

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**
Encourage the kids to meet someone new, and then create something from a dream using waxed yarn sticks.

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

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- 4. Small Group Activity** **12 minutes***
Review today's video teaching, and then create a group craft that highlights dreams.
- 5. Prayer Activity** **8 minutes**
Make bookmarks and encourage the kids to pray each day in the week ahead and ask God what he wants them to do.

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

* Extendable activity

Ms My Story

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:
 - What's the weirdest dream you've ever had?
 - What's the most real dream you've ever had?
 - Have you ever had a dream you thought had some kind of meaning to it? Describe it.
- 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:

- Waxed yarn sticks
- Cardstock
- Pens

Leader Tip:

- Make sure everyone's names are on their cardstock.

Instructions:

- Give each person three colours of waxed yarn sticks, a piece of cardstock, and a pen.
- Direct the kids to pair up with someone they don't know very well.
- Prompt the partners to introduce themselves if needed. Then ask them to share about a dream

they've had recently.

- Encourage the kids to create an object with their waxed yarn sticks that reminds them of one of their dreams.
- Guide everyone to place their creations on their cardstock to take home.

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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
- Scissors
- Wall-safe tape

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.

Leader Tips:

- Be prepared to share an example of a time when someone you know had a dream that God helped them see to completion.
- Make sure everyone's names are on their clouds.

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 the time needed 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.
- Discuss:
 - Do you think Joseph knew what his dreams were about?
 - When do you think he realized these dreams God gave him were coming true?

- Give each person an activity page. Place the markers and scissors 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.
- Instruct everyone to cut out the cloud on the page. Tape the clouds onto the craft paper.
- Encourage the kids to decorate the craft paper to look like the sky.
- As they work together, explain that as we grow closer to God, we begin to dream with him for what we will do in the future. When we aren't as close to God or don't know him, we dream on our own. Our own dreams can be good—but dreaming with God is amazing!
- Discuss: Can you think of someone who had a dream that God saw to completion? What happened?
- 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:

- Bookmarks
- Stickers
- Markers

Leader Tips:

- Take the pressure off anyone who thinks God only has one specific will for their lives and if they don't figure it out, they've failed. The point is to look to God for direction!
- Make sure everyone's names are written on their bookmarks.

Instructions:

- Remain in your small group.
- Give each person a bookmark.
- Place the other supplies where everyone can reach them easily.
- Encourage the kids to decorate their bookmarks however they wish.
- As they work, explain that part of being a follower of Jesus is asking him what he'd like us to do.
- Encourage the kids to start each day in the week ahead by praying, "God, I want to do what you want for my life. What do you want for my life today?" Then they can pay attention to see if God nudges them toward anything.
- Note that as they seek God's direction over a longer period of time, God might give them a bigger, longer-term dream.
- Remind everyone that **when God gives us a dream, he will see it through!**
- Wrap up by praying for your group. Thank God for the kids by name 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.