

INDIGENOUS IMPACT SUNDAY SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Date	June 13
Lesson 2	Lord, Make Us Fruitful
Story	Joseph
Goal	To grow in the plans and dreams God has for them.
Truth	God will help you grow as you stay close to Him.
Memory Verse	I Peter 2:9 "royal priesthood"
Craft	Dream
Game	Dress up relay

Suggested Order of Activity

1. Opening Prayer
2. Optional Song: Read Your Bible, Pray Every Day and You'll Grow, Grow, Grow
3. Verse Teaching Method: Word Scramble
4. Story: Joseph
5. Craft: Dream
6. Game: Dress Up Relay
7. Closing Prayer

Memory Verse

Indigenous Impact is about prayer and God's Word changing our lives, families, and nations. I Peter 2:9 talks to us about the change or impact God wants to make in us. This verse can be sung to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star". Each week, we will focus on a various aspects of this verse and pray scripture into our lives.

But you are
**a chosen people,
a royal priesthood,
a holy nation,
a people belonging to God,**
that you may declare the praises of him
who called you out of darkness
into his wonderful light.
1 Peter 2:9 (NIV)

WORD SCRAMBLE

Write each line of the verse on a separate sheet of paper. Tape up the lines in the wrong order. Students can put it in the correct order. Recite the verse together. Students can remove lines and practice it until it is memorized.

As you memorize the verse, ask: What does "royal" mean? *It means related to a king.* Who is our King? *God is! We are His children – princes and princesses in God's family.* What does priesthood mean? *People who are priests.* What did priests do in the Bible days? *They worshipped God. They prayed that God would forgive people. They also read Scripture and told others about God.* God wants us to do these things, too (see last 3 lines).

Joseph Grows in the Dreams God Has for Him Lord, Make Us FRUITFUL

Text: Genesis 37, 39-45

Goal: To grow in the plans and dreams God has for them.

Truth: God will help you grow as you stay close to Him.

Bible Story:

Have you ever dreamed about what it will be like when you are a teenager or a grown-up? Does God have a plan for your life? Yes! God also placed dreams in Joseph's heart about the future.

Joseph had 10 older brothers and 1 baby brother. His dad, Jacob, loved Joseph the best. Jacob gave Joseph a really cool colourful coat. Joseph had dreams that God would make him a great leader and all his family would bow before him. These dreams made his brothers more jealous and angry.

One day, Joseph's older brothers sold him as a slave. Joseph ended up as a slave in Egypt. Had God forgotten Joseph? *No!* What about the dreams of being a great leader? Joseph remembered that God never lies. Joseph kept praying to God and remembered the Bible stories that his dad had taught him. Joseph obeyed God and his spirit grew strong. Joseph grew strong in God and didn't steal or cheat at his job. Let's read Genesis 39:3 (GOD'S WORD Translation).

³Joseph's master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD made everything he did successful.

Just when things were going good for Joseph, he got thrown into jail for something that he never did. Did God forget Joseph this time? *No!* Did Joseph still believe in and obey God? *Yes!* Joseph's spirit grew strong in God.

Eventually, the Egyptian king, a pharaoh, had a dream. Joseph explained pharaoh's dream and was made the greatest leader in the land. His brothers came to Egypt to buy food and bowed to Joseph. They were sorry for being mean to Joseph. Joseph forgave them. God's Word says "in all things God works for the good of those who love him" (Romans 8:28, NIV).

Questions:

1. How did Joseph grow strong in the Lord? *Trusted God, prayed, forgave...*
2. How can you grow strong in the Lord? *Pray, read Bible, go to church, etc.*
3. Does God have dreams or plans for you? *Yes! Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future"* (NIV).

Application: Joseph's greatest success was in trusting and obeying God. The Lord blessed Joseph and made his life fruitful.

Craft

Dreams

Materials:

- Paper (handout)
- Markers or crayons

1. Make copies of the handout or draw your own cloud shape on the page.
2. Draw a picture of yourself below the dream cloud.
3. Draw a picture in the dream cloud to show how you can grow in God right now. If you like, you can also draw a picture of the dreams God has put in your heart for how you can serve God in the future, too.

Game

Dress Up Relay

Make 2 teams. Place 2 piles of clothes at the opposite wall. The teams each choose a "model" who will wear all the clothes. Everyone else will take turns running to the pile. Put on 1 item. Then run back and give it to the model to put on. The team with their model fully dressed first is the winner.

In Joseph's life, he started off well with being a favourite son and getting a nice coat from his dad. His brothers took his coat and made him a slave. God was watching out for Joseph, and he went from "rags to riches". Joseph made good choices to grow in the good and the tough times. This game is a fun way to remember Joseph's story.

God, please help me to **grow** close to you by **reading** the Bible, going to **church**, **praying**, **worshiping**, **obeying** you, and **telling others** about you.

Thank you, Lord, for giving me dreams in my heart for serving you now and in the future.

Draw a picture of yourself above.