who has a different skin color than you asks to borrow your crayon or marker. What should you do? (Share with him/her) Yes! Sharing with others is a way to be kind, no matter if the person looks like you, talks like you, or even moves like you. God wants us to love being kind to everyone!
- You play with this outside. You can throw or catch it. (Have your kids find a ball)
  - Let's pretend you throw a ball in the house and break a picture frame. Instead of getting mad, I say, "It's OK! I forgive you." Was I being kind or being mean? (Being kind) Yes! We all make mistakes. We can be kind by forgiving others. What's one way you can be kind to others in our family? (Allow responses)
- You put food on this to eat. It is hard and strong. (Have your kids find a plate)
  - Pretend it's late, everyone in our family is hungry, and I'm making dinner. But I get frustrated and yell at you to clean off the table to get ready to eat. How can you show kindness to me in that situation? (Clean off the table, listen and obey, help out, etc.) That's right. When we love being kind, we'll do kind things no matter what everyone else is doing.

## SAY

Does God want us to love being kind only when it's easy for us? (No) You got it! God wants us to be kind to others, even when it is hard to do! Say this after me:

Elementary (ES)

Preschool (PS)

**Love Being Kind** (cross arms over chest)

**Be Kind** (pat chest)

## PRAY

Father God, thank You for being kind to us. Please help us use what You have given us to show kindness to others every day, even when it is not easy to do. We love You! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen!