

**Lesson 45 : Brothers Sell Him Into Slavery**  
**[Genesis 37:12-36](#)**

**Youtube Link:** <https://youtu.be/B0T0BJ-UE8c>

**Children's Bible Story Video:** <https://youtu.be/VKllf0JKoCc>

**Worship Theme:** God wants us to love one another.

**Memory Verse:** A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. (John 13:34)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. I Have a New Commandment <https://youtu.be/ljo2oGzBFz8>
2. Jesus Loves Children [https://youtu.be/8iUI62Zo\\_Co](https://youtu.be/8iUI62Zo_Co)
3. The love of Jesus <https://youtu.be/W7hfRd0undE>

**Prayer**

**Song (Select songs from the links above)**

**Icebreaker: Opposite Game**



1. It is very important for us to do what we say. If we say that we will be kind, then we have to be kind.
2. Now, we will play a game where students will do opposite of what the teacher says.
  - a. Stand up! (Students sit down)
  - b. Sit down! (Students stand up)
  - c. Put your hands down (Students lift up hands)
  - d. Don't move (Students move around)
  - e. Move to the left (Students move to the right)
  - f. Don't dance (Students dance)
3. Wasn't it hard to do the opposite of what I am saying? God wants us to follow him, not do the opposite of what He tells us!

**Introduction:**

In last week's story, we learned about Jacob's family. Jacob favored Joseph out of his 12 sons. Joseph gave bad reports to his father about his brothers and Joseph described a dream in which his family bowed down to him. This week, we will learn about what happened to this family who were not able to love each other as God loved them.

**Bible Story:**

One day, Joseph's father told him to go find his 10 big brothers. They had taken their sheep far away to find food. Joseph was looking for his brothers and began to hear sheep in the distance, so he headed toward the place. Joseph's brothers saw him coming. They were very angry with him and jealous. They started to talk about the mean things that they'd like to do to him. They talked about hurting him. Some even said they'd like to get rid of Joseph!

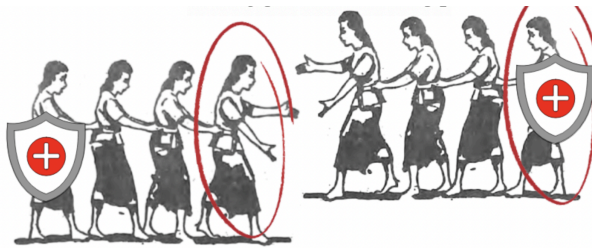
When Joseph got to them, his brothers threw him in a deep well where he could not climb out. Reuben, the oldest brother, planned to return to the well to rescue Joseph later. But Judah, who also did not want Joseph to die in the well, recommended that they sell Joseph as a slave. Then they sold him as a slave to some merchants going to Egypt.

When Joseph's brothers returned to their father, they told him that Joseph had died. Joseph's father thought a ferocious animal killed Joseph. He was very sad. Joseph's brothers had to live with their lie. Joseph became a slave in Egypt.

### Questions to discuss:

- Do the brothers show their love to Joseph? (No)
- What did the brothers do to Joseph? (Threw him into a deep well and sold him as a slave)
- What should you do when you're angry with your brothers or sisters? (Let the children answer)

### Game: Train Game (In Khmer: Protect the chicken)



1. Divide the children into two or more groups.
2. They have to hold each other and the first person has to catch the last person in line.
3. The object of the game is to protect the last person because you love them. (You lose the game if the line breaks.)

### Memory Verse:

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### Craft: "I Love You" Hand



1. Fold paper in half and trace your hand.

2. Cut out the hand by following the trace, but don't cut the edge of the thumb and index finger.



3. Open up the hands and write "I Love You" and give it to your parents (or brother/sister).

**Song (Select songs from the links above)**

**Prayer**

**Devotion for Teachers:** (Please read and pray before the class)

As adult Christians, we struggle daily to do what's right. Reread the story of Reuben and Judah, and consider the difficult situation in this story. Have you ever fought to do the right thing while others simply chose the wrong path? Write down your story this week, and share it with the children in your children's church. Your story may encourage someone else to do what is right.