

Introduction

To the Vacation Bible School Series

"Your Will be Done—The Life of Joseph"

<u>STORY</u>	<u>THEME</u>	<u>NT REFERENCE</u>
1. Joseph's Dreams, in the well, sold into slavery Genesis 37:1-8, 12-14, 17b-28, 36	<u>ADVERSITY</u> in the Christian's life	Jesus rejected by hometown people Luke 4:16-30
2. Attempted Seduction by Potiphar's wife Genesis 39:1-13	<u>TEMPTATION</u> in the Christian's life	Jesus tempted by Satan in the wilderness Matthew 4:1-11, Luke 4:1-13
3. Joseph provides for his brothers Genesis 42:6-8, 45-28 Genesis 43: 33-34 Genesis 45:1-11, 16-24	<u>BLESSINGS</u> to others by living a Christian life	Jesus dies on the cross for mankind Luke 23:39-49
4. Joseph forgives his brother Genesis 50:15-21	<u>FORGIVENESS</u> in the Christian's life	Jesus forgives His enemies Luke 23:32-38
5. Joseph's death Genesis 50:22-26 Exodus 13:19 Hebrews 11:22	<u>FINAL VICTORY</u> in the Christian's life	Jesus' resurrection from the dead Matt. 28:1-10 Mark 16:1-8 Luke 24:1-12 John 20:1-9

This series focuses on how God used Joseph as His servant and how He continually blessed his life. The child of God can live care-free in this evil world, for God's grace in Christ covers him/her. The worksheets bring in a related incident from the life of the Savior. It is our prayer that this series will not only strengthen our own children in their knowledge of their Savior and His Word, but will also serve as a tool in our mission outreach efforts to teach others about Jesus.

There is, of course, much room for flexibility in the use of VBS. It can easily be adapted to almost any situation. The kind of usage and the daily schedule can best be determined by those who use the materials. For example, grade 6 could also go with Level III. Included with the lessons are teachers' notes for each story for Levels I and II and for Levels III and IV. These notes, while not exhaustive, are intended to serve as an aid to the teachers. There is also a sheet of suggested crafts and projects. The stories in the lower levels have been paraphrased or simplified. The upper level stories make use of the NKJV.

The division to age and grade in the fall is as follows:

	<u>AGE</u>	<u>TEXT</u>	<u>WORKSHEET</u>	<u>STORY PICTURE</u>	<u>NT PICTURE</u>
Level I (blue)	Preschool thru grade 1	simple	very easy	yes	yes
Level II (yellow)	Grades 2-3	same as above	simple	yes	yes
Level III (red)	Grades 4-5	Bible	medium	yes	yes
Level IV (green)	Grades 6-8	Bible	advanced	yes	yes

This VBS series has been prepared and printed by some pastors in the Church of the Lutheran Confession. Others have been consulted and volunteered their talents. It is the prayer of all who have freely out of love for the Good Shepherd offered their time and labors that His Spirit will bless this material and its users and thus supply grace to life everlasting. We also solicit your comments, criticisms and/or suggestions for any future series.

Cost per order is \$1.50 and \$1.50 per set of teacher's notes (plus postage). Other materials are provided without charge with each order. A sample packet is available for \$10 postpaid.

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