



# JOSEPH

## A suggested Running Order for each day

### Registration

#### Section One

Games and songs (you will probably need this time at the start while late - comers are being registered)

Brief prayer

Bible Story

Game

Memory verse

Theme song

Quiz

Song

#### Section Two - Table Time

Refreshments (if this is part of your daily programme)

Workbooks

Craft

#### Section Three

Serial time

Eric Liddell

Closing song

### NOTES

1. You will probably want to vary this programme slightly from day to day.
2. An Obvious Point - Make sure, however, that your quiz does not include questions on a story that has not yet been told.
3. It is essential to keep up the pace of the club; the leader must move the meeting decisively from one element to the next.
4. Each person participating must be ready. They should know what they are doing, when they are doing it and be ready to begin without delays to 'get ready'.
5. If your premises permit, it is a good idea (when not dependant on screens for PowerPoint) to have the children facing in a variety of directions for different elements of the programme.
6. If possible use a different room for the Table Time. This will enable you to have everything laid out ready for the children to begin. If you cannot do this, songs provide a useful distraction while the tables are being set.



# JOSEPH - A PICTURE OF JESUS

In this section you will find all that you need for the first part of the programme (stories quizzes etc.). They are presented in the same order for each of the five days, but it is recommended that you vary the programme.



DayOne

## WEDNESDAY

## SUGGESTED GAMES - JOSEPH'S BUSY DAYS

Designate different areas of the room as:

- The kitchen
- The garden
- The prison
- The home
- The granary

You might want to label these various areas in some way.

The children all gather in the centre of the room until the leader shouts out one or other of the locations.

The children then:

- run to that location
  - mime a suitable activity
- *The kitchen* - cooking **or** washing up
  - *The garden* - digging **or** planting
  - *The prison* - sitting looking sad **or** pacing the cell
  - *The home* - sweeping up **or** tidying up
  - *The granary* - writing a list **or** examining the contents of the granary

These are just suggestions; let the children choose their own mimes.

Award points for the best mime.

You can add one other command "*Search all of Egypt*" on this command the children pretend to search the whole of the hall.

## SUGGESTED GAMES - BUILDING THE PYRAMIDS

This is played in the children's teams

It is a simple game but fun!

- All the children take off their shoes
- They then stack them as high as they can
- The tallest stack wins

Points are awarded on the usual 100, 75, 50, 25 basis.

The stack must stand without being touched.

To end the game

- each team takes the top shoe from its stack
- one team member then throws the shoe at the stack (each person throwing must be the same distance away from the stack as all the others).

This time it is the shortest remaining stack that wins.

Again points are awarded on the usual 100, 75, 50, 25 basis.

## BIBLE STORY - STORY OUTLINE AND TEACHING POINTS

Read Genesis 40-41

[Slide 1] **Chapter 40** The story starts with the arrest of two of Pharaoh's high officials the Chief Cup Bearer and the Chief Baker. Both had offended him in some way and as a result they are sent to the same prison in which Joseph is incarcerated. They are obviously, still important enough to be treated with care until their fate is finally determined, so Joseph is appointed to serve them.

*Our standing in the world can change rapidly. In contrast our standing with God is secure, if we are Christians we are his children and nothing can change that – his love is constant and consistent.*

Both men have disturbing dreams in the same night but are unable to understand what they mean. It was a common belief that dreams always had meaning and often foretold the future.

Joseph interprets the Cup Bearer's dream, he is told he will be restored to favour. Joseph takes the opportunity to plead his own innocence and asks that his case be presented to Pharaoh when the Cup Bearer is restored to favour. This he promises to do.

[Slide 2] Encouraged by this favourable prediction, the Baker also seeks Joseph's interpretation of his dream. He, however, is told of a far different fate, within three days he will be executed.

Both interpretations come true.

As so often happens, the Cup Bearer immediately forgets his promise to Joseph who continues to languish in jail.

[Slide 3] **Chapter 41** Two years pass with no change in Joseph's circumstances. Then Pharaoh himself has a series of disturbing dreams. The first is about seven fat cows being devoured by seven thin ones. The second, concerned seven ears of corn growing on a single stalk. Soon they are joined by seven thin parched ears which swallow the fat ones. The wise men of Egypt are summoned but have no idea what the dreams mean.

It is at this moment that the Cup Bearer remembers Joseph and the promise he made to him. Joseph is sent for and having tidied himself up appears before Pharaoh.

He is careful not to claim any ability for himself but gives all the glory to God. The dreams are interpreted: there is to be a seven year period of plenty, followed by a seven year period of drought and famine that will consume all the blessings of the first years. Joseph interprets this as a warning from God, that Pharaoh should begin preparations now, so that Egypt will survive the coming famine.

[Slide 4] Joseph advises that Pharaoh finds a wise man to oversee the nation wide collection and storage of grain. The scheme seems good to Pharaoh and the choice of a wise man, an obvious one. Joseph who wakes up that morning as a prisoner ends the day as second in command of all Egypt. Only Pharaoh himself outranks him.

*The Bible teaches that*

### **Ecclesiastes 3:1**

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:

In God's good providence there was a reason Joseph was sold into slavery in Egypt, why he ended up in jail and why the Cup Bearer forgot his promise – the time was not yet right for Joseph to be raised to power and authority. Peter has some wise words for us when he says:

### **1 Peter 5:6**

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

### **The Final Slide**

Depicts Jesus' encounter with Nathanael recorded in John 1:45-51. When Pharaoh asks Joseph if he can interpret dreams, he answers no (Genesis 41:15-16) asserting that, however, God can (see also Genesis 40:8). Joseph only knew what God chose to reveal to him. Jesus in contrast is God and therefore possesses in full the attributes of God, omniscience or the knowledge of all things.

In this as in everything else, Joseph is just a pale shadow of the Lord Jesus.

*Apply in practical ways what it means to us as individuals that Jesus knows all about us. Emphasise the peace that can come from knowing that nothing will ever surprise the God who loves us so much.*



# 52 RUNNING SCRIPT - JOSEPH



## Slide 1

- Prison interior
  - Joseph appears with cupbearer
  - Dream 'cloud' appears
  - Dream appears in 'cloud'
  - All disappear leaving Joseph
- N.B. This slide and the next are seamless and may seem like a single slide**



## Slide 2

- Baker appears
- Dream 'cloud' appears
- Dream appears in 'cloud'



## Slide 3

- Pharaoh asleep
- Dream 'cloud' appears
- Dream appears in 'cloud'
- Second dream replaces first



## Slide 4

- Rich palace interior
- Angry Pharaoh appears on throne
- Worried courtiers appear



## Slide 5

- Scene with house on right hand side
- Rear view of Christ appears from left Nathanael from right
- Vision of Nathanael under fig tree appears

**END OF POWERPOINT**



## THE MEMORY VERSE

The memory verses for each day are included in the form of a bookmark pdf file – these can be printed from the DVD. Day One also have stocks of all the verses available in a full colour printed form at a small charge

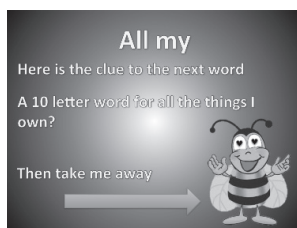
## THEME = THE ALL-KNOWING KING

Psalm 38:9

All my longings lie open before you, O Lord; my sighing is not hidden from you.

There is another PowerPoint for today's verse this time the children have to work out what some of the words are.

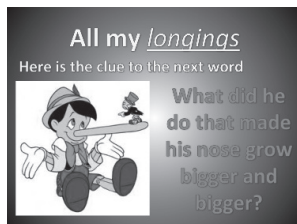
Three slides contain clues that you will need to help the children work out.



They are not expected to get the answer straight away - you need to give them clues along the way!

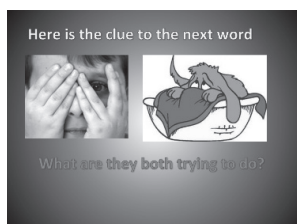
The 10 letter word is 'BELONGINGS'

The first insect is a 'BEE' (works on the sound not the spelling of Bee)



You are left with 'longings'

Pinocchio's nose grew bigger each time he told a 'LIE'



Both the boy and the dog are trying to 'hide'

If they succeed they will be 'HIDDEN'

This is the last word to discover.

## QUIZ 20 QUESTIONS

### HOW TO SCORE

Divide the children into teams. There will be 5 questions for each team. Keep the attention of the other teams by offering the question as a bonus to the first team to put up their hand if the first answer is wrong.

There is a lot about food in today's story so the quiz picks that up as a theme.

- On the CD there are cards with a picture and the name of a food, 20 in all.
- Each time a team gets a question right they pick a card.

- At the end of the quiz give them 5 minutes (the length of time is up to you) to make as many words as they can out of the letters on the cards.
- No single letter can be used more than once.
- The teams get 10 bonus points for each word they can make.

### SUGGESTED QUESTIONS

Please check that all the questions asked are based on information that the person telling the story actually imparted, if this is not so it gives an unfair advantage to 'churched children' present.

1. What was the name of the young girl who entered Eric's life? **[Answer - Florence McKenzie ]**
2. What country did she come from? **[Answer - Canada]**
3. What happened to Eric's father James? **[Answer - He suffered a stroke]**
4. What part of her schoolwork did Eric help Flo with? **[Answer - Her Maths]**
5. Name one of the prisoners who were in jail with Joseph. **[Answer - Either the cup bearer or the baker]**
6. Name the other. **[Answer - Either the cup bearer or the baker]**
7. What happened in the cup bearer's dream? **[Answer - He saw grapes being squeezed into Pharaoh's cup]**
8. What does Joseph say will happen to him? **[Answer - He will be restored to favour]**
9. What happened in the baker's dream? **[Answer - He saw birds eating bread from baskets on his head]**
10. What does Joseph say will happen to him? **[Answer - He will be executed]**
11. What favour did Joseph ask? **[Answer - That the cup bearer present his case to Pharaoh]**
12. What did the cup bearer do? **[Answer - He forgot all about Joseph]**
13. Who else had a disturbing dream in the story? **[Answer - Pharaoh]**
14. What was his first dream about? **[Answer - 7 fat cows being eaten by 7 thin cows]**
15. What was his second dream about? **[Answer - 7 ears of ripe corn being joined by 7 poor ears of corn which swallow the good ears]**
16. What did Joseph say the dream meant? **[Answer - There would be 7 years of plenty followed by 7 years of famine]**
17. What advice did Joseph give Pharaoh? **[Answer - To appoint a man to store grain in the 7 ears of plenty so as to be ready for the famine]**

18. Who did Pharaoh appoint? [Answer - Joseph]
19. Who did Jesus tell 'all about himself' in the last slide? [Answer - Nathanael]
20. What big word do we use to say that Jesus knows everything there is to know? [Answer - Omniscience]

### (3) ERIC LIDDELL STORY OUTLINE WITH TEACHING POINTS

#### 1930-1934 THE YEARS OF SEPARATION

[Slide 1] On April 2nd AP Cullen and two of the missionaries, were in Peitaiho when an argument broke out with some Chinese who were demanding money. A shot rang out and Scarlett fell from the saddle of his donkey. The wound was fatal.

*Being a Christian does not mean that we are in some way shielded from all the problems non-Christians face. Make it clear to the children that if they put their trust in Christ it will not mean that all their problems will vanish. What will change is that they will not have to face them alone. Christ will always be there to give them the strength they need.*

[Slide 2] Eric's response was immediate and typical of him. He wrote to the LMS cancelling his furlough and studies in order to fill the vacancy the tragedy had created.

[Slide 3] He and Flo were formally engaged and she departed for Canada to study. They were formidable indeed and included 700 hours of classroom instruction as well as practical work in the 800 bed Toronto General Hospital. The total amounted to 58 hours each and every week. It was designed "to weed out the unfit and the unsuitable". The day began at 5:45am with prayers with lights out at 10:00pm.<sup>1</sup>

*Christian work often involves long years of preparation.*

[Slide 4] At the end of her first year she and Eric spent a very brief time together as he transited through Canada to England for his delayed study furlough. The visit coincided with her term time so their meetings were always brief and Flo always very tired.

[Slide 5] Eric's studies had to be combined with deputation meetings, the LMS had a £19,000 deficit in its budget and Eric was a popular speaker, consequently, his timetable was a punishing one. It included a meeting for the Lord's Day Observance Society (LDOS now known as Day One), at the rally, Eric introduced a resolution that was close to his heart. <sup>2</sup>It stated:

***"that the meeting is of the opinion that the increasing use of the Lord's day for games and recreation, however harmless in themselves, is detrimental to the highest interest of the youth of the country, as well as adding to the amount of unnecessary labour of other people; and calls upon the young people's organisations to give full consideration to this aspect of the question"***

*DayOne still seeks to remind both the Christian community and often the Government that Sunday, the Lord's Day is a very special gift from God. It was given to us as a day when we can leave aside the necessary tasks that occupy us from Monday to Saturday and spend the day in rest and worship. It is unique, all our other divisions of time: the day; the month and the year are based on astronomical cycles. The week brings to remembrance the rest of God after the days of creation.*

<sup>1</sup>Author's personal comment - Oddly the exact same routine my wife and I experienced in our 3 years of initial training. Old fashioned maybe, but good preparation for a life in ministry.

<sup>2</sup>Eric is probably best known not for his missionary work that is the subject of this Club but for his refusing to run in the Paris Olympics of 1924 in the events that were to be held on a Sunday. Nevertheless, he went on to win Gold over a distance he did not normally compete in. This part of his life is covered in Just add Children - Bible Pentathlon by Colin D Jones published by DayOne (2012) ISBN 978-1846253294

# RUNNING SCRIPT - LIDDELL



## Slide 1

- Typical Chinese background man arrives on donkey  
**Automatic slide from this point on**
- Shot is fired
- Man falls off donkey



## Slide 2

- Scene of a bench
- Eric appears writing a letter to say he will not go home on furlough



## Slide 3

- A bed
- Flo appears tired and in a nurses uniform



## Slide 4

- Sunset scene
- Eric and Flo together holding hands



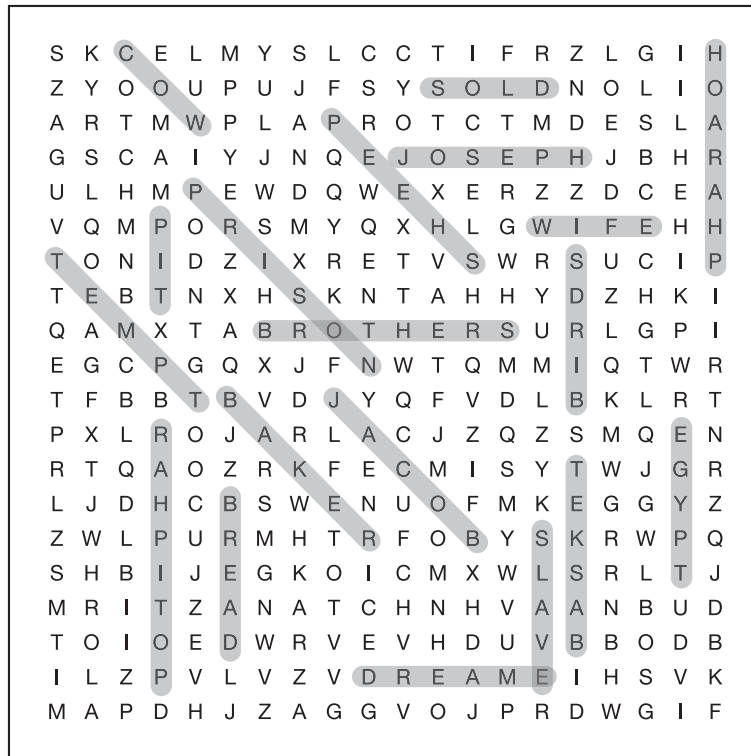
## Slide 5

- Scene with Lord's Day Observance Society Banner
- Eric preaching
- Men working on Lord's day appear top left
- Men at sports on Lord's day appear top right

**END OF POWERPOINT**



## NOTES ON TODAY'S WORKSHEET



The Job	Yes	No
Computer programmer		✓
Slave master	✓	
Priest	✓	
Taxi driver		✓
Pilot		✓
Farmer	✓	
Soldier	✓	
Sailor	✓	
Airman		✓
Prison warder	✓	
Baker	✓	
Butcher	✓	
Cup-bearer	✓	
Bus driver		✓

The famous Bible character is

**DANIEL**