

Joseph's Coat of Many Colors

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Scripture Reference

Genesis 37

The Point!

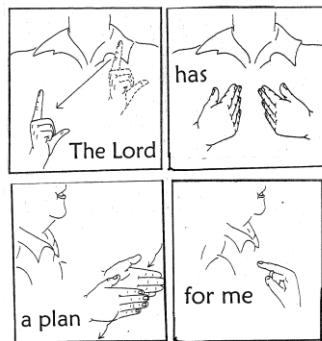
God wants us to be kind to others.

Lesson Goals

- ♥ Tell that God was with Joseph.
- ♥ See that God had a plan for Joseph.
- ♥ Say God has a plan for us.

Worship Time:

Memory Verse: The Lord has a plan for me. Jeremiah 29:11a (adapted) Use the sign language to teach the memory verse.



The Lord has a plan for me.
Jeremiah 29:11a
(adapted)

Opening Prayer:

Lord,
Thank You for loving us.
Thank You for always keeping Your promises.
We love You!
In Jesus name we pray, amen.

Songs:

Forgiveness Song

Tune: "Mary Had a Little Lamb"

(Adapted from; Wiggly, Giggly Bible Stories from the Old Testament

Group Publishing, pg. 28

Joseph had a coat so glad, coat so glad, coat so glad.

Joseph had a coat so glad,

(clap your hands while singing)

It made his brothers mad.

(make an angry face)

They sold him to those passing by, passing by, passing by.

They sold him to those passing by

(clap hands while singing)

And told their dad a lie.

(make a sad face)

In Egypt, Joseph did so good, did so good, did so good.

In Egypt, Joseph did so good.

(clap hands while singing)

He took care of the food.

(pretend to be eating)

His brothers came to ask for food, ask for food, ask for food.

His brothers came to ask for food.

(clap hands while singing)

They were in a hungry mood.

(rub your tummy)

Joseph could have sent them away, sent them away, sent them away.

Joseph could have sent them away,

(shake your head no)

But instead he said, "Please stay."

(open arms as if welcoming someone)

He forgave them for how bad they'd been, bad they'd been, bad they'd been.

He forgave them for how bad they'd been,

(clap hands while singing)

And they were a family again!

(hug yourself)

Lesson Introduction Activity:

A Special Gift

Do: Place a colorful coat or robe in a gift bag. Choose a family member to open the gift bag and discover the coat. Let others take turns trying it on.

Talk About:

- Have you ever received a special gift?
- What was it?

Today we will read a story about a father giving a special coat to his son.

Bible Story: Read the story from The Read with Me Bible.

Joseph's Beautiful Coat, Joseph's Dreams
The Read With Me Bible
Pages 74-75, 76-79

Joseph was 17 years old. He took care of his father's sheep and goats with some of his brothers. Jacob loved Joseph more than any of his sons. Jacob made him a beautiful robe. Joseph's brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them. So, they hated Joseph. They couldn't even speak one kind word to him.

Joseph had a dream. He told it to his brothers. He said, "Listen to the dream I had. We were tying up grain in the field. Suddenly my bundle stood up straight. Your bundles bowed down to it." His brothers said, "Do you plan to be our king? Will you rule over us?" So, they hated him because of his dream.

Then Joseph had another dream. "Listen," he said. "I had another dream. This time the sun and moon and 11 stars were bowing down to me." He told his father as well as his brothers. His father objected, "What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers really come and bow down to the ground in front of you?" His brothers were jealous of him. But his father kept the matter in mind.

Discussing the story:

Ask: What did Jacob give to Joseph? How did Joseph's brothers feel about him and the beautiful coat? How did his brothers feel about Joseph's dreams? What does jealous mean?

Say: Joseph's brothers were angry with Joseph. They were so angry that they did a terrible thing to Joseph.

Pray: Thank God for loving us. Thank God for His Word, the Bible. Pray for God to help us be kind to our family and others.

Closing Prayer/Echo Prayer:

One person reads the prayer and other family members to repeat the words.

Heavenly Father;

Thank You for taking care of us.

Thank You for helping us.

Help us to be kind to one another.

Craft Activity:

Children color the picture and glue the coat on to Joseph. Then use the rainbow paint stick to paint the coat.



Bible Activity:

Find the Brothers

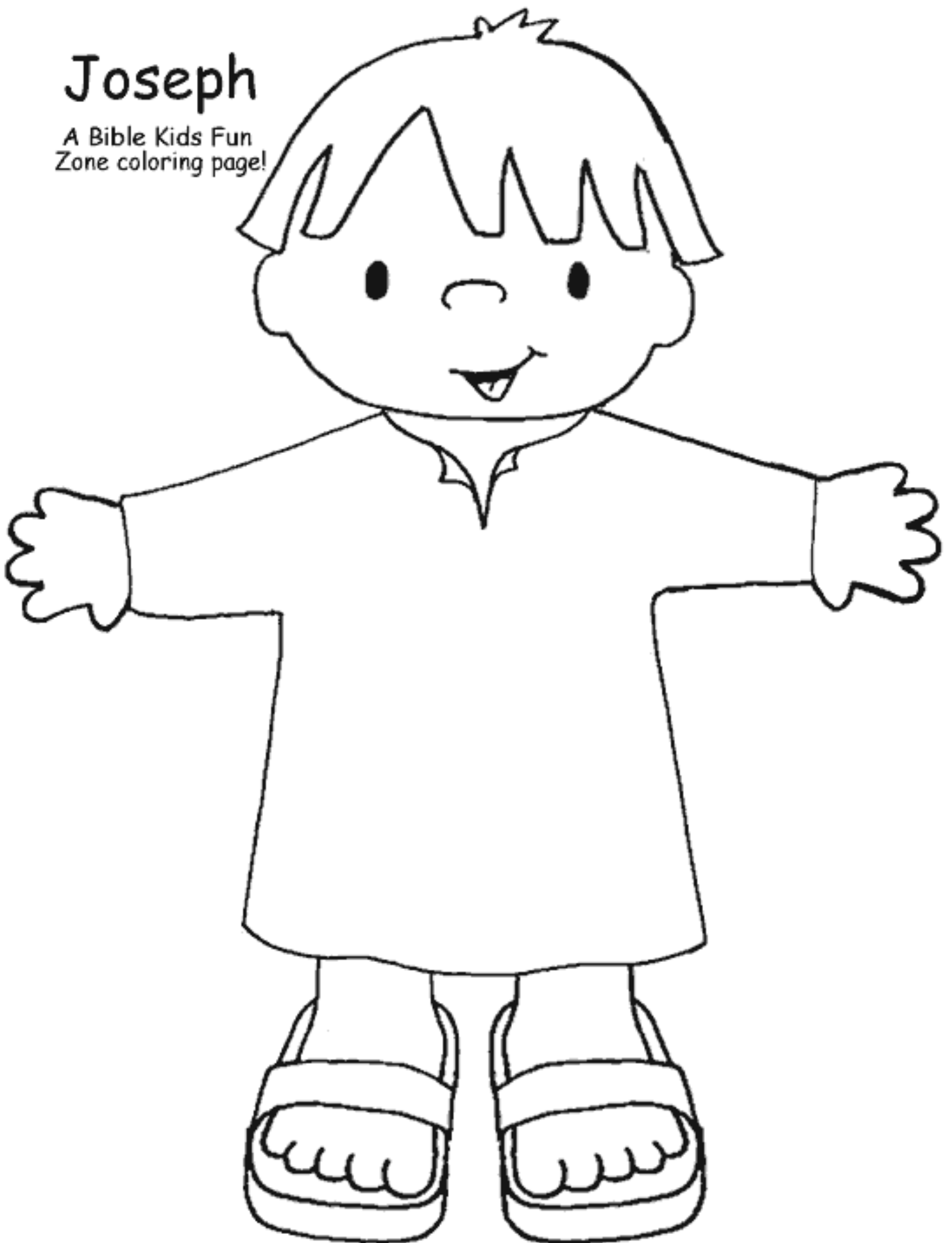
Do: Create an obstacle course with the tunnel, chairs, table, etc. Children go through the course looking for Joseph's brothers.

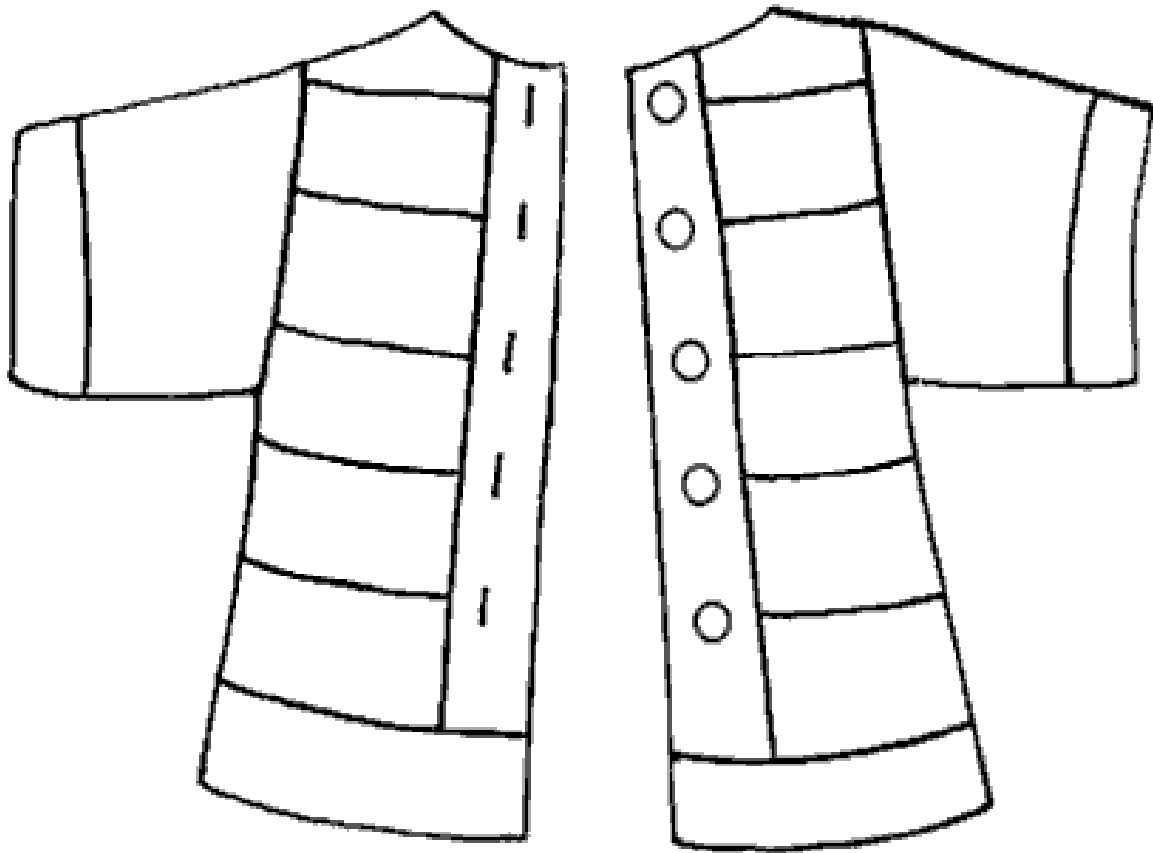
Talk about:

Today in our Bible Story, Jacob sent Joseph to look for his brothers. The brothers were unkind to Joseph when he finally found them. We should be kind to others all the time.

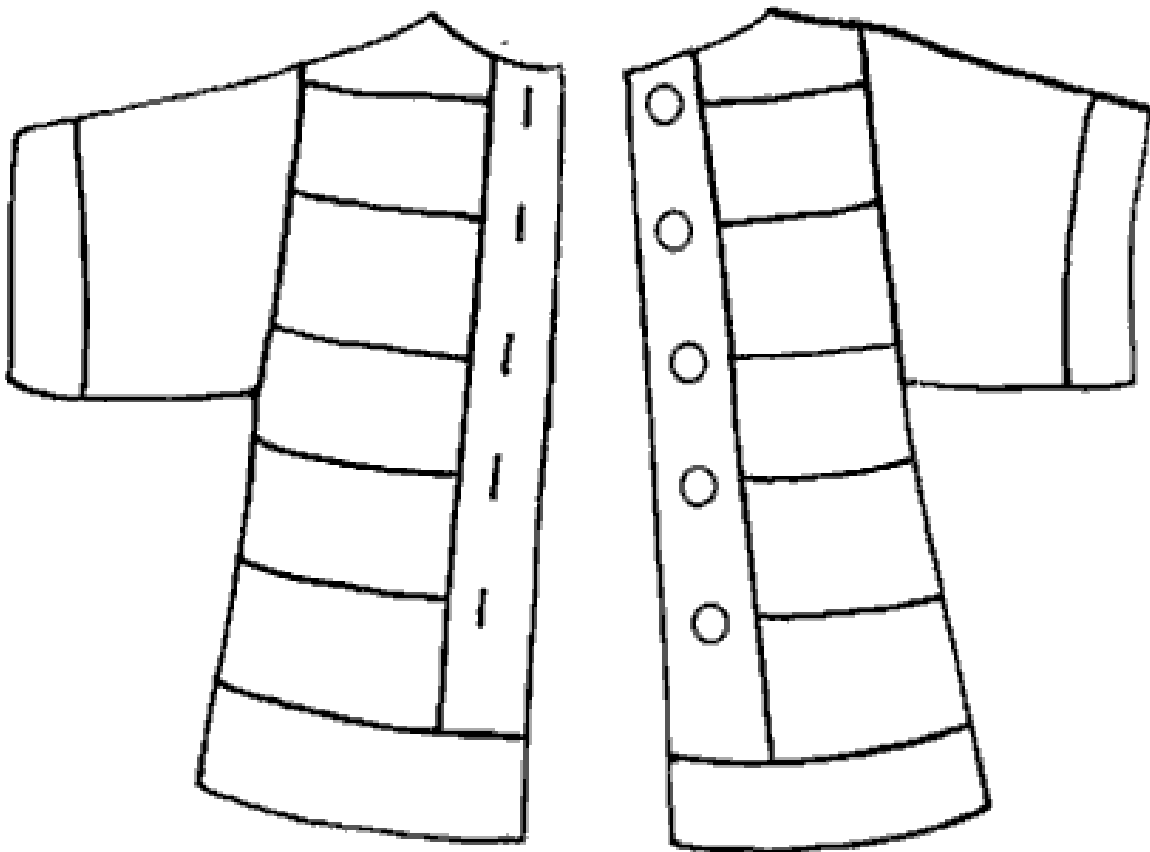
Joseph

A Bible Kids Fun
Zone coloring page!



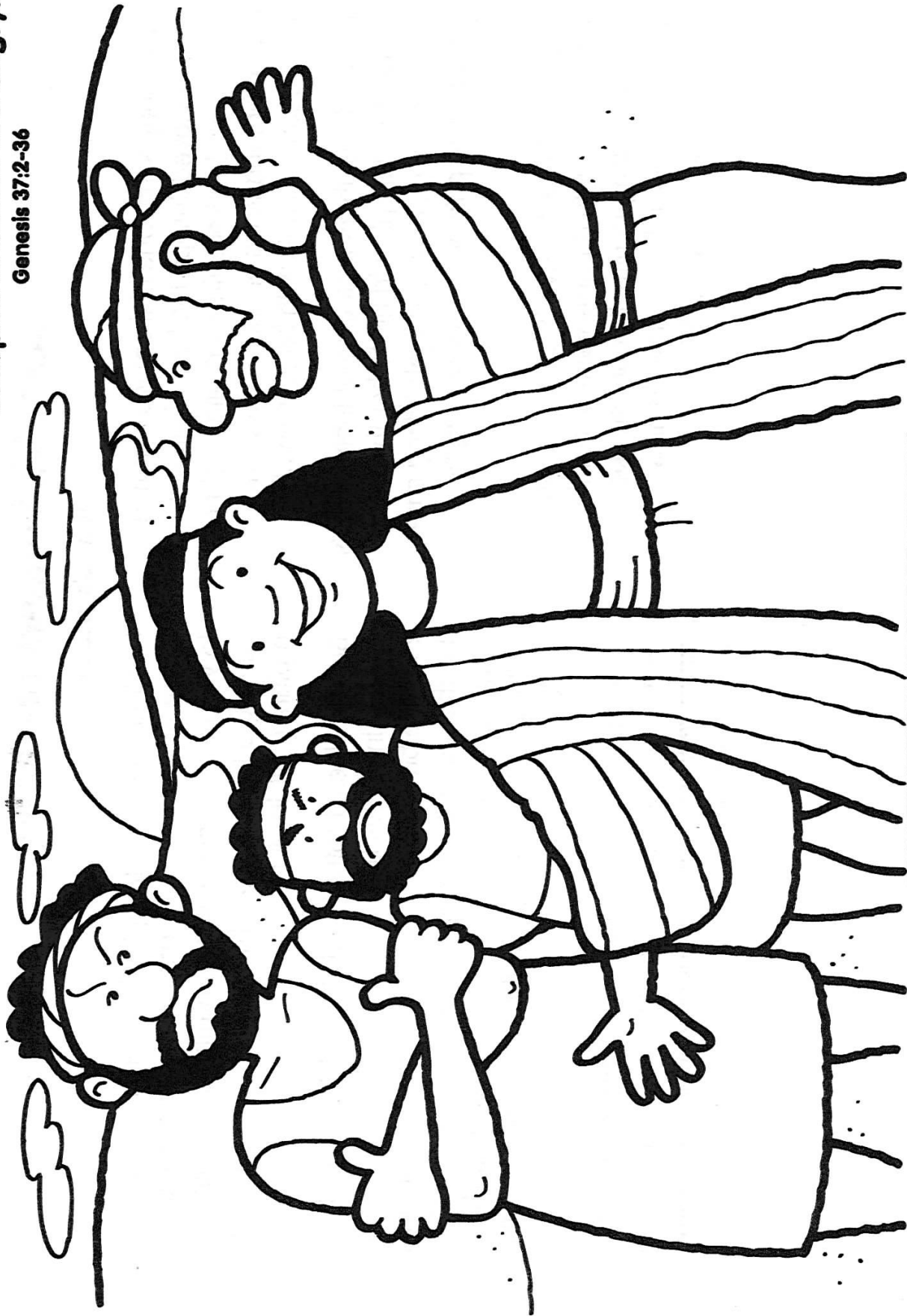


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Genesis 37:2-36



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Jacob had many sons. One of them was named Joseph. Jacob loved Joseph the best of all his sons. Jacob gave Joseph a beautiful coat with bright colors. But the coat made his brothers angry. They didn't have beautiful coats with bright colors!

Joseph and his brothers took care of their family's sheep. One day, Joseph told his father that his brothers were not doing a good job taking care of the sheep. Joseph's brothers were angry again!

Later, Joseph told his family about two dreams that he had had. Both dreams were about the whole family bowing to him. It sounded like Joseph would be their leader. The dreams made his brothers even angrier!

Not long after this, Joseph's brothers took the sheep out to find new grass. Jacob sent Joseph to visit his brothers. Joseph's brothers saw him coming a long way off. The angry brothers made a plan to kill Joseph!

But the oldest brother said, "Don't kill him. Just throw him in this hole in the ground." He planned to come back and rescue Joseph later. But another brother noticed some traders coming with their camels. He said, "Let's sell Joseph. These traders will take him far away." So they sold Joseph to the traders.

Joseph was taken to Egypt, a country far from his home. He was sold as a slave. Joseph must have been very sad. But even though he was far from home, God was with him!

JOSEPH'S COAT SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

Genesis 37:1-36

Prayer Time

Prayer for your child:

Father, let Your love fill (child's name) heart so that it pours over and floods into the lives of others. Help him/her demonstrate that love through acts of kindness.

Dear God,

Thank You for being with us when we go (repeat places your child mentioned). You are with us whether we are far away or nearby. We are glad!

In Jesus' name, amen.

Family Time Activity

You are Special

Honor a special family member each day this week. Give that person homemade gifts. Let that person choose the menus for the day. At the end of the day, gather the family together and talk about how well everyone did at not being jealous. Discuss how Joseph's brothers were jealous of him and so they did something mean to him. God had a plan for Joseph in Egypt. God has a plan for our life.

Bible Activity: You will need a tub or a place where "Joseph" can be "in the tub".

In the Pit

Adapted from: Group's Hands-On Bible Curriculum for Pre-K-K; pg. 28)

Have family members sit on the floor in a circle with their hands cupped behind their backs. Give one person a small ball and have him/her be Joseph. Have Joseph walk around the circle and pretend to place the ball in someone's hands. When "Joseph" does place the ball in someone's hands, then he/she must **walk quickly to chase (NO RUNNING)** Joseph back to where he/she was sitting.

If Joseph reaches that person's place first, that person becomes the new Joseph. If the person catches Joseph, Joseph must go into the center of the circle and sit **in the "pit" (tub)**. Each time Joseph is caught, he/she must replace the one **in the "pit" (tub)**. Keep playing until everyone has a chance to be in the pit or as long as time allows.