



## Through the Bible in **KIDS CHURCH**

**Lesson Title: Joseph, the Dreamer**

Text: Genesis Chapter 37

**Date:**  
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**Lesson Summary:** The beginning of Joseph’s story is unique in that it is not a clear good guy / bad guy lesson. Joseph’s brothers may be clearing in the wrong, and yet, Joseph’s actions did not help the situation. Obviously, God was communicating with Joseph and had some great plans for him, but rather than keep these things to himself, he bragged about them to his brothers. (or perhaps naively shared them innocently?) At any rate, whether he was proud and bragging or foolishly blabbing, the fact is his *perceived* arrogance led to his downfall. (quite literally, actually!) This ‘fall’ is ironically a part of God’s plan to get him to Egypt so he can in time save the very brother who attack him! This lesson is a great opportunity both the express the fact that God has a great plan for us all, and that we need to be listening for that call, but at the same time to have humility and patience for God to make things happen in his time. Kids need to challenged both to see themselves positively as God sees them, but also to be humble about the gifts he has given them, seeing that they are given to serve, not to elevate one’s self.

**Main Point:** Pride Comes Before a Fall

ELEMENT	DETAILS	MATERIALS
Singing	ON TIME! Making Melodies DEEP DEEP I Keep Falling In Love Solid as a Rock Don’t You Wonder Why (OFFERING SONG)	
Intro	Describe a Strange dream you had last night, but don’t say it was a dream until the end! Share some DREAM FACTS ( <i>see info below</i> )	
Gus	Gus and Molly are both (one at a time) put to sleep and then subjected to the DreamReader4000 which projects an image of their minds up on the screen. We can see what it is that they dream about. See <b>DX4000 Dream Reader Power Point</b> you can edit!	
Molly		
Bible Story	Joseph was a dreamer, tell some of his dreams. Tell how he bragged about them to his brothers. How do you think the dreams made them feel? Not good! They didn’t understand the dreams were from God!	
Game	Don’t Wake the Mummy! Pyramid Game! Four kids compete to solve a puzzle Purchase <b>DON’T WAKE THE MUMMY POWER POINT</b> Game	
Toybox Tale	The Adventures of Panakin Skyhopper – Episode I See: <a href="http://www.toyboxtales.com">www.toyboxtales.com</a>	
Puppets	<b>Puppet Show: Pebble Mountain</b> (see script below)	
Bible Lesson	<b>Confidence vs. Pride</b> God has a great plan for everyone’s life, and he reveals that plan in different ways to different people. We should feel good about who we are and the gifts God has given us, but we also need to stay humble.	
Object Lesson	<b>MAGNIFIER</b> – who are you magnifying?? Show a magnifying glass. What is it for? It is to make things look closer and bigger. When we	

	brag, we are magnifying ourselves. We SHOULD be magnifying God and others, not ourselves. Ask yourself, who are you magnifying? Yourself? God? Or Others?	
Verse	<b>Proverbs 16:18</b> Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall. <b>2 Corinthians 4:7</b> For who makes you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?	
Assignment	Make a list of the blessing God has given you, and thank Him for them, and ask him to help you to be humble and not proud about them.	

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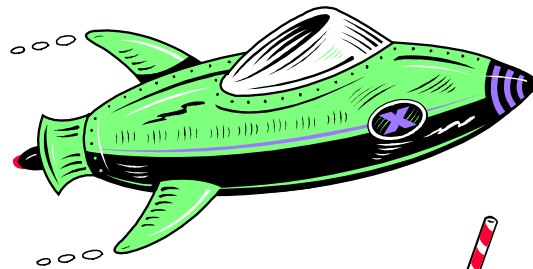
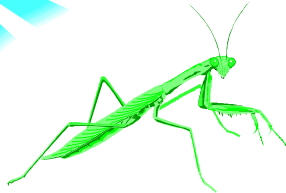
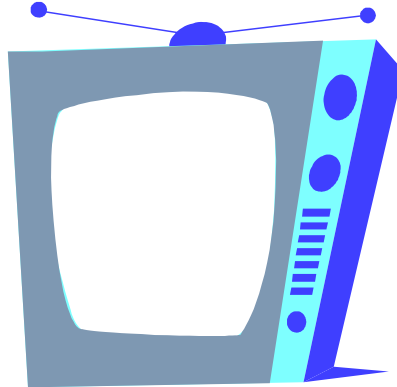
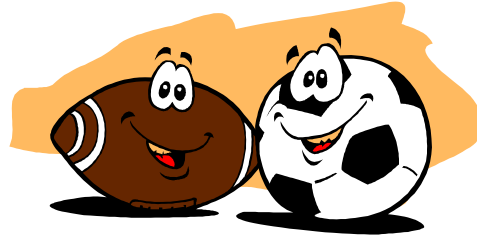
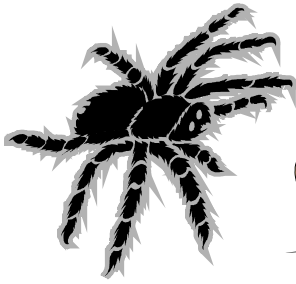
Skit	A Pile of Pride. Each actor walks out bragging about something and trips over a rock and falls, a pile builds up. Finally last one comes out and sees pile and comments, ‘Hmmm, must be a pile of pride.’	
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Story	50 Bicycles from Grampa. Boy’s Grampa tells him that he was cleaning out his garage and found a set of bicycles, there are only 50 he says, but he will give them to his grandson if he can come over and get them. The boy starts bragging to all his friends about how he is going to have 50 bicycles! They ask if he will share, and he says no, they are ALL for him! Then, he gets his friends to do things for him for a bicycle – mow the lawn, take out the garbage, paint the fence, do his other chores, and then finally, Saturday comes and he goes to visit his grampa who gives him a deck of cards. The boy asks, “What about the bicycles?” and Grampa says, “Why, those <i>are</i> bicycles, and I checked and only the jokers are missing. So it is a complete deck. Hope you enjoy them!” The grandson did not realize that playing cards used to be called bicycles because of the picture of a bicycle on the back of them. He has to go face his friends with just a deck of cards.	
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**THE DREAM:** (a sample, you can write your own)

I heard this noise last night downstairs. Made it way to my room. It was a giant pizza! I rubbed my eyes, and when I opened them I saw a pepperoni flying at me! I ducked and it stuck into the wall where my head was! I rolled out of bed and the floor was wet and sticky. The Giant Pizza kept shooting pepperonis at me as I tucked and rolled and dived to avoid them and heard and saw them smashing things and sticking into the walls. As I left the room I saw a yellow fizzing liquid pouring down the stairs into the front room the house! I ran upstairs looking for something to fight the Giant Pizza with and to see where the yellow fizzy water was coming from with the Pizza in hot pursuit. Pictures were being smashed, railing shattered, holes in the walls, etc. Green fizzy water was pouring down from the attic. I grabbed a baseball bat and running toward the Giant Pizza knocking flying pepperonis out of the way as I ran toward it bent on destroying it when I slipped and went down the stairs carried by the rising yellow fizzy water! It carried me down, through the front room and to the stairs to the basement – which was NOW OPEN – and down I went – and the basement was flooded! Pepperonis were wizzing through the air as I dove down to the bottom to pull the plug at the bottom of my house. (never knew there was one) Pulled it, but the drain was pulling at my leg trying to suck me in and and was trapped! I grabbed on to something and held on for dear life holding my breath as the water was lowering. Finally, I could stand up (describe destroyed house and basement) as Giant Pizza smashed through ceiling and pinned me to the ground. I couldn’t breath – I was being suffocated by a Giant Pizza! I screamed! (then I woke up!)

**GUS' DREAM IMAGE:**



**Molly**

**MOLLY'S DREAM IMAGE:**



## PUPPET SCRIPT: PEBBLE MOUNTAIN

**ANDY:** BOY, oh BOY! Am I excited! I've never climbed a mountain before!

**SALLY:** And we're not climbing just any ol' mountain either!

**JOE:** Ehhh, Mount BeeMore is a piece of cake! I could climb it in my sleep!

**SALLY:** Oh, yeah? Who died and made you King Climber of the year?

**JOE:** The last wimpy girl that tried to climb Mount BeeMore!

**ANDY:** Not funny, Joe. Now come on, climbing a mountain isn't an easy job for anyone..... but we're all up to the challenge!

**JOE:** It's no challenge to me! I could climb it blindfolded, hopping, and with my hands tied behind my back!

**SALLY:** Well, if you are done bragging, I'd like to get going!

**ANDY:** Yeah, let's go! We've got to get an early start.

**JOE:** (to himself) Just a walk in the park. ....WAAAAAAAAAAA! (falls down)

(Joe is moaning during the next lines)

**SALLY:** JOE! What happened?

**ANDY:** ARE YOU O.K.?!

**JOE:** (in pain) It's...It's my leg. I....I think it's broken!

**SALLY:** Did you trip?

**JOE:** yeah, ooowwwiiiiieeeee!

**ANDY:** Over what? (Sally and Andy are looking around the ground)

**JOE:** That big rock there.

**SALLY:** What big rock?

**ANDY:** That's no big rock! That's a pebble!

**SALLY:** Joe tripped over a PEBBLE!

**JOE:** OUCH! Can we go home? (moan)

**SALLY:** Is it really broken?

**JOE:** No, but it HHHUUURRRRRTTTTSSSS!

**SALLY:** We'd better get you home to your mom.

**ANDY:** This reminds me of a verse!

**SALLY:** That one in proverbs?

**JOE:** What verse? (moan)

**ANDY:** Well, you were all bragging about what a Super Mountain climber you are...

**SALLY:** And then you tripped and fell over a pebble....

**ANDY:** I think God is trying to humble you!

**JOE:** Enough with the lecture, what's the verse?

**SALLY:** It's Proverbs 16:18

**ANDY:** "Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall."

**JOE:** What's that mean? (moan)

**SALLY:** IT MEANS.... people usually take a fall right after they've been BRAGGING!

**ANDY:** YUP! If you don't humble yourself..... God will humble you!

**JOE:** GULP! Geeepers! I better check my attitude!

**SALLY:** You can say that again!

**JOE:** GULP! Geeepers! I better check my attitude!

**The following pages are not intended to be used in their entirety for the lesson, but for your enjoyment and research.**

## **DREAM FACTS**

Muscles are paralyzed during REM sleep, to prevent you from acting out the dream images flitting through your mind.

Lucid Dreaming is being conscious that you are dreaming.

Events like sounds and feelings are incorporated into the dream tale.

- 1. One third of our lives is spent sleeping.**
- 2. In your lifetime, you would've spent about 6 years of it dreaming. That is more than 2,100 days spent in a different world.**
3. Dreams have been here as long as mankind. Back in the Roman Era, striking and significant dreams were submitted to the Senate for analysis and interpretation.
4. Everybody dreams. EVERYBODY! Simply because you do not remember your a dream does not mean that you did not dream.
5. We dream on average of one or two hours every night. And we often even have 4-7 dreams in one night.
6. Blind people do dream. Although their dreams may not consist of vivid images, blind people can clearly recall and describe the sounds they hear or the textures they come in contact with in their dream. Their hearing and tactility are hyper-sensitive.
7. Five minutes after the end of the dream, half the content is forgotten. After ten minutes, 90% is lost.
8. The word dream stems from the Middle English word, dreame which means "joy" and "music".
9. Studies have shown that our brain waves are more active when we are dreaming than when we are awake.
10. Dreamers who are awakened right after REM sleep, are able to recall their dreams more vividly than those who slept through the night until morning.
11. People who are giving up smoking have longer and more intense dreams.
12. Toddlers do not dream about themselves. They do not appear in their own dreams until the age of 3 or 4.
13. If you are snoring, then you cannot be dreaming.
14. Nightmares are common in children, typically beginning at around age 3 and occurring up to age 7-8.
15. In a poll, 67% of Americans have experienced Deja Vu in their dreams, occurring more often in females than males.