

Building Faith Brick by Brick: Joseph's Journey to Egypt

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Week of August 9, 2020

These activities are designed to be used with LEGO bricks. However, if you don't have LEGOs at home, that's okay! Grab blocks, or boxes, or play dough, or anything else you can use to build a scene. Or, you can draw or color your response to the story on a sheet of paper.

Show us your creations by emailing photos to Victoria Hoppes at victoria@rlcindy.org. We might just share them with others!

PRAY: Dear God, make us people who forgive others. Make our hearts full and show us the way to live. Help us to listen to you and share your message with others. Amen.

READ: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 (For younger children, you may want to read the story of Joseph's journey to Egypt from a story Bible.)

RESPOND AND BUILD: I wonder what it looked like when Joseph was in the pit? Build a scene that shows what you think it looked like!

BUILDING QUESTIONS:

As you build, ask some of these questions to "wonder" together about the story. Pick and choose a few to guide your discussion!

- I wonder if you have ever had a dream you remember?
- I wonder what it would be like if someone could tell you the meaning of your dreams?
- I wonder if you have ever been the only one who could understand something?
- I wonder what it's like to have a lot of brothers?
- I wonder what Joseph was feeling when he was in the pit?
- I wonder why Joseph's brothers threw him in the pit?
- I wonder if you have ever felt forgotten?
- I wonder how Jacob felt when he heard about what happened to Joseph?
- I wonder how Joseph felt when the traders came and took him to Egypt?
- I wonder how Joseph felt about his brothers after what they did?
- I wonder if you someone has ever hurt you, or if you have hurt someone else?

SHARE: Share your creations with each other. What did you build? You can also email photos of your creations to victoria@rlcindy.org and we will share them with the congregation!

PRAY: Dear God, thank you for being with Joseph during a difficult time, and thank you for being with us, too. Help us share your love through our words and actions toward others. Amen.

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