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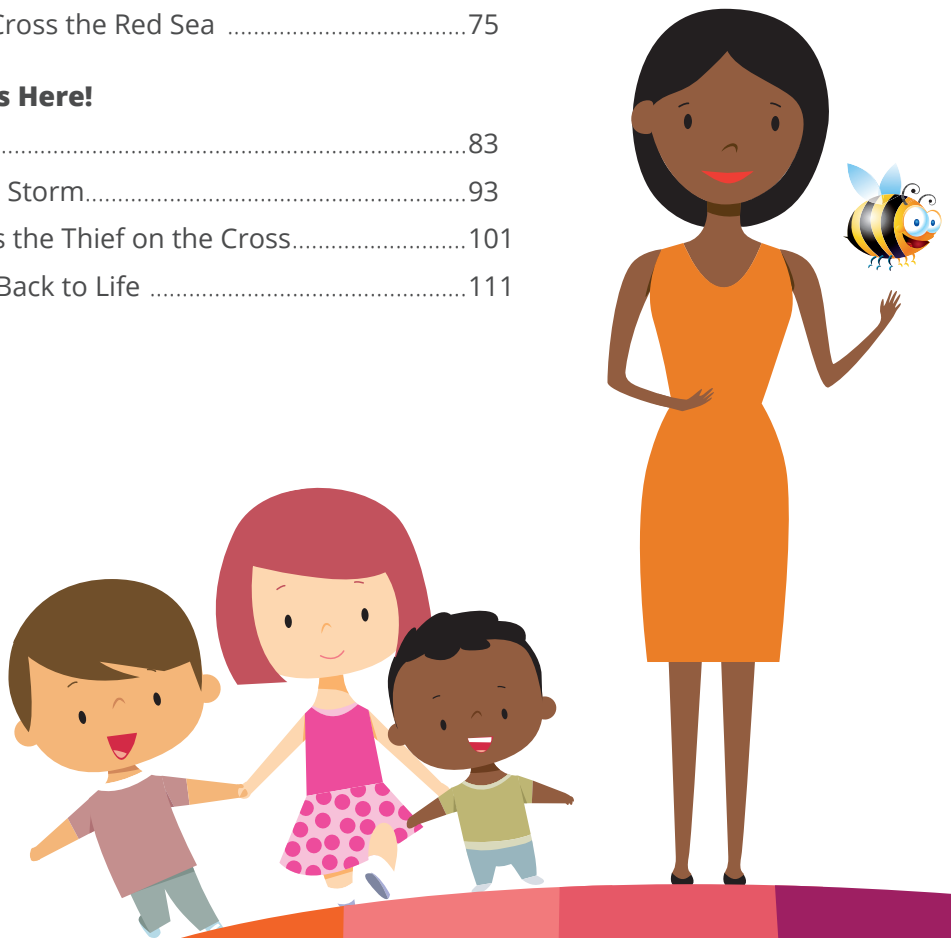
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Welcome to Simply Loved!

Welcome to Simply Loved Sunday school—where you and your team simply experience God’s love and share it with kids.

“Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us.”

(1 John 4:11-12)

With Simply Loved, you, your helpers (we call them Crew Guides), and your kids explore a foundational, Jesus-centered journey through God’s story of love. We believe that faith isn’t a subject to be mastered; it’s a relationship to grow! So every single component of Simply Loved sets the stage for you to more intentionally grow friendship with Jesus and each other. Keep reading to find out what that’ll look like in *your* classroom.

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How It Works

Simple Volunteer Roles

You'll need the following volunteers:

Leader: (That's you!) The one person in each teaching space who has looked over the lesson and will direct all activities. The glance-able, structured lessons in this guide allow leaders to spend more time interacting with kids and less time glued to scripts.

Crew Guide: A helper who simply shows up and participates with kids. Crew Guides don't need to be Bible experts—simply people who love Jesus and kids!



A Simple, Flexible Lesson!

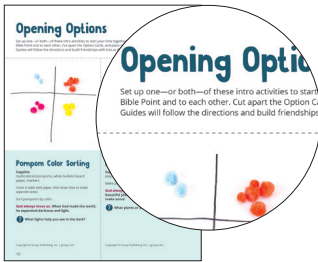
Simple Prep for Leaders

Prepare your heart and pray for the kids before each lesson. Plus, check off supplies as you gather them!



Opening Options

Choose from two opening activities—both introduce the day's Bible Point. Each unit creatively uses the same supplies all four weeks. That means you'll need to gather Opening Options supplies only once a month! If you'd like, set up these Opening Options as activity stations in your room. Simply cut apart the cards you'll find in each lesson and place one at each station to guide activity and conversation. Or, do one or both activities with all kids together. You choose!



Sing & Play

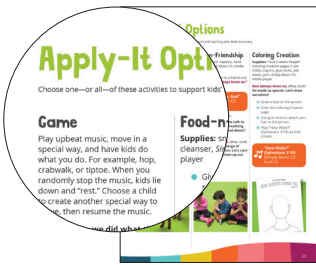
Gather kids to sing and discover the Bible Point. Plus, a Bible Memory Buddy connects the Bible verse to kids' everyday lives.



Bible Discovery

We've given you lots of options, but don't skip this part! It's the "meat" of the lesson where kids experience God's greatest gift in an interactive, hands-on way. There's no time to be bored as kids and Connect Crews follow the Leader through a memorable Bible experience. You'll read directly from the Bible throughout the Bible Discovery, so be sure to mark your place ahead of time and choose a kid-friendly translation to read from. We've intentionally chosen shorter passages for young attention spans.





Apply-It Options

Consider your time frame, and take your pick: a game, a snack, or a Coloring Creation page! Each option applies the Bible Point to everyday kid life, making faith relevant to even young kids.



Goodbye Circle

Wrap up your lesson with a gospel-centered Jesus connection, and remind kids that Jesus is with them wherever they go! Plus, affirm kids by name as you give each child a Bible Memory Buddy sticker at the end of each lesson.

A Simple, Flexible Format!

Age-Graded Classrooms

It's simple! You'll need one prepared leader and at least one helper (we call helpers Crew Guides) for each teaching space. We recommend having a media player handy in each space for music and each week's Bible Memory Buddy video.



Age-Graded Classrooms With a Multi-Age Opening

It's simple! Lead the Sing & Play section with all ages together. Set up a media player in your gathering area so that when you're all together, you can sing along with music videos, introduce the Bible Point, and meet the Bible Memory Buddy! Then, disperse to age-graded classrooms for Bible Discovery, Apply-It Options, and the Goodbye Circle. You'll need one prepared leader and at least one helper (we call helpers Crew Guides) for each teaching space.



One (big or small) Room With Multi-Age Kids

It's simple! You'll need one prepared leader plus at least one helper (we call helpers Crew Guides). Ideally, you'll have one Crew Guide for every five to eight kids, but it can work with your church's volunteer-to-children ratios. We recommend having a media player handy for music and each week's Bible Memory Buddy video.



Our Strategic Approach

There are “whys” behind every lesson component, and we want to share them with you! Here are the guiding principles behind the creation of Simply Loved Sunday school curriculum.

You may have heard...	But we've found...	That's why...
“It’s hard to recruit volunteers.”	When volunteers need less prep time, have fun, and feel like they’re making a difference, they’ll make serving a priority.	Simply Loved volunteer roles are important, but easy!
“Kids need to be entertained.”	Kids need to be noticed and loved.	Simply Loved lessons are designed to help you listen to kids and get to know them.
“You need a lot of supplies.”	You need only a few supplies used in creative ways.	Simply Loved incorporates minimal supplies each unit but uses them in innovative ways to introduce and apply the day’s lesson.
“We need helpers—any warm body will do.”	Helpers don’t just assist. Even though they don’t need to prep, they serve an important relational purpose and make a big difference in kids’ lives.	Simply Loved helpers have a name and an elevated role: they’re “Crew Guides”! They participate along with the kids, play a meaningful role in lessons, and make a difference by building friendships with kids.
“Kids are rarely able to remember Scripture.”	Creating a visual and emotional connection to Scripture dramatically helps kids remember and understand why the Bible matters in their everyday lives.	Simply Loved incorporates kid-friendly videos featuring Bible Memory Buddies (animals God created) to help them understand Bible truths and trigger Scripture memory. And Bible Memory Buddies help discoveries stick! (wink, wink)
“Teachers are Bible experts.”	Teachers are channels of friendship who help children understand and experience Jesus’ love.	Simply Loved uses human relationships to communicate God’s love in a tangible way. Built-in conversation starters help teachers share their personal stories and their own friendship with Jesus.
“Covering a lot of information is intimidating.”	Reaching children is simple when you focus on one Bible Point.	Simply Loved repeats key Bible Points in different ways so truths sink deep. And it combines the repetition of a Bible Point with an auditory and physical response that will stick with kids long after your lesson ends.
“Success requires getting through the whole lesson.”	You’ll clearly communicate the key Bible Point no matter how far you get.	With Simply Loved, a palette of Bible Point-supporting options gives you the freedom to choose what works for your kids and your time frame. So no matter how much of the lesson you complete, the Truth from God’s Word shines through.
“Kids’ll get bored if you repeat something they’ve heard before.”	Kids appreciate routine and repetition when it’s done in a fun way.	Simply Loved’s scope and sequence intentionally repeats the Bible verse and Point for four weeks. This strategically cements Bible learning no matter how often kids attend.

A Faith Foundation for Young Children

As their leader, you get to show young children what loving Jesus looks like! And Simply Loved will help. Simply Loved incorporates these Age-Level Building Blocks to create a wonderful foundation for young children to learn to love and follow Jesus.



Young children are active! They like to move and use their whole bodies to make discoveries, so Simply Loved lessons engage young kids in a variety of active, hands-on ways.

Young children have short attention spans. Simply Loved lessons are broken down into bite-size pieces. Be sure to use the Simply Loved classroom songs to help young kids move from one thing to the next.

Young children feel so many things! Anger, frustration, love, comfort, fear. When you're sharing a Bible story, Simply Loved identifies a key emotion in the story and pauses to ask young children about a time they felt that way. Connecting to emotion cements learning and helps young children know that Jesus understands their feelings and is with them, no matter what.

Jesus often used tangible examples to make abstract learning more concrete. So Simply Loved uses everyday preschool items like blocks, backpacks, dolls, and trains!

It's young children's job to play! So Simply Loved incorporates imagination and play into Bible teaching.

Young children learn through repetition, so Simply Loved repeats, repeats, repeats. Each Simply Loved Pre-K & K lesson is centered around one easy-to-remember Bible Point that's said over and over. Repetition helps cement Bible truths into young minds and hearts to help them—not just someday, but right now!

Keep it simple. Young children need to know basic truths about God, so keep it simple! Simply Loved keeps memory verses simple and easy to understand, crafts simple so little hands can handle them, and games simple so kids can jump right in and play. We've left snacks up to you, so keep snacks simple and be mindful of allergies.

Young children thrive when they know what to expect. So Simply Loved establishes a predictable classroom routine young children can rely on.

Young children are busy explorers! Sometimes their curiosity can lead to unexpected emergencies. Be sure to supervise your little friends as they work with small objects to prevent choking hazards. And always double check for allergies before serving food. Most times, Simply Loved leaves snack choices up to you; however, if food supplies are listed, note this allergy alert to remind you to use caution when serving your young friends.

⚠️ *Allergy alert! Check for food allergies or limitations before serving.*

Classroom Transition Song Lyrics 🎵

Catchy transition music signals times of welcome, cleanup, prayer, and send-off, and these songs help kids wrap up one activity and move on to the next. These high-quality songs have been professionally produced so leaders don't need to be vocalists. But if you do want to sing along, here are the words!

The Cleanup Song

Doot, doot, doo, doo, doo.
Time to clean up.
Clean up!
Cleanup can be fun!
Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh!
Clean up!
Cleanup can be fun!
Doot, doot, doo, doo, doo.
Now our cleanup—
Is done!
Cleanup can be fun.
Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh!
Clean up!
Cleanup can be fun!

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Hello, My Friends

Hello, my friends. *(wave)*
Who's here today? *(shrug shoulders)*
Let's say hello and play a game! *(wave)*
C'mon, shake a hand.
High-five!
Spin around.
Now say your name!
Jesus loves you, *(hug yourself)*
Yes, it's true. *(nod yes)*
He loves you, he loves you,
He loves you, he loves you! *(point to friends)*
Jesus loves you, *(hug yourself)*
Yes, it's true. *(nod yes)*
He loves you.
He loves you, and you, and you,
and you, and you! *(point to friends)*
Hello, my friends. *(wave)*
Who's here today? *(shrug shoulders)*
Let's say hello *(wave)*
and shout hooray! *(pump fist in air)*

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God, You Are So Good

God, you are so good. *(extend arms up)*
We thank you for our food. *(fold hands together)*
You give me what I need. *(hold arms out)*
You take good care of me. *(hug yourself)*
Amen. *(fold hands together)*

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Goodbye, My Friends

Goodbye, my friends. *(wave one hand)*
It's time to go. *(wave other hand)*
It's time to make my way back home. *(march in place)*
I know Jesus loves me. *(hug yourself)*
He loves me so, oh! *(spread arms wide)*
Everywhere I go, *(march in place)*
Jesus loves me. *(hug yourself)*
Everywhere I go, *(march in place)*
He's thinking of me. *(point to head)*
Everywhere I go, *(march in place)*
Jesus loves me. *(hug yourself)*
Everywhere I go. *(march in place)*
Goodbye, my friends. *(wave)*

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Supply Closet Inventory

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Have these items handy for some hands-on fun this quarter!

Program Essentials

- Bible
- Music CD*
- Buddy Video DVD*
- Music Video DVD*
- Bible Story posters*
- Bible Memory Buddy posters*
- Bible Memory Buddy stickers*
- Coloring Creation pages*
- media player

Art Supplies

- crayons, including multicultural crayons
- glue sticks
- Glue Dots
- craft sticks
- markers
- child-safe scissors
- glitter
- paper
- construction paper
- scraps of colorful paper
- heart stickers
- multicolored pompoms in a variety of sizes
- yellow yarn
- small strips of yellow paper
- orange tissue paper
- yellow or gold chenille wires

Toys & Goodies

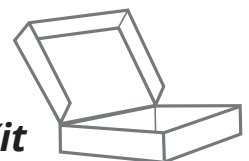
- play dough
- snack (you choose!)
- sponges in various sizes
- building blocks
- several inflated beach balls
- brown felt squares
- cotton balls
- small pieces of colorful fabric
- shaving cream

Odds & Ends

- napkins
- hand cleanser
- wet wipes
- tissues
- 2- or 3-ounce paper cups
- leader's coat
- paper towels
- clothespins
- disposable paper bowls
- water
- waterproof containers
- spray bottle with water (*optional*)
- grass or strips of green paper
- blue plastic tablecloths or towels
- large bedsheets
- container of spice (like cinnamon or nutmeg)



* in your **Simply Loved Kit**



Joseph's Story

Genesis 37:1-36

Joseph Annoys His Brothers

Bible Point

God is good no matter what.

Purpose

You could say that Joseph came from a “good” family. They weren’t perfect by any stretch of the imagination, but his great-grandfather, Abraham, had passed his faith in God down to future generations. This faithful family was not always a functional one, however. For Joseph and his brothers, jealousy, rivalry, and anger broke apart God’s chosen family.

Young children’s lives revolve around their families—and the good and not-so-good dynamics that come with them. Unfortunately, families seem to fall apart rather easily these days, and kids are often the ones most hurt by the fracture. When young kids don’t feel simply loved by family members, they’re still simply loved by God. Even when bad things happen, God’s goodness never changes. You’ll help young kids discover that God’s a good Father whose love endures through any circumstance.



Prayer

God, you are a good Father. Thanks for loving my family members and placing me in their lives. Thanks for my little Pre-K & K family, too. May we experience your unfailing goodness together today. In Jesus’ name, amen.

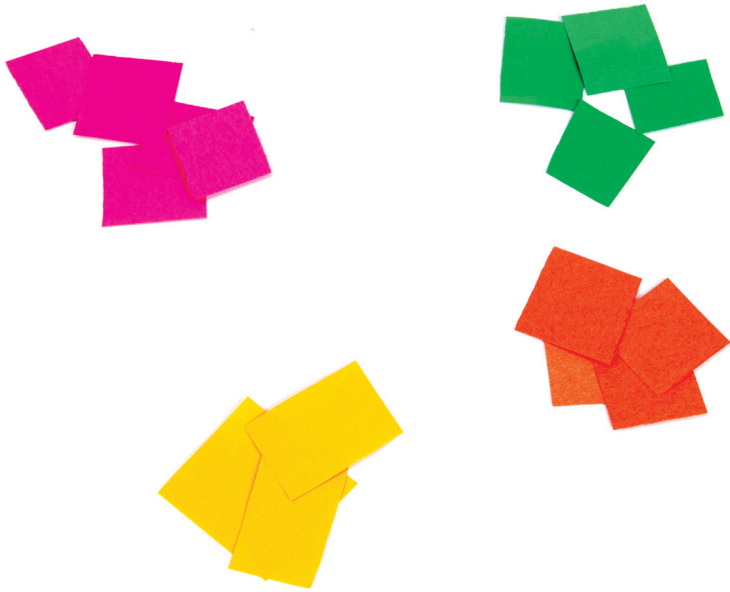
Prep

Opening Options	Sing & Play	Bible Discovery & Goodbye Circle	Apply-It Options
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Option Cards* <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Sorting: scraps of colorful paper <input type="checkbox"/> Play Dough Pools: play dough 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Music CD* <input type="checkbox"/> Music Video DVD* <input type="checkbox"/> Buddy Video DVD* <input type="checkbox"/> Mack Bible Memory Buddy poster* <input type="checkbox"/> media player <input type="checkbox"/> Bible (bookmark Nahum 1:7) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> “Joseph Annoys His Brothers” Bible Story poster* <input type="checkbox"/> Music CD* <input type="checkbox"/> Mack Bible Memory Buddy stickers* (1 per child) <input type="checkbox"/> media player <input type="checkbox"/> Bible (bookmark Genesis 37:2-4, 6-8) <input type="checkbox"/> leader’s coat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Game: cotton balls <input type="checkbox"/> Food-n-Friendship: snack, napkins, hand cleanser, Music CD*, media player <input type="checkbox"/> Coloring Creation: “Joseph Annoys His Brothers” Coloring Creation pages* (1 per child), crayons, glue sticks, small pieces of colorful fabric, Music CD*, media player

* in your **Simply Loved Kit** 

Opening Options

Set up one—or both—of these intro activities to start your time together. Each activity connects kids to the Bible Point and to each other. Cut apart these Option Cards, and place one by each activity you choose. Crew Guides will follow the directions and build friendships with kids as they make discoveries together.



Paper Sorting

Supplies

- scraps of colorful paper

Mix up all the scraps of paper, then sort them by color. Once sorted, count each color!

? What's your favorite color?

? Tell about a favorite piece of clothing that's your favorite color.

God is good no matter what. God is so good, and he filled the world with beautiful colors. In our Bible story today, we'll meet a boy who received a special, colorful coat.

Play Dough Pools

Supplies

- play dough

Make swimming pools or bathtubs that could hold water.

? Tell about a time you played in water. Where were you?

It's fun to play in water. In our Bible story today, we'll find out about a boy whose brothers put him in a well—a big, empty water container in the ground—and that was *not* so fun. But this boy discovered **God is good no matter what.**

Opening

Now's a great time for Opening Options. Choose one—or both—to introduce today's Bible discoveries.



"The Cleanup Song" (*Music CD track 1*)

Help kids transition by cleaning up before sitting with their Connect Crews. A Connect Crew is a smaller group of kids with one Crew Guide.

Sing & Play

Welcome

Hello, friends! It's so good to see you today. Let's sing our welcome song.



"Hello, My Friends" (*Music CD track 2*)

It's so *good* to have friends with us today. Let's say hello to our Crew Guides. They're our go-to friends who are here to have fun and learn along with us.

- Kids give their Crew Guides a high-five.

Bible Point

Today's Bible Point is **God is good no matter what**. Every time you hear the words **"God is good,"** pump your fist in the air and shout, **"no matter what!"** Let's try that together. Repeat several times.

We can always count on God. Will you say this rhyme with me? I'll say a line, and then you repeat after me.

One, two, three, (*count on fingers*)

God is good to me. (*point to yourself*)

Four, five, six, (*count on fingers*)

God's goodness always sticks. (*clasp hands together*)

Seven, eight, nine, (*count on fingers*)

God is good all the time. (*two thumbs-up*)

God is good (*"no matter what!" and pump fist in the air*)

Repeat several times.

Repetition cements learning, so be sure to say today's Bible Point A LOT. Have fun with it! Kids will love listening for it and responding with **"...no matter what!"**

Supplies

- Bible
- *Music CD*
 - "Hello, My Friends"
- *Music Video DVD*
 - "God Is Good" music video
 - "Won't Worry 'Bout a Thing" music video
- *Buddy Video DVD*
 - Mack Bible Memory Buddy video (Week 1)
- media player
- Mack Bible Memory Buddy poster



...no matter what!

No matter what, God loves us. God is good, even when life is scary. God will help us with our worries. Let's sing about that!

 "God Is Good" music video



Bible Memory Buddy & Verse

It's time to talk to our friend Buzzly Bee. Buzzly will introduce us to a Bible Memory Buddy friend. Let's call for Buzzly.


- Flap hands quickly like a bee.
- Make buzzing sounds.

 Mack Bible Memory Buddy video (Week 1)

Mack is our Bible Memory Buddy. He's a rhinoceros!

- Show the Bible Memory Buddy poster.
- Explain that rhinos have horns on their noses.
- Invite kids to cup their hands together on their noses to create a horn like Mack's.

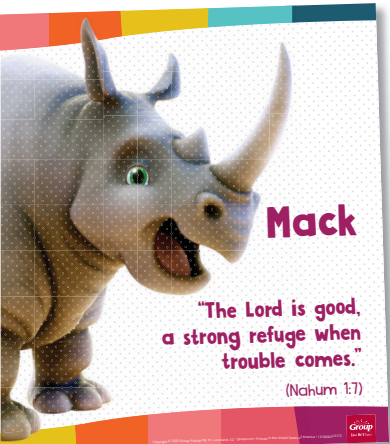
Mack reminds us that God is good (*no matter what!*).

 Show the Bible. **The Bible is God's true story of love! Our Bible Memory Verse comes from the Bible. Let's say it together. I'll say a line, and then you repeat after me.**

"The Lord is good, (*put hands over heart*)
a strong refuge (*place hands over head to make a roof*)
when trouble comes." (*hand over brow, peering into distance*)
(Nahum 1:7)

A refuge is a safe place we can go. A warm house is a refuge when it's cold outside, and an umbrella is a refuge when it's raining. God is our refuge; he'll help and protect us. Let's celebrate with a song!

 "Won't Worry 'Bout a Thing" music video



Bible Discovery

God is good (*no matter what!*). Hold up a Bible. **Our story from the Bible is about a teenager named Joseph. Joseph was a younger brother. He had 10 older brothers! And he had one younger brother, too. Do this with me.**

- Count on your fingers to 10.
- Hold up one finger for Joseph's younger brother, Benjamin.
- Raise your hand if you have a brother.
- Raise your hand if you have a sister.
- Raise your hand if you have cousins.

Wow! That's a lot of kids. Joseph and his brothers had a job to do in their family. They took care of sheep! They had to watch them closely and keep them safe and out of trouble. Let's pretend we're shepherds and sheep in our Connect Crews.

- Have each Connect Crew choose a child to be the Shepherd. The other kids will be sheep.
- Have the Shepherds walk around their circles and count the sheep as they tap them gently on the head.
- Encourage sheep to baa when they're counted.

Thanks, shepherds. Looks like all your sheep are here and happy. You can sit down and rest with them now as I read about the job Joseph and his brothers had.

 Read aloud Genesis 37:2.

Uh-oh! Joseph's brothers did some bad things. That's not good. So Joseph told his dad what they were doing. I wonder...

- ❓ **How do you feel when someone tells on you? Make faces to show me how you feel.** Pause as kids make faces.
- Comment on some of the faces you see, and add your own. You may notice sad, mad, or worried faces.


Getting in trouble doesn't feel very good. But **God is good (*no matter what!*). God's good when we aren't. And he always loves us no matter what we do. It's too bad that Joseph's older brothers didn't seem to know that. They didn't like Joseph. But let's read and see how Joseph's dad, Jacob, felt about Joseph.**

 Read aloud Genesis 37:3-4.

Supplies

- Bible
- "Joseph Annoys His Brothers" Bible Story poster
- leader's coat

We call helpers Crew Guides. If you lead a small class, you can be the Crew Guide. Simply gather kids in a cozy circle around you. If you have helpers, form smaller groups so each child can be known—and so kids can befriend your helpers, too!

 Read the verses from the Bible. You're showing kids that God's Word is special. And don't worry; we've kept the verses short for young attention spans.

Keep your Sundays simple—and your kids delighted—with Simply Loved.

This Pre-K & K Leader Guide provides a step-by-step, simple-to-follow plan for Simply Loved Quarter 2 lessons. Featuring memorable, hands-on, friendship-focused activities, each lesson easily adapts to your unique Sunday school format while guiding kids on a foundational, Jesus-centered journey through God’s story of love.

This quarter’s Bible discoveries:

Unit/Week	Unit Theme	Lesson Theme
Unit 1/Week 1	Joseph’s Story	Joseph Annoys His Brothers (Genesis 37:1-36)
Unit 1/Week 2		Joseph Goes to Jail (Genesis 39)
Unit 1/Week 3		God Helps Joseph Interpret Dreams (Genesis 40–41)
Unit 1/Week 4		Joseph Forgives His Brothers (Genesis 42–45)

Unit/Week	Unit Theme	Lesson Theme
Unit 2/Week 1	The Exodus	Moses Is Rescued by Pharaoh’s Daughter (Exodus 2:1-10)
Unit 2/Week 2		Moses Talks to God at a Burning Bush (Exodus 2:23–4:17)
Unit 2/Week 3		God Spares the Israelites at Passover (Exodus 11–12:42)
Unit 2/Week 4		The Israelites Cross the Red Sea (Exodus 14)

Unit/Week	Unit Theme	Lesson Theme
Unit 3/Week 1	Never Fear, Jesus Is Here!	Jesus Is Born (Luke 2:1-20)
Unit 3/Week 2		Jesus Calms a Storm (Mark 4:35-41)
Unit 3/Week 3		Jesus Forgives the Thief on the Cross (Luke 23:32-49)
Unit 3/Week 4		Jesus Comes Back to Life (Luke 24:1-12, 36-49)



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