

DREAMER

God Story:

The Dreamer | Genesis 37:1-11

Big Idea:

When God gives us a dream, he will see it through.

Key Verse:

We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him. | Romans 8:28a (NIRV)

Leader Tips:

- When kids join your group, introduce yourself and learn their names. Encourage the kids to learn one another's names, too.
- Remember that being well prepared allows for smoother transitions and a better overall experience for everyone.
- This series follows Joseph from the beginning of his life until he is reconciled with his family. Highlight the ways in which God is at work through the life of Joseph.

Ms My Story

- 1. Conversation Starter** **2 minutes**
Lead into today's lesson by talking about the kids' dreams.
- 2. Intro Activity** **5 minutes**
Play a bowling game that emphasizes sometimes we hit our goals and sometimes we miss. However, **when God gives us a dream, he will see it through.**

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- 3. Weekly Video** **12 minutes**
The video includes host, God Story, Life Story, and Key Verse segments.

Ms My Story

- 4. Small Group Activity** **12 minutes***
Review today's video teaching, and then make a group craft that highlights dreams.
- 5. Prayer Activity** **8 minutes**
Use bubbles as a prayer prompt and encourage the kids to commit their dreams to God.

Os Our Story

- 6. Dismissal**
Connect with parents and give them the take-home materials.

* Extendable activity



1. CONVERSATION STARTER

Supplies:

- None

Leader Tip:

- The Conversation Starter is a great time to make everyone feel welcome and build community! Use it to set the tone for your group's time together.

Instructions:

- As the kids arrive, welcome them and gather everyone in a group.
- Ask:
 - Do you have a big dream or something you wish you could do? What is it?
 - (Optional) What's the weirdest dream you've ever had? Do you think it had a deeper meaning or was it random?
- Depending on the size of your group, have the kids share their answers with the people sitting closest to them or with everyone.
- Introduce today's Big Idea: **When God gives us a dream, he will see it through.**

2. INTRO ACTIVITY

Supplies:

- Masking tape
- Cups with coloured paper on them
- Beach ball
- Whiteboard
- Dry erase marker
- Scrap paper
- Pen

Before the Activity:

- Before the kids arrive, tape a line at one end of your group's space. Make sure everyone will fit behind it.
- Arrange the cups like bowling pins far enough away from the line to make this activity challenging. Put the colours worth the most points at the back (points are listed in the instructions below).

Leader Tips:

- Groups with more than 10 kids should prepare multiple stations to speed up this activity.
- If your group has a whiteboard and dry erase marker, use them to keep score. Otherwise, use scrap paper and a pen.

Instructions:

- Direct the kids to line up behind the starting line taped on the floor.
- Give the first person in line the beach ball.
- Direct them to bowl it underhand toward the cups.
- If they knock over any cups, award them the following points: 6 points for purple; 5 points for red; 4 points for blue; 3 points for green; 2 points for yellow; and 1 point for orange.
- Prompt the bowler to retrieve the ball and give it to the next person in line.
- Repeat until everyone has had a turn.
- Cheer for whoever got the most points!
- To wrap up, note that sometimes we hit our goals and achieve our dreams, but sometimes we "miss." However, **when God gives us a dream, he will see it through.**



3. WEEKLY VIDEO

Supplies:

- Video file

Leader Tip:

- Sit with the kids and encourage them to focus on the video as necessary.

Instructions:

- Play the video. It contains:
 - Host segment
 - God Story (The Dreamer | Genesis 37:1-11)
 - Life Story (Jess loves summer camp. She also loves volunteering with people who have special needs. She asked God to help her choose the right direction in her life. Then she was offered the perfect role: special needs camp director!)



4. SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY

Supplies:

- Craft paper
- Markers
- Bibles
- Cloud activity pages
- Shape cutouts
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Wall-safe tape

Leader Tips:

- It's unlikely the younger kids in your group will be able to navigate their Bibles on their own; however, you should still model how to look up the passage. Encourage the older kids to do it on their own.
- Make sure everyone's names are on their clouds.

Before the Activity:

- Write today's Big Idea (**When God gives us a dream, he will see it through**) in large letters on

the craft paper.

Instructions:

- Gather your small group to sit together.
- Discuss:
 - What is this month's Key Verse? (Romans 8:28a)
 - What was the Life Story about in today's video?
 - What was the God Story about?
 - What dreams did God give Joseph?
- Make sure everyone has a Bible. Share them if needed.
- Look up Genesis 37:5-9. Take time to show everyone how to look it up. Find the page number in the table of contents and flip to Genesis. Explain that the large numbers are the chapters and the small ones are the verses. Read the passage out loud.
- Give each person an activity page. Place the markers, scissors, shape cutouts, and glue sticks where everyone can reach them.
- Direct the kids to write about or draw a special dream of theirs in the space provided on their page. Provide help with spelling as needed.
- Instruct everyone to cut out the cloud on their page. Tape the clouds onto the craft paper.
- Encourage the kids to work together to decorate the craft paper to look like the sky by gluing on the shape cutouts and drawing with the markers.
- Hang the completed group craft where parents will see it at pick-up time. The kids may pull off their clouds to take home.

5. PRAYER ACTIVITY

Supplies:

- Bubbles

Leader Tip:

- If needed, review the kids' dreams (and think of your own age-appropriate dream to share) before praying together.

Instructions:

- Remain in your small group and sit in a circle.
- Remind the kids that **when God gives us a dream, he will see it through.**
- Hold up the bubble wand and pray, "Dear God, please help us stay close to Jesus and listen to the Holy Spirit. I commit my dream of [describe your dream] to you!"
- Blow some bubbles.
- Pass the bubble wand to the person beside you.
- Prompt them to pray, " God, I commit my dream of [describe dream] to you!" and then blow bubbles.
- Continue passing the bubble wand and praying until everyone who wants a turn gets one.
- To close, thank God for the kids and ask him to bless their dreams!

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6. DISMISSAL

Supplies:

- Kids' crafts
- Take-home cards
- Key Verse colouring pages
- Key Verse cards

Before Dismissal:

- Place any crafts and take-home materials where everyone can access them easily.

Leader Tip:

- Take a moment to share with parents about their kids' experiences. Many parents will only hear about the morning from you.

Instructions:

- Greet parents as they arrive to pick up their kids.
- Give everyone take-home cards and Key Verse colouring pages. Give Key Verse cards to anyone who didn't get one last week.
- Remind them to take any crafts.
- Make sure the security numbers match before the kids leave with their parents.