

Joseph Sold Into Slavery

Genesis 37



The Story

Jacob and his family lived in Canaan. Jacob had 12 sons and loved them all, but he loved Joseph more than his other sons. Jacob gave Joseph a special present – a beautiful coat! This made Joseph's brothers jealous and angry with him.

One night Joseph had a dream. In his dream he and his brothers were tying the grain together into sheaves. Joseph's sheaf stood tall and the sheaves his brothers had made bowed down to his. Joseph's brothers were even more angry with Joseph when he told them his dream.

Joseph had another dream and again he told it to his brothers. He dreamed that the sun, moon, and 11 stars bowed down to him. His family was upset by this dream. Jacob, his father, asked Joseph if he thought even his father and mother would have to bow down to him. Jacob was confused by Joseph's dreams, but remembered them.

Joseph's brothers watched over the flocks of animals that belonged to their family. Sometimes they had to travel a long way to find enough food and water for them. One of the times they were away Jacob sent Joseph to check on them. Joseph traveled to find his brothers.

When Joseph's brothers saw him coming they remembered how angry they were with him and wanted to kill him. Reuben was the oldest brother

and did not want Joseph to be killed; he told his brothers to throw Joseph into a pit. Reuben left the camp, and planned to return later on to help Joseph get out of the pit.

When Joseph reached the flocks, his brothers took off his coat and threw him into the pit. His brothers saw some traders coming and, knowing that the traders also bought and sold slaves, his brother Judah suggested that they sell Joseph for money.

Reuben was very upset when he returned to the pit and Joseph was gone. He asked his brothers how he could explain it to his father. So they took Joseph's coat and dipped it in the blood of one of their goats.

When the brothers returned home to Jacob, they showed him Joseph's coat. Jacob thought that a wild animal had killed Joseph. Jacob was very sad about losing Joseph and cried for him.

The traders that had bought Joseph took him to Egypt and sold him to Potiphar, who worked for Pharaoh.

Joseph is envied by his brothers and sold into slavery in Egypt.

Activity One - Draw a happy face ☺ beside each sentence that makes you feel happy. Draw a sad face ☹ beside each sentence that makes you feel sad.

1. Jacob loved Joseph very much.
2. Joseph's brothers did not like him.
3. Joseph had two special dreams about his family.
4. Joseph's brothers sold him to the traders.
5. The brothers lied to Jacob about Joseph being killed by a wild animal.
6. Joseph did not go to Egypt alone because God was with Him.
7. God is with you too!

Activity Two - Discuss the following questions and then use the code to find out what the passage from God's Word in [Luke 6:27](#) tells us.

Have you ever been angry with someone? Did you forgive that person?

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God begins His plan to rescue the family of Israel and keep His promise to send the Savior through their descendants.

Passage

Psalms 27:14 Wait on the LORD; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart.

Hymn - TLH #424, v. 1

My God, my Father, make me strong,
When tasks of life seem hard and
long, To greet them with this triumph
song: Thy will be done.

Prayer

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, trusting only
Thee; Trusting Thee for full salvation, great and
free.
I am trusting Thee to guide me; Thou alone shalt
lead, Every day and hour supplying all my need.
Amen.