

Ages 3-6: Joseph Says No

Materials Needed
copies of *Joseph and Potiphar's Wife* and *Joseph Runs Away* pages for each child, crayons or markers, scissors, stapler or tape, good quality facial tissue or small piece of fabric

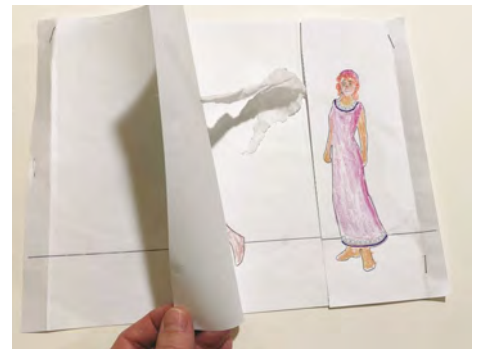
Prepare in Advance
Print project pages. Gather supplies including good quality facial tissue or fabric. Cut tissue/fabric into strips 1" (5cm) long. Cut along the dark line on Joseph's shoulder on the *Joseph and Potiphar's Wife* pages. Depending on children's ages, you may wish to cut along the dark line between the figures as well.

New Church Concept Teacher Background

Marriages are the seminaries of the human race and therefore the seminaries of the heavenly kingdom and for that reason must not on any account be violated but be held sacred. Adultery is unspeakable from the fact that conjugal love comes down from the Lord by way of heaven, and that from that love, as from a parent, mutual love is derived, which is the foundation on which heaven rests." See *Arcana Coelestia* 2733.2

Potiphar's wife had wrong thoughts about marriage. As she took hold of Joseph's outer garment, he ran away. He did not want to hurt her marriage. Children will create a moving picture to re-enact Joseph running away from Potiphar's wife and leaving his garment in her hand.

1. Give children a copy of *Joseph and Potiphar's Wife* and *Joseph Runs Away* pages and crayons or markers. Invite children to color the pictures.
2. Staple *Joseph and Potiphar's Wife* on top of *Joseph Runs Away* at the left and right edges of the page. If pages are not pre-cut, slip scissors between the two pages and cut just the *Joseph and Potiphar's Wife* page along the dark line between the figures.
3. Fold the two sides of *Joseph and Potiphar's Wife* back so that the page opens easily to reveal Joseph running away.
4. Staple a strip of tissue or fabric to Potiphar's wife on the dark line just below her hand on the *Joseph Runs Away* page. This is Joseph's outer garment.
5. To re-enact the story, carefully thread the 'outer garment' attached to the woman's hand through the slit pre-cut in Joseph's shoulder on the *Joseph and Potiphar's Wife* page. Joseph is now wearing an "outer garment".
6. Re-enact Joseph running away by opening the page carefully. Joseph will leave his garment in Potiphar's wife's hand as the tissue is pulled back through the slit in Joseph's shoulder.
7. Remind the children that like Joseph, we can run away when someone tries to get us to do something that is against the Ten Commandments.



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"In the spiritual meaning, 'committing adultery' refers to contaminating the good things taught by the Word and falsifying its truths." *True Christianity* 314

