




## Supplies

- Bible

# I Wonder...

Remember this part of the Bible story?

 Read aloud Genesis 37:19-22.

**? I wonder...what exactly is a cistern?** Invite ideas from the whole group.

**A cistern is a large hole dug in the ground and used for collecting and storing water. Luckily for Joseph, the cistern his brothers threw him into was empty.**

**? What do you think it would have been like for Joseph inside the cistern?**

**It may have been dark, damp, cold, and lonely in that cistern. Joseph may have wondered if anyone would find him. Let's play a game to experience what that may have been like.**

- Play a game like Hide-and-Seek—with eyes closed!
- Encourage "Hiders" to carefully hide under tables, in corners, or in cramped spaces that'll be hard for the "Seeker" to locate easily.
- The Seeker must keep eyes closed as he or she searches for Hiders.
- If the Seeker struggles, have Hiders give clues by clapping their hands.
- When you're done playing the game, have everyone sit in Crew circles.

**? What was it like to be a person who hid? Was it hard to wait? Tell why.**

**In our Bible story, things weren't going Joseph's way. As he was sitting in that cistern, it may have been hard for Joseph to wait and trust that God is good no matter what.**

**? Tell about a time in your life you felt stuck in a hard situation.** Share an age-appropriate example from your own life to begin the conversation.

**God was with Joseph when his life didn't go the way he thought it should—even when he was thrown into a cistern! God was with Joseph, and God is with us, too. We can remember that **God is good** (no matter what!).**





## Supplies

- paper
- pencils

# Make It Real

Today we're discovering that **God is good** (*no matter what!*). Let's make that truth a little more real.

Give everyone a piece of paper and a pencil.

Let's draw Joseph's story. I'll mention parts of the story, and it'll be your job to draw them. That sounds easy enough, but there is a twist.

Put your paper on your head. You'll need to draw on your paper without looking!

Are you ready? Here we go!

Give instructions one at a time, and make sure there is no peeking while children wait for others to finish. You want the picture to be jumbled up in the end.

1. Draw Joseph.
2. Draw Joseph's brothers.
3. Add a coat to Joseph.
4. Draw the cistern.
5. Add angry faces to Joseph's brothers.

When everyone is finished, have kids look at their drawings. Welcome initial reactions and giggles.

**?** Does your picture look like you imagined it would? Why or why not?

Sometimes things in our lives don't go as we planned. Things might feel like those jumbled-up pictures we just drew. Maybe we don't do well on a test, someone we care about is sick, or something unfair happens. Even in those hard times, we can remember that God cares about us, and we can trust that **God is good** (*no matter what!*).





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