

Getting to Know Who I Am

The 7 Redemptive Gifts



14 Lesson Introductory Series

WEEK 11 - RULER

10 Minutes: What I Do Best Game

- ✓ Check box list page in Workbook (Use optional PowerPoint Slide as a teaching aid.)

15 Minutes: Bible Character – act out the story about the character

- ✓ Week 9 ~ Bible Character ~Joseph

15 Minutes: Retell the Story Game

- ✓ The teacher will begin the story, and each one should add to the story using clues from a pile in center of floor. This page in the Workbook reviews the story.

15 Minutes: Creative Cover Page for this lesson: Introduce Gift

- ✓ Color or decorate the letters RULER. Decorate with dots, colors, glitter – be creative. Add a drawing or art work for the story of Joseph as time permits.

WEEK 12 - Ruler

10 Minutes: What I Do Best Game

- ✓ Check box list page in Workbook (list includes only characteristics of the gift).

15 Minutes: Bible Character – act out the story about the character

- ✓ Week 2 Review the Story of Joseph

15 Minutes - Creative Corner – show more than 1 solution to the problem.

- ✓ Divide into teams: Can you solve this problem game?

15 Minutes - Return to group for Application to Gift of Ruler

- ✓ Discuss how your group solved the problem

WEEK 11- RULER



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10 Minutes: What I Do Best Game

Teacher: Put a check in the box that most describes you

Spiritual Gift of Ruler

- I like to work under pressure – stress is fun to me.
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- I like to know my friends are loyal to me.
- I am able to see different ways of doing a task.

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Teacher: Divide class according to number of actors needed for the parts listed below:

Narrator: Read from book of Genesis

Actors: (*Children Mime as part is read from Bible*)

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Potiphar's Wife
Prison Warden

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¹⁰ **When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him** and said, "What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?" ¹¹ **His brothers were jealous** of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

Joseph Sold by His Brothers

¹² Now his **brothers had gone** to graze their father's flocks near Shechem, ¹³ and **Israel said to Joseph**, "As you know, your brothers are grazing the flocks near Shechem. Come, I am going to send you to them."

"Very well," he replied.

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When Joseph arrived at Shechem, ¹⁵ a **man found him** wandering around in the fields and asked him, “What are you looking for?”

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So Joseph went after his brothers and found them near Dothan. ¹⁸ But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, **they plotted to kill him**.

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²¹ When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. “Let’s not take his life,” he said. ²² “Don’t shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern here in the wilderness, but don’t lay a hand on him.” **Reuben said** this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father.

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² The LORD was with **Joseph** so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. ³ When his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD gave him success in everything he did, ⁴ Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. **Potiphar** put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned. ⁵ From the time he put him in charge of his household and of all that he owned, the LORD blessed the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph. The blessing of the LORD was on everything Potiphar had, both in the house and in the field. ⁶ So Potiphar left everything he had in Joseph’s care; with Joseph in charge, he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate.

Now **Joseph** was well-built and handsome, ⁷ and after a while his **master’s wife** took notice of Joseph and said, “Come to bed with me!”

⁸ **But he refused.** “With me in charge,” he told her, “my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care. ⁹ No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?” ¹⁰ And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to **go to bed with her or even** be with her.

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But **while Joseph was there in the prison**, ²¹ the LORD was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. ²² **So the warden** put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there. ²³ The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph’s care, because the LORD was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.

15 Minutes: Retell the story

Teacher: (Begin to tell the story, and point to someone or ask for a raise of hands on who knows what is next in the story).

15 Minutes: Creative Cover Page for each lesson: Introduce Gift

Teacher: Use this time to Color or decorate the letters **Ruler** in the Workbook. Children may decorate with dots, colors, glitter. Encourage children to be creative. If time allows, ask the children to add a drawing or art work showing the story of Samuel.

Bible Verse: Learn the Bible Verse from the Workbook or the PowerPoint slide. Practice saying the verse at least 5 times and talk about the meaning of the verse.

Prayer: Ask someone to close the class in prayer. Remind children that next week they will learn more about the Gift of Ruler.

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Teacher: If you have the Gift of Ruler, you have been given the gift and ability to lead others. Rulers help others to share in the work – like Adam and Eve shared in the work of the Garden of Eden.

15 Minutes - Creative Corner – show more than 1 solution to the problem.

✓ Divide class into teams: **Can you solve this problem game?**

Teacher: This week's problem: You have been waiting all year for the baseball season to begin and everyone who wants to play on the team will meet at 3:00PM today. The coach has just had an emergency and cannot make the team meeting. He has appointed you as team assistant coach and told you to choose team members and give them positions on the team. How would you choose the players of your new team and how would you choose the positions they are to play? One more problem – there are 15 people coming and only 9 positions will be chosen. What positions will you assign to the additional 6 players?

Teacher: Review Bible Verse ~ The bible says in Luke 12:11-12 "*When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, ¹² for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say.*" **(Repeat the verse 5 times with the group)**

15 Minutes - Return to group

Teacher: Discuss how your group solved the problem: Use this time to put together in your own words how each group worked together to solve the problem. Show that each member of the team was important to solving the problem.

Review the Bible Verse: Use the workbook or the PowerPoint slide to review the verse.

Prayer: Ask someone to close the class in prayer. Remind children that next week they will learn about the next gift – the spiritual gift of Ruler. Maybe *you* have been given that gift by God.



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Joseph

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Principles

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Prison

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Act 1

Joseph's Dreams

Act 2

Joseph Sold by His Brothers

Act 3

Joseph and Potiphar's Wife

Workbook Pages Week 11 & Week 12

Teacher: Copy a set of the following pages for each child in class. Collect the set at the end of class and place a paper clip on the pages.

Please add these new lessons to the back of each child's workbook.

At the end of 14 weeks, children may take their completed workbooks home with them.

RULER

Week 1

Spiritual Gift of Ruler

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Week 2

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Bible Verse

Luke 12:11-12

“When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, ¹² for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say.”

Joseph had a problem ~

Joseph is a good example of how God uses the person with the Gift of Ruler. Rulers help others to share in the work. Rulers have a lot of power – they need to use it wisely.

What lessons did you learn from the story about the life of Joseph?

If you have the Gift of Ruler, you have been given the gift and ability to lead others.