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### CHAIRPERSON'S PLAN

Sing 'Abba Father'  
 Prayer  
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 The Family Circle  
 Chain prayer  
 Sing  
 Game  
 Bible reading  
 Offering  
 Drama / tell the story  
 Quiz  
 Sing  
 Benediction

### Next week's jobs



### To Prepare

**Praise Leader:** Select songs on theme of **witnessing**

- JP 39 Don't build your house on the sandy land
  - JP 105 I'm singing for my Lord
  - JP 147 Keep me shining, Lord
  - JP 172 Now be strong
  - JP 279 When the road is rough and steep
  - JP 118 It's a happy day
  - JP 303 A new commandment (love one another) MP 1
- Verse 1 of Joe's song

**Game - Good News / Bad News:** No preparation

**Prayer:** Ask a Junior to prepare a prayer which adores God as our Father: a Father who loves us all equally, and who has our best interests at heart. (Select a child who has had experience of a loving father.) The pictures could be used as illustrations.

**The Family Circle:** Bring an object to pass round.

**Bible reading: Genesis 37: 12-36** Allocate the reading to two Juniors to prepare: one is the narrator and the other "direct speech".

**Quiz:** Ask a Junior to prepare 15 questions from Genesis 37: 12-36 and to prepare the method of playing / scoring.

**Tell the story:** Ask one or two Juniors to retell the story using the pictures to illustrate it, OR, colour pictures and arrange in order.

### Programme

**The Family Circle:** Sit in a circle, or two, and use the "talking object". When you hold the object it is your turn to complete the sentence. (No comments about answered thoughts are made by anyone.) Pass it round the circle:

- (1) I like being in a family .....(e.g. there is always someone to love me, I always have company)
- (2) I love my Dad because .....(he takes me to the football, he gives me pocket money)
- (3) Comments about brothers and sisters. (e.g. I like being the big sister / I don't like being the youngest / I love my little brother)

**Chain prayer:** Use situations from the Family Circle activity and ask God for forgiveness, patience, more love etc. in the family situation. Think of children who are lonely because their family is upset due to war, illness, accident, poverty, arguments etc..

**Good News / Bad News:** Juniors sit in an inward facing circle. One begins a story with a good news sentence e.g. "The good news is it was my birthday." The next player continues the story with the bad news. e.g. The bad news was that I had a very sore throat." Continue until all have contributed. If storyline is wearing thin, begin another story.

**Drama:** Read through the passage again and let the Juniors establish who the main characters are in the Bible story. Jacob, Joseph, Reuben, Judah, eight other brothers, the Shechem shepherd, Ishmaelite travellers, Jacob's daughters, Potiphar. Allocate parts to the Juniors - you may need to double up! Decide in your meeting room: where Jacob lives, where Shechem is and where Egypt is situated. It may be advisable to chunk the verses - (12 - 24) then (25 - 28 with 36) and (29 - 35) The narrator / Leader reads the passage slowly, leaving time for the action when necessary, as the Juniors mime out the story. How the people are feeling about each other will show in their body language and facial expressions. Discuss and involve the children as the story evolves. Get into the action but do keep it simple, using your imagination. It is not a production, it is involving the Juniors in the story.

# Joe's Song

Tune: 'Old MacDonald had a farm'

**Our story starts with a boy called Joe,  
There in Canaan's land,  
Whose older brothers hate him so,  
There in Canaan's land.  
With his special coat and love from father,  
His dreams of power got him into bother.  
He was sold to merchants who were traveling far  
Away from Canaan's land.**

**Joseph was good, he obeyed God still,  
Down in Egypt's land.  
Since God was with him, he survived in jail,  
Down in Egypt's land.  
There a butler and a baker had puzzling dreams  
And God told Joseph what each one means.  
The butler forgot him when released, it seems,  
Down in Egypt's land.**

**Then God showed Pharaoh what He'd do,  
Down in Egypt's land.  
Seven years of plenty, then seven years of few  
Crops in Egypt's land.  
Who'd store up the grain? was the only plan  
And Pharaoh reckoned that Joseph can  
For he saw he was a godly man,  
Down in Egypt's land.**

**God used Joe's troubles all for good,  
Down in Egypt's land.  
His brothers came in search of food  
Down from Canaan's land.  
"You sold me here, Oh you were bad,  
But I'm alive, let's all be glad.  
Now you go home and bring my Dad  
Down from Canaan's land.**





