

JOSEPH

a man of integrity



Level C
Ages 11-14

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Using these Lessons



Joseph: A Man of Integrity lessons are flexible and allow you to choose options that fit your needs. Some activities and projects are designed for small groups; others work well for large groups. Put together a lesson that's fun and keeps students interacting with the Word from start to finish!

Welcome Warm-up Activities

Focus your group by engaging students from the start. These short activities draw kids into the classroom through peer activities or short focused discussions.

Focus on the Word

You will need a copy of the Bible for readings and discussions.

Engage with the Word

Projects and activities are ready to copy and use. All the additional materials you will need are listed at the front of each lesson. Look for links to featured videos to use as a basis for discussions. All videos can be viewed and downloaded at www.youtube.com/ncsundayschools. More information on using videos is on page 4.

Wrap-up

Review how the lesson applies to daily life. Hand out a take-home door hanger to help students carry the message with them throughout the week. Color versions of these doorhangers are available online at www.newchurch.org/youth-journey-programs.

Questions and Comments

We welcome your feedback. Drop us a line at sundayschool@newchurch.org or visit us at www.facebook.com/NewChurchSundaySchools.

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About

Joseph: A Man of Integrity

These lessons are part of a series for ages 3-18, organized into four age groups. For more information on this series, visit www.newchurch.org/youth-journey-programs.

These lessons can be used in partnership with *The Path of Integrity*, a New Church Journey Program for adults. For information, visit www.newchurchjourney.org.

Spiritual Concepts

The concepts in these lessons are drawn from the book of Genesis in the Old Testament and from the Heavenly Doctrine for the New Church given through Emanuel Swedenborg. The books of Emanuel Swedenborg referenced in these lessons include *Arcana Coelestia* (also known as *Secrets of Heaven*), *Charity*, *Conjugal Love* (also called *Marriage Love*), *Heaven and Hell* and *True Christian Religion* (also known as *True Christianity*).

As is customary in Swedenborgian studies, the numbers following the titles of the books by Emanuel Swedenborg refer to paragraph or section numbers (which are the same in all editions) rather than to page numbers. Swedenborg wrote originally in Latin, and a variety of translations have been used. For more information on the teachings of the New Church, visit www.newchurch.org. To read passages from the books by Emanuel Swedenborg, visit www.heavenlydoctrines.org.

Accessing the Videos

All the videos associated with these lessons can be found on our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/ncsundayschools. The easiest way to view the videos that are part of this program is to watch them live on the internet using the individual links provided in the lessons.

Note: www.bitly.com links are case sensitive.

If you do not have internet access where you teach, we suggest you download videos to your computer where you do have internet access. You can show videos later using your laptop, phone, etc.

Downloading Videos

1. Download and install an “Easy YouTube Downloader” onto your computer or device from the internet. Search for one that works with your browser.
2. Go to the video link provided in this book.
3. Look for a button that says “Download” at the bottom of the YouTube viewing window.
4. Click on the Download button. A menu of file size and format choices will appear next to the button. Select a download size and format that is suitable for the device you plan to use.
5. Click to download the video in your chosen format. Save to show later. **Note:** mp3 formats are sound only. This is ideal for downloading songs for young children. Add the songs to your iTunes playlist and enjoy all week!

Allow plenty of time to download longer videos. Download time varies depending on internet speed, the format you choose, etc.

If you distribute individual lessons from this book to Sunday School teachers, make sure they have these video directions as well.