

Joseph - Part 5



Experiment

Blow up a balloon without using your mouth!



What you need:

A balloon, a 500ml plastic bottle, a funnel, 3 tsp bicarbonate of soda, 125ml vinegar

Step 1: Use the funnel to put the bicarbonate of soda into the balloon.

Step 2: Again using the funnel put the vinegar into the bottle

Step 3: Attach the balloon to the top of the bottle, make sure at this stage the bicarbonate of soda doesn't fall into the vinegar

Step 4: Lift the balloon so the bicarbonate of soda mixes with the vinegar

Make sure you get an adult to help you

I love that experiment, it's a fun way of blowing up balloons. I wonder if you have ever blown up a balloon so much that it has popped! It can be quite scary when that happens.

Something to think about

Imagine that you are building a tower at home, you have spent a lot of time building this tower, and then your brother or sister comes into the room and knocks it all flying.

How would you react to your brother or sister?

Would you react differently if they immediately said sorry for knocking it over?

Sometimes in life our friends or siblings do things to us that we don't like, maybe they say something to us that is unkind or they do something that is unkind. When this happens we always have a choice to make. We can either get cross and angry with them and try to get our own back or we can try to forgive them and carry on being friends with them.

The easy option is to get cross and angry but the Bible says the best option is to forgive. I believe that if we don't forgive we can end up a bit like a balloon that has been blown up too much. We can get so full of anger and hatred that we go pop and start saying and doing mean things to those around us. Forgiving each other is like letting the air out of the balloon, it can help us to not go pop and to continue to show love and kindness to those around us.



Last week we looked at Pharaoh's dream and how there would be seven good years for growing food and then seven bad years, when there would be famine. This is what happened, it didn't just happen in Egypt though it also happened in the countries around it. The land where Joseph's family lived were in the middle of the famine when Jacob, Joseph's dad, heard that there was plenty of food in Egypt. He sent his sons to see if they could buy some. It would have been a long journey for them, full of obstacles and very tiring as they hadn't had much to eat recently.

Challenge

Make an obstacle course and journey your way through it.

My example can be seen here

Make sure you ask what items you can use.

Step 1
Climb over
laundry basket



Step 2
Crawl under
ironing board



Step 3
Get in shopping
back and hop
around a teddy



Step 4
Tiptoe through
clothes horse



Step 5 Finish by sitting on the stairs

Eventually the brothers arrived in Egypt and when they got there they were taken before Joseph, who oversaw the food. They didn't recognise him, but Joseph immediately recognised them. When they asked him if they could buy food, he had a choice to make. Did he tell his brothers to go away, they had sold him as a slave or did he forgive his brothers.

Joseph forgave them and not only that he was so pleased to see them again that he invited all his family to come and live with him in Egypt. How amazing is that!

The brother's actions could have meant that Joseph was always separate from his family, but Joseph's forgiveness restored the family. The Bible says when we get things wrong in our lives, like, when we are unkind to people, or we tell lies, it breaks our relationship with God. However, if we come to him and say sorry he will always forgive us and we can be friends with him. Christians believe this is the best thing that we can do.



Spot 10 Differences

