

# Egypt

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# Egypt: Snapshot

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[Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace](#) is one of Building Faith's top picks for VBS for 2025. The Bible comes to life in this VBS as participants experience Joseph's culture and world first-hand. All celebrate Joseph's victories, experience his heartbreaking trials and tribulations, and learn of the goodness of this unique Bible hero during this week-long VBS. It emphasizes small-group discussion and participation. Through a variety of activities, games, songs, marketplace shops to visit, and Joseph himself, all get to bear witness to how Joseph's story teaches about God's goodness, steadfastness, and love.

# Egypt: The Basics

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- **Theme:** “Joseph on his journey from prison to palace”
- **Publisher:** [Group](#), 2025 (independent; see their [Statement of Faith](#))
- **Intended ages/grades:** grades K – 5
- **Format:** onsite
- **Number of sessions:** 5
- **Types of activities:** opening celebration, family time, visiting Egypt (pyramid playground, Joseph’s Journey, marketplace shops), closing celebration
- **Starter kit cost:** \$234.99 (standard starter kit); \$264.99 with digital starter kit
- **Video:** <https://www.group.com/childrens-ministry/vbs/egypt/>

# Egypt: Scope & Sequence

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- **Day 1: God Gives Us Hope**  
Genesis 40:1–23, Joseph interprets dreams in prison
- **Day 2: God Gives Us Special Abilities**  
Genesis 41:1–40, Pharaoh puts Joseph in charge
- **Day 3: God Gives Us Wisdom**  
Genesis 41:41—42:5, Joseph leads Egypt through famine
- **Day 4: God Gives Us Forgiveness**  
Genesis 42:6—45:15, Joseph forgives his brothers
- **Day 5: God Gives Us a Family**  
Genesis 45:16—47:27, Joseph settles his family in Egypt

# Egypt: Where It Shines

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## **Engaging experience for children that fosters creativity and imagination**

This curriculum brings to life the world of Egypt and the world Joseph knew best. Through realistic backdrops, props, dialogue, art projects, and characters, this VBS asks children to explore their creativity and truly immerse themselves in a new world and way of life. Asking questions is often encouraged, and each day children learn something new about Joseph's world and his place in it.

## **Emphasis on community in small groups**

At the heart of this VBS is Family Groups, small groups of campers with a leader present that travel through the day's rotations together. This intentional community allows children to bond with one another in a smaller setting so they can create long-lasting friendships and grow comfortable sharing with one another.

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## **Daily reflection centering on “God Sightings”**

“God Sightings” are important to this VBS curriculum. Children are encouraged to think about how God is active in their lives and share about these ways with one another. All grade levels and ages can participate in this reflection time, and these reflections alone help to continue strengthening children’s love for and relationship with God.

# Egypt: What We Miss

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## **More inclusive language for God**

Though this curriculum does a good job of emphasizing well-meaning and pertinent themes about God and God's relationship with God's people, it lacks inclusive language to refer to God. God is largely referred to using masculine pronouns. We recommend incorporating more gender-inclusive language for God when using this curriculum.

## **More simplicity in execution**

Though extremely creative and memorable, this VBS asks a lot of its leaders, director, and planning team. A large number of supplies is needed to transform any space into an Egyptian marketplace and the prison and palace Joseph finds himself in. The curriculum also requires ample space and time to bring the world of Egypt to life. Because much of this curriculum relies on the setting of Egypt alone, this VBS might be too demanding or unfeasible for some communities.

# **Egypt: Overall Assessment**

**Curriculum  
Recommended  
for 2025**