

Fun Fish – Toddlers in COLOUR

Session 2: Don't Fight – BLACK – Joseph and His Coat

Memory Line: "Be kind to each other." (Ephesians 4:32)

Welcome:

Theme Song: to the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

Twinkle, twinkle, little star. God loves you just as you are.

Up above the world so high. Like a diamond in the sky.

Twinkle, twinkle, little star. God loves you just as you are.

Colour and Topic:

Bring some BLACK items to the **story**. Black is also when we cover our eyes with our hands. Black is when the lights go out at night. People wear lots of black - socks, shoes. But black also for when people are sad, and one thing that makes them sad is fighting.

Bible Story – Joseph and His Coat (Genesis 37)

Puppets, dolls, soft toys, or dressed-up wooden spoons

Joseph

Brothers

Another angry person

King

Materials needed: (feel free to replace the items with what you already have)

Coloured coat

Prison

Reflective Time (interactive):

Why do people like to fight? How can we stop fighting? Review the memory line and remember that whenever you see the colour BLACK, don't fight.

Short Prayer: "Dear God, help us to not to fight. Amen."

Sing songs:

"Toddlers in COLOUR" card for this session:



Story 2: Joseph and His Coat (Genesis 37) (Don't Fight)

Joseph had a beautiful coat. His dad made it specially for him. But Joseph's brothers didn't get one and now they didn't like him. "Go away!" they said. "You think you're better than us."

"No!" said Joseph. "Yes!" said his brothers. What a fight! Then those brothers pulled off his coat. They wouldn't give it back. They threw him into a hole. It was BLACK like night inside.

Joseph found another job very far away, but this time the lady didn't like him. "You think you're better than me," she shouted. "I want you in prison!"

"Please no," said Joseph. "GO!" she said. So, Joseph went to prison, and it was BLACK as night inside. Even though Joseph was so very sad, he wasn't mean back. He helped everywhere he could.

Then one day, the king had a terrible dream. He dreamed that the rain would soon stop, and food would run out. But, because Joseph was always so helpful, the king gave him a job. So, Joseph stored up mountains and MOUNTAINS and MOUNTAINS of food before it was too late.

Seven years later the rain did stop. The whole world went hungry, and everyone came to buy food. EVEN Joseph's brothers! Oh dear!

At first, they didn't know that it was Joseph. He was so grownup and important now. But as soon as they did, they said, "Joseph, we are so sorry for fighting with you! We should never have taken your coat. We should never have told you to go away."

"I know," said Joseph, "but I forgive you. Please, let's be friends."

The brothers hugged their brother. They didn't fight with him ever again. For nothing is better than when brothers are friends.