

WEEK 2

GOD IS TRUTH

GOD'S WORD IS TRUE

PRIMARY LESSON GUIDE

THE FOUR KEYS

KEY VERSE

Sanctify them in the truth; Your Word is truth. John 17:17

KEY IDEAS

1. Everything God says is true and good.
2. God's Word never fails.
3. God's Word never changes.

KEY PASSAGE

Genesis 40-41

KEY PRINCIPLES



EVERY CHILD SHOULD KNOW . . .

God is truth and His Word is right and true and good. The Bible tells us who we are and who He is.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD FEEL . . .

eager to search for truth in God's Word.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD BE ABLE TO . . .

trust God's Word as truth and tell the truth to others.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD WANT . . .

to know and share truth from God's Word with others.

INTRODUCTION

God is the creator of the universe, and He gives meaning to everything He creates. God alone has the authority to define what is true and false. In the Old Testament, God gave His people truth by speaking to them and by revealing His Word through His chosen messengers. In the New Testament, the disciples who followed Jesus recorded the true things He said and did. We can know truth today by reading God's Word. The Bible tells us who God is and what His purpose is for all of His creation. God wants us to know Him and know truth by reading His Word and living it out for His glory!

OPENING ILLUSTRATION

Begin class by having children sit in a circle on the floor. Ask "What is something that is true? What is something that is false or a lie?" Explain that you will ask them a series of questions and every time you say something that is true, the children should jump up, spread out their arms, and yell "Truth!". Every time you say something false, children should curl up into a ball and yell "False!". Make the "false" statements something that is obviously false, such as, "People walk on the ceiling." At the end of the exercise, ask the children, "How do you know when something is true or false?" There's proof that we can observe! We know people can't walk on the ceiling because we see them walk on the ground. If someone tried to walk on the ceiling, they'd fall down! In the same way, we know God is real because we see His creation. God is true and His Word is true and we can test everything by it.

STORY

Summarize Genesis 40-41. Use the Jesus Storybook Bible if you have it.

What is the craziest dream you've ever had? Do you always know what your dreams mean? Well, God used a man named Joseph to explain the dreams of the Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, so that God's special people, the Israelites, could be saved! This story shows us that God is real and true and that knowledge and truth come from Him! First, Joseph interpreted the dreams of two of Pharaoh's workers, the butler and the baker, who were being held in prison with him. The butler (cupbearer) told Joseph about his dream first. Joseph explained that his dream about branches full of ripe, juicy grapes meant that he would be restored to his position in three days! He asked the butler to remember him when he left prison so he could help Joseph be released, too. Next, the baker told Joseph about his dream. Joseph explained that the baker's dream about the baskets of bread eaten by birds meant that in three days, Pharaoh was going to sentence him to death! Just as Joseph said, both of the men's dreams came true. Unfortunately, the butler forgot all about Joseph until two years later when Pharaoh himself was having bad dreams he could not understand. The butler told him about Joseph, and the Pharaoh sent for Joseph to come to him. No one else in Pharaoh's court had been able to help him! Joseph explained that the Pharaoh's dream about the cows and wheat meant there would be seven years of abundant food followed by seven more years of famine where there would be no food! Joseph suggested to Pharaoh what to do about the famine years to keep people from dying of hunger. Pharaoh liked his idea so much that he put Joseph in charge of it! God was with Joseph the whole time, giving him the words to say to interpret the dreams so that the people would not starve. God's Word to Joseph came true every time because God is true and His Word never fails.

ACTIVITY

Use construction paper and crayons to complete the activity sheets attached. Refer back to the lesson as you help the kids with their craft. Ask, "How did Joseph know what was true in the dreams he interpreted?" (God told him.) "How do we know what is true about the world?" (God tells us through His Word what is true. He is the One who created all things and He alone decides what is true and false. His Word never fails.)

PRAYER

Thank God that His Word never fails or changes. Ask Him to help us believe what He says is true and good.

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FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

Psalm 33:4, 2 Peter 1:19-21

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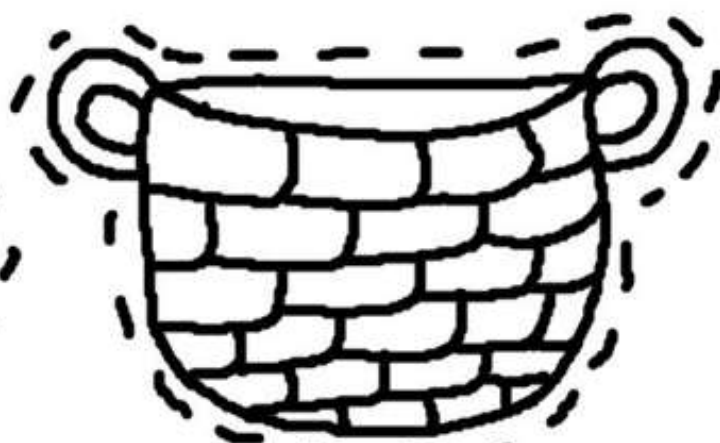
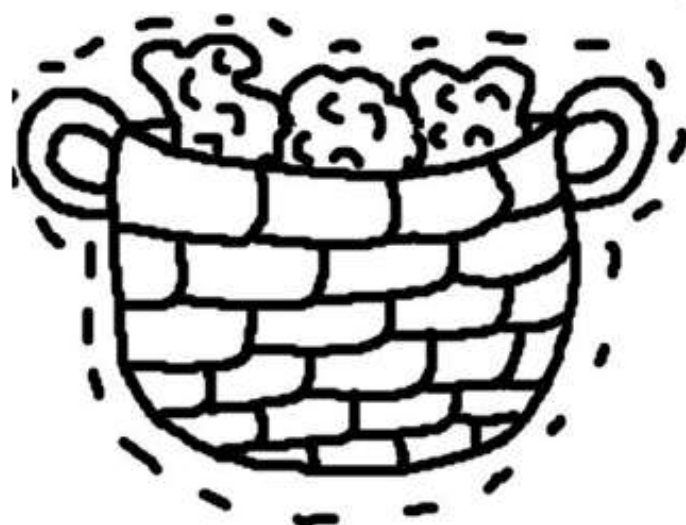
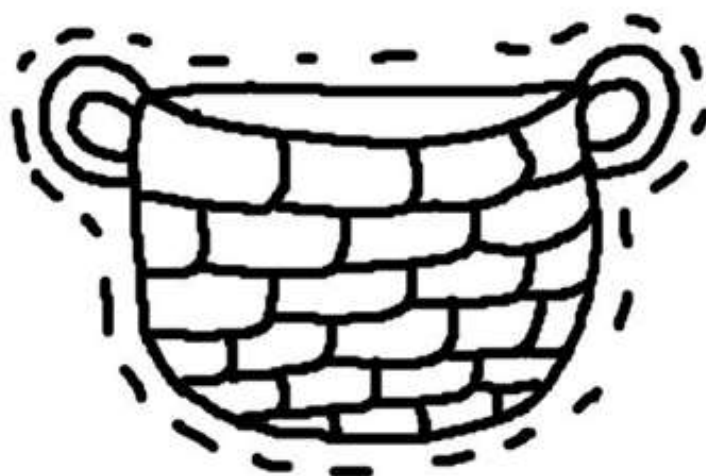
Play a Truth Hunt game. Use plastic eggs or other small containers to hide throughout a room in your house. In only one egg/container, hide a quarter or something else of value. Draw a map to help your child find the egg/container that has the treasure in it. Once they find it, let them have the treasure to keep. Tell them the truth is valuable and God's Word is like the map that helps us find it. Read the story of Genesis 40-41 again with your child (summarize or use the Jesus Storybook Bible). Discuss how Joseph was able to explain the dreams to Pharaoh, the Butler, and the Baker.

DISCUSSION

- How do we know that God is true?
God is the Creator of the whole world and everything in it was designed by Him. Therefore, truth began with Him. God decides what is true and false. Truth cannot even exist outside of Him. God is unchanging and He cannot lie because He is holy and perfect.
- Why is truth important?
Truth is important because God is true, and He desires that we would know the truth. God has a purpose for His children, and He has revealed it to us through His Word, the Bible. By knowing God's Word, we can know truth, trust in Him, and be set free from our sin that keeps us in bondage. God wants His children to be truthful even when it is hard because it is for our good and His glory.

PRAYER

Thank God that He is truth and He gives us His Word so that we might know truth. Ask God to help you know Him better through His Word, recognize what is true and what is false, and believe in Him.



Joseph Interprets The Baker's Dreams

Genesis 40:16 When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said unto Joseph, I also was in my dream, and, behold, I had three white baskets on my head:

Genesis 40:17 And in the uppermost basket there was of all manner of bakemeats for Pharaoh; and the birds did eat them out of the basket upon my head.

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Grape Juice In Cup

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Genesis 40:9 And the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, In my dream, behold, a vine was before me;

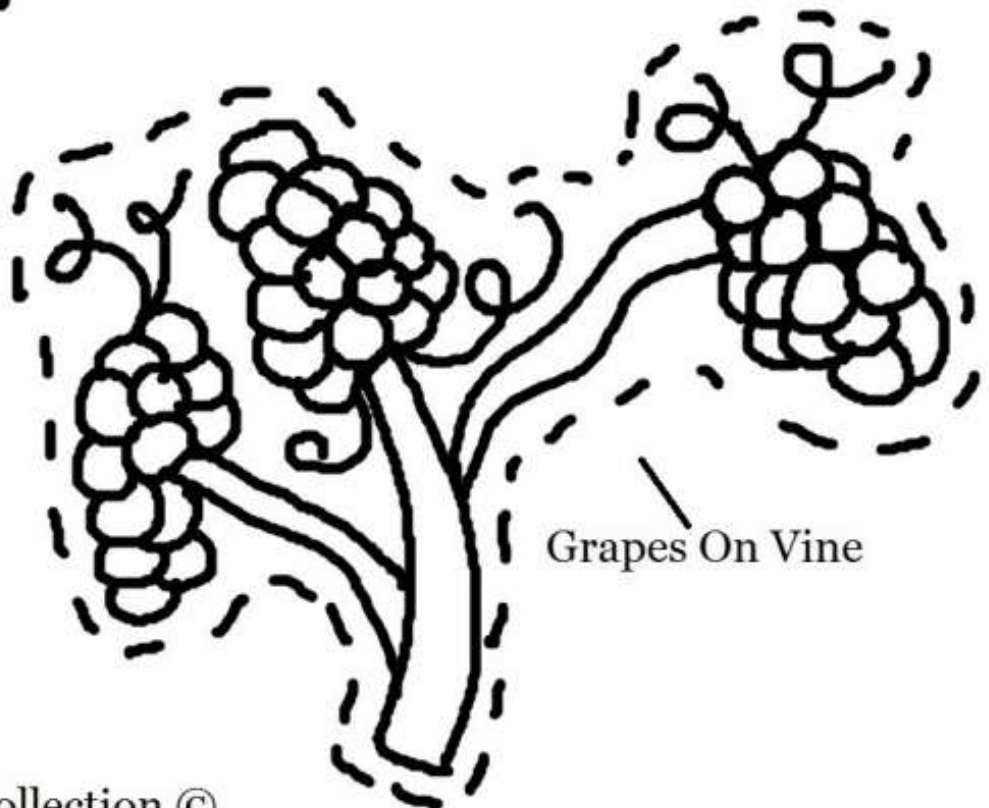
Genesis 40:10 And in the vine were three branches: and it was as though it budded, and her blossoms shot forth; and the clusters thereof brought forth ripe grapes:

Genesis 40:11 And Pharaoh's cup was in my hand: and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand.

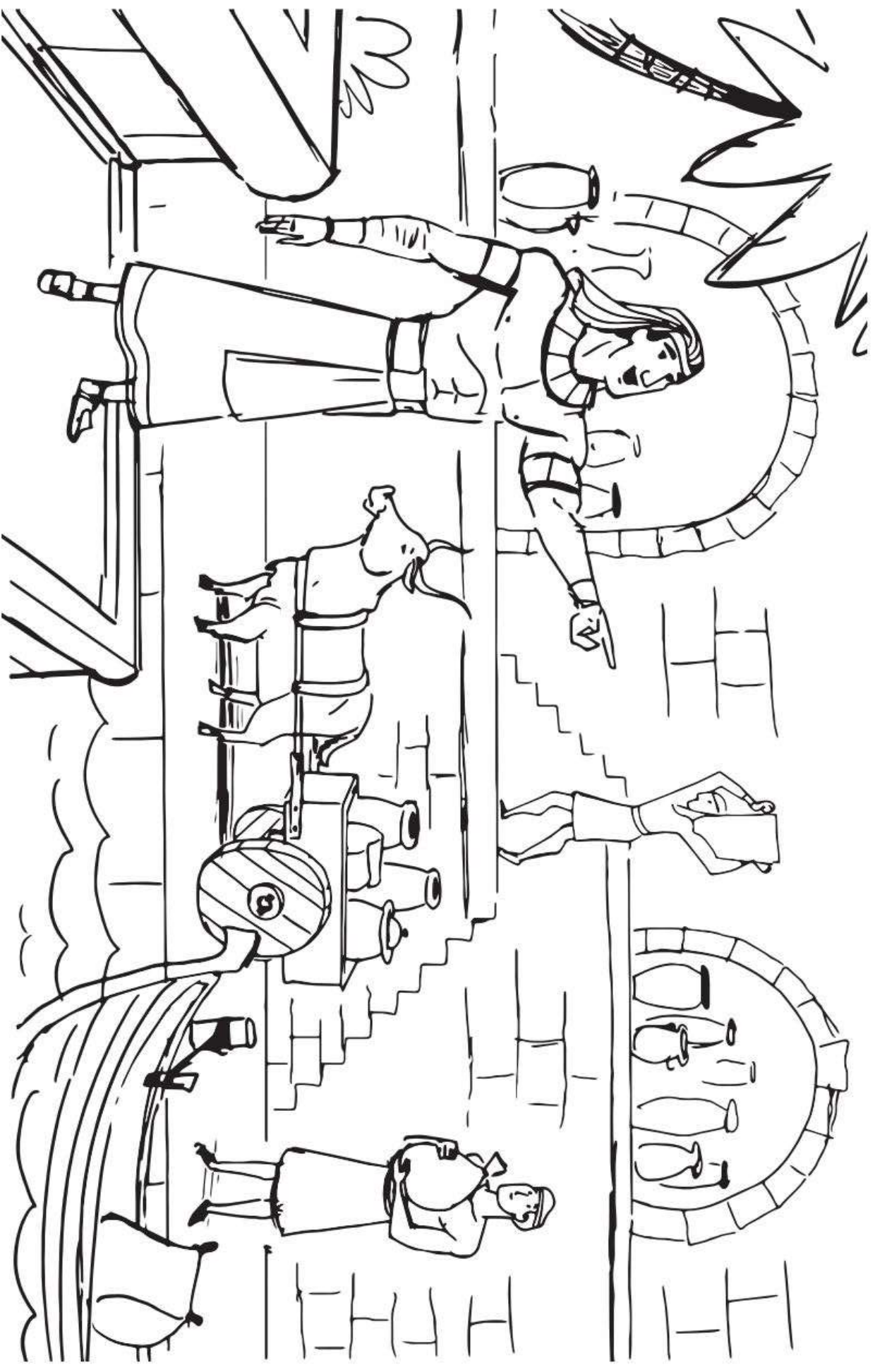
Joseph Interprets The Butler's Dream



Grape Juice
Squeezed Out



Grapes On Vine



God will help me. Isaiah 50:7