

We have begun the discussion of Joseph and the coat of many colors in KidZone, which has been titled "Joe's Jacket". Over the next six weeks, we will be seeing how Joseph's boasting causes his brothers' jealousy, anger, bad actions and his own slavery and then hard work into leadership, and finally regret and forgiveness.

This first week has been all about gifts and dreams. We started on a happy note, and discussed how great gifts are, which worked well coming directly from Christmas. However, gifts can sometimes make us a little jealous, as can dreams (remember Joseph's dreams that his family would bow down to him, good and bad).

Sometime in the next few weeks would be a great time for you to watch the movie "Joseph & the Technicolor Dreamcoat" if you have the opportunity. It's an awesome movie, and this would be a great way to continue conversation at home about lessons in church, as well as to reinforce the lessons Joseph and his family have taught us.

We have also started two new "movements" in the KidZone. One is the prayer wall. We have talked several times about prayer and different ways to pray. We are going to continue that with the help of the prayer wall. This will be a kid's prayer wall--for anything from a sick friend, to worry over a test or trouble with a classmate. We want to foster the understanding that we can help one another by praying for each other about everyday things. As our list grows in the classroom, we will add to it online, and we encourage you to check this from home and use it during your own prayers at bedtime, mealtime, or whenever you choose to pray.

The second movement is our "Star Qualities" board. Each week the kids are encouraged to do something (or more than one thing) that shows the people around them that they are interested and excited about learning about God. These acts can be anything from memorizing our weekly Bible verse, bringing a Bible to class, catching a lesson of the day that wasn't specifically targeted, calling a friend from church during the week to see how they are doing, or anything else to keep us connected. Please remind your child of this as well, and encourage them to speak up!

Thanks to all our Genesis parents for helping to foster a great sense of God and His direction in our lives. Your guidance and assurance to these children is so important, and I'm so thankful to have such amazing children in our classroom. Keep watching the Web site for more lesson reviews and updates on our classroom life!

Take Care and God Bless!
The KidZone Leadership Team