

Gather the Grain Game

Materials

- ☐ Small balloons
- ☐ Optional: balloon air pump
- ☐ Large bins, laundry baskets, or boxes

Instructions

Inflate a large number of small balloons. Spread them on the floor. Explain to the students that the balloons represent grain. It will be their job to help Joseph gather as much grain (balloons) as they can and put them into the storehouse (bins or laundry baskets) before the famine comes. Set the timer for one or two minutes, then when it gets close to zero, start counting down—7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, the famine is here!

Help the students compare how many balloons are in the bins to the balloons left on the floor. Play again to see if they can store more grain each time.

Suggested Discussion

When Joseph's brothers sent him to Egypt, they never thought he would become a ruler! But God knew. God used the brothers' wicked plans for good. He brought Joseph to Egypt and made sure Joseph was in the right place at the right time to save many people's lives.

God gave Joseph the help he needed to build storehouses and gather the grain so it could be saved for later. Then when the famine came and people needed food, they could buy grain and cook it or grind it to make flour for bread. Even Joseph's own family needed food and came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph.