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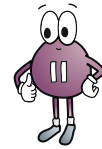
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A wise guide



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Bravely asks questions



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STORY 1: The young dreamer

Joseph's strange dreams



READ:
Genesis 37: 1-11



KEY VERSE:
Genesis 37: 8
Ask someone to help you find this verse.

Do you belong to a big family? Joseph certainly did! He had ten brothers who were older than he was, one brother who was younger and one older sister (Dinah).

Q: How many boys were in the family altogether? Circle the right answer.

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Joseph's older brothers were shepherds. Often they were away from home for a long time, leading their animals from place to place in search of grass and water. Sometimes they behaved very badly, and Joseph would tell his father about the wicked things they did. Joseph was very special to his father, who was called Jacob. Jacob had another name.



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Q: Write down the first letter of each object to discover Jacob's other name.



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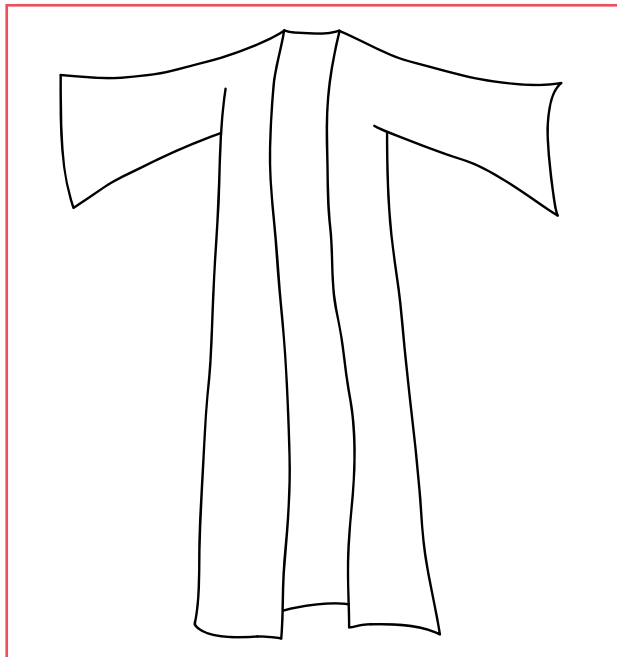
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Jacob loved Joseph so much that he gave him a lovely coat. It had many colours.

Q: Design Joseph's coat.

Joseph's older brothers were jealous and hated him! It's sad when members of the same family don't love each other!

Joseph had some unusual dreams. In the first one, his family were all tying bundles of corn called sheaves. Suddenly, Joseph's sheaf stood up, and all his brothers' sheaves started bowing down to it!



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Q: Fill in the missing letters.

Whose sheaf stood up straight?

_____ 's

Whose sheaves bowed down?

H _____ b _____ s'

Joseph's brothers were

j _____ l _____ of him.

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In those days, God used dreams to tell people about the future. Joseph's brothers were sure that the dream meant that some day Joseph was going to rule over them. When his brothers heard of his dream they hated him more than ever.

Another dream was about the sun, the moon and eleven stars. In the dream, they were all bowing down to Joseph! Even Joseph's father was quite upset when he was told about this dream. He told Joseph off saying, "Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?"

Q: Draw and colour the correct number of stars to show how many Joseph dreamed about. The first one is done for you.



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Years later, Joseph's dreams came true! Joseph became a great ruler, and even his brothers bowed down to him! From the very beginning, God had a plan for his life. The Bible tells us He has a plan for each of us also!

TOTAL:

STORY 2: The hated brother

Joseph being sold by his brothers.



READ:
Genesis
37: 12-36



KEY VERSE:
Numbers 32: 23
*Ask someone to help
you find this verse.*

One day, Joseph's father asked him to go and see how his brothers were getting on. They were many miles away, looking after their flocks. Joseph was pleased to do as his father asked, and off he went.

His brothers saw him in the distance. Before he reached them, they were plotting to kill him. "Here comes this dreamer," they said. "Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits. Then we will say that a fierce animal has devoured him, and we will see what will become of his dreams."

Q: Mark these sentences - a TICK (✓) for the ones which are RIGHT and a CROSS (X) for those which are WRONG.

Joseph obeyed his father.

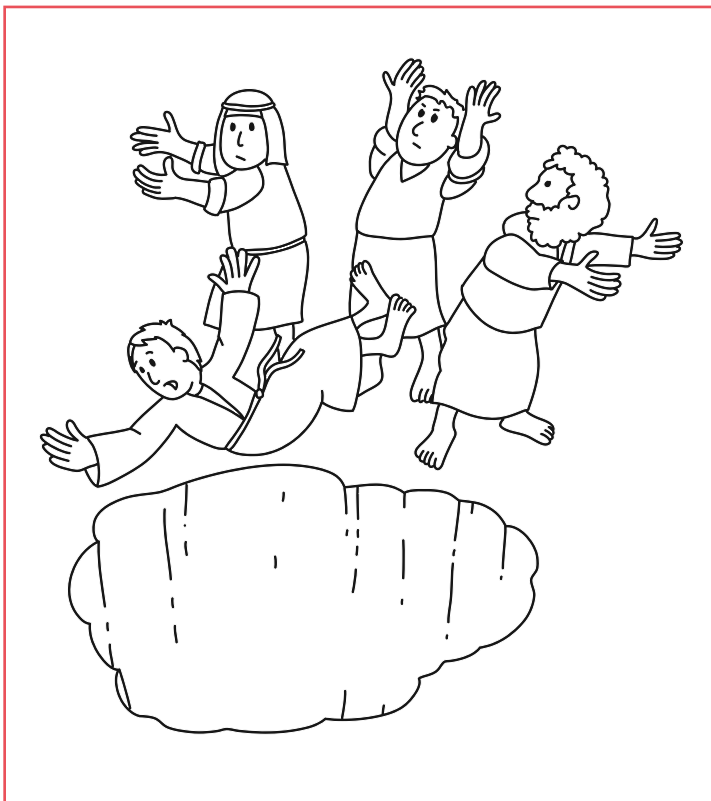
His brothers were pleased that he had come.

They planned to put his body in a river.

His brothers were prepared to tell lies.

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One brother, called Reuben, said they shouldn't kill him, so they just pulled his lovely coat off, and threw him into a deep pit. Fortunately, the pit was empty - there was no water in it.

Shortly afterwards, some merchants with camels passed by. They were on their way to Egypt.

Judah suggested they should sell Joseph to the merchants.

They agreed with Judah's idea, and in a few minutes, Joseph was pulled out of the pit and sold for twenty silver coins. He was taken away to Egypt.

Q: Colour the picture.

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Q: Answer the following questions:

Which brother said Joseph should not be killed?

R _ _ _ _ _ .

Who suggested he should be sold?

J _ _ _ _ .

How much money was he sold for?

T _ _ _ _ _ silver coins.

To what country was he taken?

E _ _ _ _ .

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As soon as Joseph was taken away, his brothers killed a goat and dipped Joseph's coat in its blood. They then took it home and showed it to their father.

"Look at what we found. Doesn't this robe belong to your son?"

Jacob recognised it at once, and assumed that a wild animal must have attacked him.

What wicked lies they told to try to hide the wrong they had done to Joseph! But the day came when they were found out!



Joseph's brothers acted cruelly towards him. This is not how God wants us to treat others.

Don't forget - the Bible says:

“...you may be sure that your sin will find you out.”

Numbers 32: 23

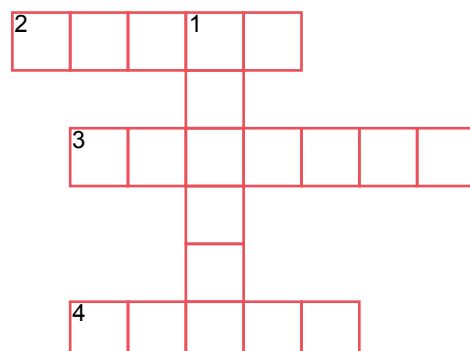
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Q: Decorate the Key Verse above.

Jacob wept for many days, thinking Joseph was dead. Unknown to him however, Joseph was in Egypt and had become a slave to a man called Potiphar.

Q: Look over the story again, then fill in the answers to these clues on the Crossword.

1. The number of coins in the story.
2. This word describes the deep pit into which Joseph was put.
3. A name which his brothers used for Joseph.
4. The country to which Joseph was taken.

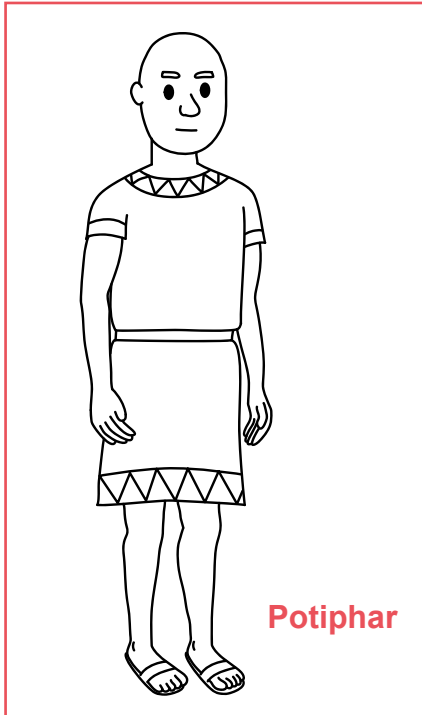


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TOTAL:

STORY 3: The faithful prisoner

Joseph being put in prison.



Potiphar



READ:
Genesis 39: 1-6
& 19-23



KEY VERSES:
Genesis 39: 2 & 21
*Ask someone to help
you find this verse.*

Imagine being carried off by strangers to a foreign country! Joseph must have been frightened when he arrived in Egypt! What was going to happen to him next? Before long he was sold to a man called Potiphar.

Potiphar was a captain in the king of Egypt's army. Often he had to be away from home, because of his duties. When he discovered how honest and hardworking Joseph was, he put him in charge of his whole household.

Joseph looked after everything so well that Potiphar didn't have to worry about anything.

Q: Read these sentences and cross out the words which are WRONG.

When Joseph was brought to Egypt he was **STONED / SOLD / SET FREE**.

He became the slave of **PHARAOH / PILATE / POTIPHAR**.

His master put him in charge of **EVERYTHING / NOTHING / SOME THINGS**.

Joseph was always **LAZY / UNTRUTHFUL / HONEST**.

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Joseph must often have thought about home, about his father and his brothers. How do you think he felt?

But in all of Joseph's experiences, the Key Verses tell us:

“The Lord was
with Joseph...”

Genesis 39: 2 & 21

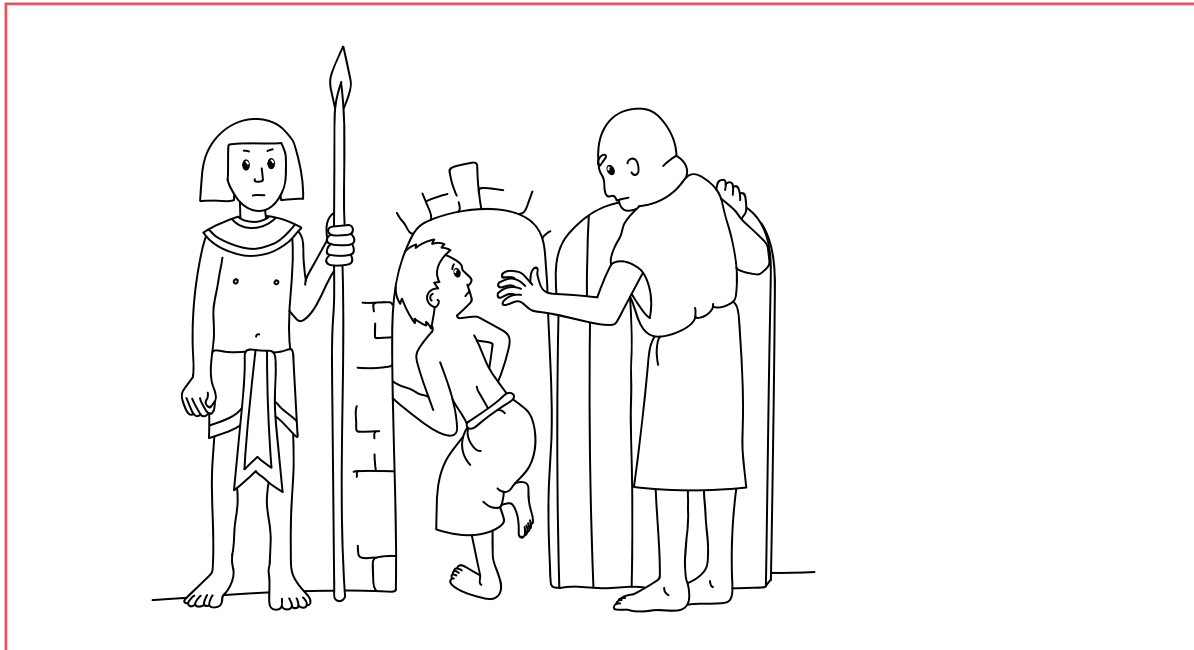
Q: Decorate the words above.

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God did not leave him or let him down! The Bible tells us that if we trust Him, and commit our lives fully to Him, He will not leave us or let us down.

One day, things seemed to go all wrong for Joseph. Potiphar's wife blamed him for doing something which he did not do. When her husband came home, she made up a horrible story, accusing Joseph of behaving badly. Potiphar believed what his wife said and Joseph was given no chance to defend himself. Although he was totally innocent, he was thrown into a terrible prison with many other prisoners.

Q: Draw another prison guard and colour the picture.



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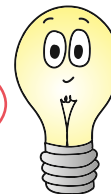
Q: Fit each of these words into the correct blank space.

wife prison Potiphar slave

The of wrongfully accused Joseph.
Joseph lost his job as chief in Potiphar's house, and was
put in .

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Poor Joseph! It looked as if everyone was against him and he had no friends left! Had God forgotten about him? No, of course He hadn't!



Q: Once more the Bible story says the same words:

T ___ L ___ w ___ w ___ h ___ .

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Fill in the missing letters from the second Key Verse.

Joseph behaved well in the prison and soon he was put in charge of other prisoners. God was preparing him for a great future!

TOTAL:

STORY 4: The new leader

Joseph explains Pharaoh's dreams



READ:
Genesis
41: 14-49



KEY VERSE:
1 Corinthians 10: 13
*Ask someone to help
you find this verse.*



Pharaoh, king of Egypt, was extremely puzzled! He had just had two very strange dreams.

The first one was about cows - seven fat cows which were eaten by seven thin cows, and yet the thin ones looked just as thin as before! The second dream was about seven good ears of corn being swallowed by seven withered and thin ears, which remained as thin as ever!

Such unusual dreams! What could they mean? No one could tell the king, and he was quite upset.

Q: Unjumble the words in these sentences.

The king of Egypt was called **HOAPRHA** _____.

The total number of cows in the first dream was **FTERUOEN** _____.

In his second dream he saw **HINT** _____ ears of corn eating

OOGD _____ ears of corn.

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Suddenly, the king's butler remembered about Joseph, who by now had been in prison for years. The butler had also been in prison and had met Joseph there. He felt sure that Joseph could explain the king's dream so he told Pharaoh about him. Without delay, Pharaoh sent for Joseph.

"I have heard that when you hear about a dream you can interpret it," said Pharaoh.

"It is beyond my power to do this," Joseph replied.
"But God can tell you what it means."

Joseph listened while the king told him about his dreams. He explained that God was telling Pharaoh that there were going to be seven years of good crops all over the land of Egypt; following these, there would be seven years of bad crops.

All the food saved over from the good years would be needed to feed the people, during the seven years of famine.



Q: Now complete this WORD GRID, by finding the missing words in these sentences.

1. Joseph could only explain dreams by the help of _ _ _ .
2. First there would be good _ _ _ _ _ .
3. Both the good and the bad would last for seven _ _ _ _ _ .
4. The whole _ _ _ _ _ of Egypt would be affected.
5. For seven years there would be a _ _ _ _ _ .

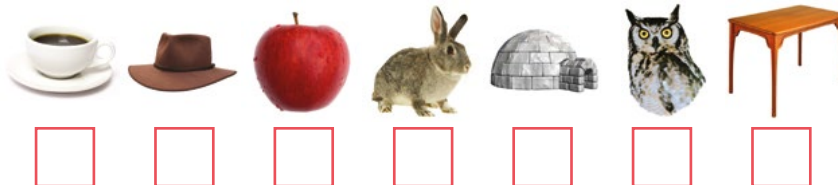
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The king was very impressed with Joseph's explanation of the dreams. He rewarded him by giving him the very important job of collecting all the extra food of the seven good years, and storing it up for use during the seven years of famine.

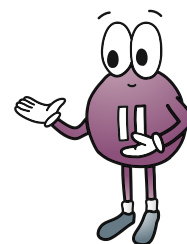
The king also gave Joseph many valuable gifts, such as his own ring, a gold chain for his neck, and fine linen robes to wear. He also gave him something else.

Q: Write the first letter of each object and discover what he gave him.



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What a wonderful change for Joseph! Now he was next to the king in importance and everywhere he went people respected him. God's plan for his life was coming to pass. Even in his hard days he had proved that:



Q: Colour these words from the Key Verse.

“God is faithful.”
1 Corinthians 10: 13

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The Bible teaches that God wants us to trust Him completely, even when everything seems against us.

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